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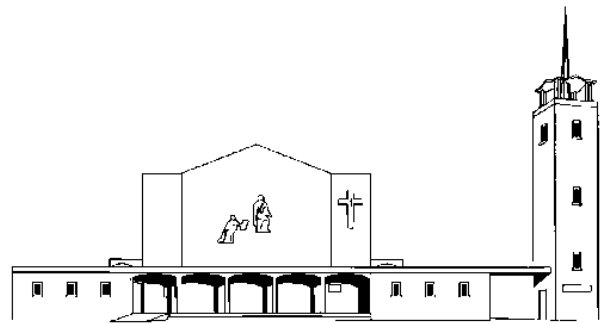
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ALL SAINTS

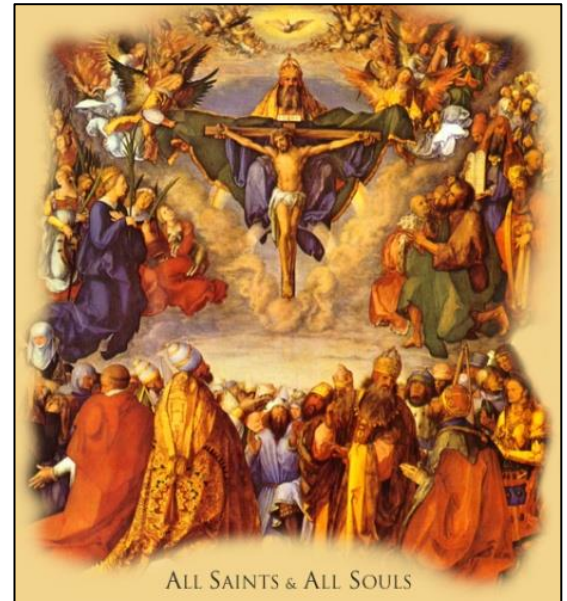
1ST NOVEMBER 2015

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1–12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, IS A GREAT FEAST DAY of the Church, when we recall the huge multitude, impossible to number, which has been admitted into the presence of God in heaven. Some of these we name, as canonized saints of the Church — such as St Louis and St Zélie Martin, canonized two weeks ago — but the great number are simply those ordinary men and women who, having lived lives of grace on earth, and having not died in mortal sin, have received their purification in purgatory and are now in the presence of Almighty God in “eternal rest.” We look to ‘All the Saints’ as our great inspiration for life, and for their prayers, that we may stay on the ‘straight and narrow,’ the path of Jesus Christ that leads us also to heaven.



THE CHURCH'S SYNOD ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE concluded last Sunday, and Cardinal Vincent, our Archbishop, who attended the Synod, has written us a Pastoral Letter for this Sunday to bring together his reflections on the Synod and on the feast-day of All Saints.

OUR NOVEMBER DEVOTIONS — IN THIS MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS — have a particular focus this weekend with our prayers for the dead at the local (Ware Road) Cemetery. It is always a moving and prayerful occasion, and a moment of spiritual support by our parish community for those bereaved. Please make a special effort to come this Sunday at 3pm. The Rosary will be prayed in procession around the cemetery (c. 20mins) and then I am available to come to individual graves, for those who wish, for a prayer and blessing (c. 40mins). Throughout November we will be praying for our deceased loved ones: *may they rest in peace.*

May we pray for the grace to live our own family life in accordance with God's will. Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on ‘The Church in the Modern World,’ n. 70:



Investments ... must be directed toward procuring employment and sufficient income for the people both now and in the future. Whoever makes decisions concerning these investments and the planning of the economy ... are bound to keep these objectives in mind and to recognize their serious obligation of watching, on the one hand, that provision be made for the necessities required for a decent life both of individuals and of the whole community and, on the other, of looking out for the future and of establishing a right balance between the needs of present-day consumption, both individual and collective, and the demands of investing for the generation to come. They should also always bear in mind the urgent needs of underdeveloped countries or regions. In monetary matters they should beware of hurting the welfare of their own country or of other countries. Care should also be taken lest the economically weak countries unjustly suffer any loss from a change in the value of money.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Alisia Martorana who will be baptised this weekend.

VINCENZO GRAFFATO RIP of Tregelles Road Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **His funeral will be on Wednesday 4th November at 11am.**

May he rest in peace.

NOVEMBER LIST OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

PRAYERS AT THE CEMETERY: Fr Philip will lead the annual visit to the cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish **this Sunday 1st November.** Please meet inside the main gates off Ware Road at 3pm.

MASS WITH BISHOP SHERRINGTON: on **Tuesday 10th November,** Bishop John will be here to celebrate Mass with the priests of the Deanery — the annual Mass for local deceased clergy. **Mass that day will be at 11am,** and not at 9.15am.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 6th Nov.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR: **Sat 14th November, 6.30pm Mass** will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all who have lost a dear one in the past year may wish to make their Sunday Mass that weekend. **Volunteers are needed to help with the refreshments in the crypt after Mass. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.**

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 15th November** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Nov 20th.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least made their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery. We will arrange training shortly.

LITURGICAL ITEMS: We are replacing the Processional Cross as it has been irreparably broken for some years, and we also need to replace the Holy Water container and purchase a Marian vestment. If there is anyone else who would kindly wish to offset these costs by making a donation, please contact the presbytery.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Porto, John Askew, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Peter Tanner, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini and Michael Foley.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward,** so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

Chaplains are: Lister, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017



On the noticeboard is now posted the most recent summary of our parish's 'Growing in Faith' donations, which benefit both the diocese, and our own parish's project of employing a part-time catechetical co-ordinator. **We have raised pledges of c. £190k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £55k.**

As yet we have not sourced anyone to take up the post of a parish catechist, but Fr Philip is in discussion with friends in the diocese who have experience in this area, to try and find a recommended and suitably qualified person for the post. Do pray that this can come about soon.

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

CATECHETICS

FR PHILIP'S TALKS: In the light of the recent

Synod on 'Marriage & The Family' at the Vatican, Fr Philip will give one more talk on Catholic Teaching on Wednesday evening at 8pm in church: (III) **11th November**: Why not Same-Sex 'Marriage'? On a table in the porch are many materials in connection with my talk series — both FREE paper handouts, and also a series of CTS booklets which are priced.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The second meeting for parents will be on **Wed 4th Nov 8–9pm** in the crypt. The second session for the children will be **Sat 7th Nov 10am–12noon**.

CONFIRMATION 2016: next session held on **Monday 2nd November** from 7.15–8.45pm in the crypt for **parents and candidates**. Candidates will need to have read chapter five of the Gospel of Mark. **As mentioned in the parents' letter in July, the course has a £10 cost for materials, so please hand that in soon.**

"RCIA" – 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion). **The course continues on the 3rd November at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Fridays 13th and 27th Nov, 7.30-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the Presbytery.

MARRIAGE-PREPARATION COURSE: There will be a course running from early February for engaged couples. If anyone is planning on marrying in 2016, please contact the presbytery as soon as possible. Please note you need to give at least 6 months' notice. Catholics may marry **ONLY** in the Catholic Church, and any other ceremony — without a dispensation — is not a valid marriage for a Catholic.

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS to our Catholic Primary & Secondary schools gives the opportunity to the Parish Priest to provide Certificate of Catholic practice, i.e **certifying attendance, every week, at Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass**. This accords with the diocesan guidance for priests, <http://www.rcdow.org.uk/fileupload/upload/prf4117200691341.pdf>. **This currently concerns those with children now in nursery-year.**

ST CROSS SCHOOL firework night is on **Sat 7th Nov** from 5pm. Live music, hot food and licensed bar. Adults £6, children £3, under 4's free. To pre-order email friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

Tickets can be purchased on the night at a higher price.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRADCRAFT stall will be at the back of church after all Masses **this weekend**. I am happy to include any orders for Christmas, from the Traidcraft catalogue in with our church order. So please let me know by **1st Nov**. On the tables at the back of the church there are Traidcraft catalogues available to borrow and browse through: please return them when you have finished as there are only a few copies. Many thanks. Maria Hunt maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com 07790-453378 or 01992-421048.

CAFOD: Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, this Saturday/Sunday after all Masses, there will be an opportunity to add your name to a petition calling on David Cameron to urge him and other world leaders, when they meet in Paris later this month, to cut carbon emissions to keep global temperature rise below the dangerous threshold of 1.5C and to prevent climate change pushing people deeper into poverty. **The petition will be on the table at the back beside the Traidcraft stall.**

OPERATION CALAIS: Thank you for all the donations received. Unfortunately, *Emmaus* in St Albans is not accepting any more donations. Therefore, St Cuthbert's Church cannot accept any further donations until they have been able to deliver the huge amount already collected.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit, on Wednesday afternoon this week, parish homes in: Tregelles Road, and Kingsfield.

LADIES' GUILD: Since 1937 in one form or another there has been a Ladies Group in this Parish. So, it is with some sadness that I'm writing this to say we will be closing on **17th November**. I would like to thank anyone who has supported us over the years. Margaret Byrne.

DANIELA RUGGIERO SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Thank you to Vicky Lee-Lozone for organising a fantastic quiz night! We raised £505 through the support from the local community. Well done to the winning team!

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 8th, 15th, and 22nd November.

CHURCH CLEANING: Joanne Dawes, Lena & Carmela Tona. Thank you!

| Masses this week | | Today's Liturgy | |
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| Sat 31st October 10am Mass <i>Fr Ettore Rocchi RIP</i> | | PAGE 186 in the Mass books | |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Adam Daynes's intentions | | 1st Reading: Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14 <i>I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.</i> | |
| Sun 1st Nov ALL SAINTS 9.15am** Girolamo Ferraro 11.15am Holy Souls 5.00pm Latin Mass For the Parish † | | Psalm 23 — Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord. 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3 <i>We shall see God as he really is.</i> | |
| Mon 2nd November ALL SOULS 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Holy Souls | | Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia! | |
| Tues 3rd November 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Holy Souls | | Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 <i>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.</i> | |
| Wed 4th November ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Holy Souls — followed by coffee in the crypt 11am Funeral Vincenzo Graffato RIP | | PREFACE TODAY: 'Glory of Jerusalem' (p. 59) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18) | |
| Thurs 5th November NO 9.15am Mass | | NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 32 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
| Fri 6th November <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Holy Souls 7.30pm Mass Vincent Byrne RIP 1st anniv. 8.00pm Holy Hour | | 1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10-16 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28 Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44 | |
| Sat 7th November 10am Mass Holy Souls | | SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time. | |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mathilde Krajewski RIP | | ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass. | |
| Sun 8th November 32nd SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 9.15am** Holy Souls 11.15am For the Parish † | | SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Philip for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time. | |
| * Vigil Mass of Sunday ** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only) † There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm) | | SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. | |
| Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699 | | | |
| REGULAR EVENTS | | | |
| Mon 2nd | 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt | Wed 4th | 6.30pm Brownies, crypt |
| Tues 3rd | 1.30pm Guild tea and chat | Wed 4th | 8.00pm 1 st HC parents, crypt |
| Tues 3rd | 7pm RCIA, presbytery | Sat 7th | 10am 1 st HC children |

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. —NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post your new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** Si pregano tutti i parroccchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.