

The Announcer

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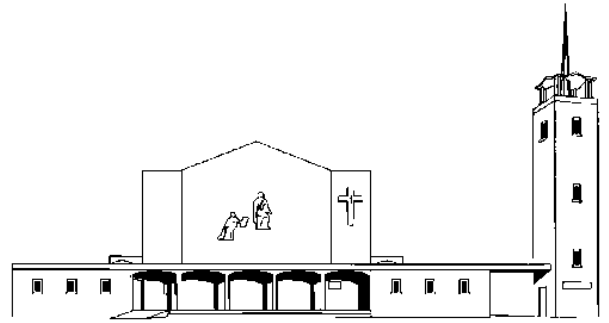
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Year B

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

11TH OCT 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 17–30

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SYNOD ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE continues this week at the Vatican, with almost 320 bishops and other participants/observers. There have been many heartfelt interventions and speeches in this first week, upholding the great dignity of the Sacrament of Marriage and the beauty of family life that springs from marriage. These few lines caught my eye — from a speech by American Archbishop (of Philadelphia) Charles Chaput:

The work of this Synod needs to show much more confidence in the Word of God, the transformative power of



grace, and the ability of people to actually live what the Church believes. And it should honour the heroism of abandoned spouses who remain faithful to their vows and the teaching of the Church. ... We need to call people to perseverance in grace and to trust in the greatness God intended for them — not confirm them in their errors. Marriage embodies Christian hope — hope made flesh and sealed permanently in the love of a man and a woman. This Synod needs to preach that truth more clearly with the radical passion of the Cross and Resurrection.

Please continue to pray for our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent, and Peter Doyle the bishop of Northampton, and all the Synod fathers as they continue their discussions and deliberations under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I used <http://www.adoptasynodfather.org/> and got allocated the Jesuit father, Fr Antonio Spadaro to pray for specially in these weeks. Why not do the same, and also remember to use the prayer card that I enclosed with the Newsletters last week.

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. 67:



Since economic activity for the most part implies the associated work of human beings, any way of organizing and directing it which may be detrimental to any working men and women would be wrong and inhuman. It happens too often, however, even in our days, that workers are reduced to the level of being slaves to their own work. This is by no means justified by the so-called economic laws. The entire process of productive work, therefore, must be adapted to the needs of the person and to his way of life, above all to his domestic life, especially in respect to mothers of families, always with due regard for sex and age. The opportunity, moreover, should be granted to workers to unfold their own abilities and personality through the performance of their work. Applying their time and strength to their employment with a due sense of responsibility, they should also all enjoy sufficient rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social and religious life.

PRAYER & LITURGY

MONTH OF THE ROSARY: In October, Fr Philip will lead a decade of the Rosary five minutes before each Sat evening/Sunday Mass. The Rosary also prayed in Italian Thursdays at 7pm.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Oct 16th**. 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!

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 18th October** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is next Sunday, a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Through *Missio*, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to this work. **The annual special collection will be taken the Sunday after, 25th October.**

FAITH-SHARING GROUPS: the diocesan faith-sharing resource for this autumn is *Love Divine*, priced **£2 and available from the back of the church**. Please place money in newspaper box.

WORLD YOUTH DAY is being held next year in Krakow, Poland for all aged 16–35. If you would like to come to a life-changing experience of the Church with Pope Francis, then take a look <http://dowym.com/events/wyd/> or speak to Fr Philip for a registration form. There are two options, 18th July-1st Aug or 24th July-1st Aug.

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



Fr Philip thanks those who have donated to our 'Growing in Faith' initiative, to 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.**

On the parish noticeboard in the porch is a breakdown of how much we have already raised for the various diocesan and parish projects, with data up to the end of 2014.

As for our own project of a parish catechist, Fr Philip is in discussion with the diocesan agencies, to try and locate a suitably qualified person for the post.

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

CATECHETICS

FR PHILIP'S TALKS: In the light of the present Synod on 'Marriage & The Family' at the Vatican, Fr Philip will give two more talks on Catholic Teaching on Wednesday evenings at 8pm in church: (II) **21st Oct:** Saving Marriage; Breakdown, Re-Marriage & Annulment; (III) 11th November: Why not Same-Sex 'Marriage'?

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 19th October** from 7.15–8.45pm in the crypt for **candidates only**. Candidates will need to have read chapter four 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 13th October at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Friday 13th and 27th November from 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.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL need a new caretaker/site manager. For further details, contact the school office on 467309.

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 concerns those with children now in nursery-year or year 6.**

SECONDARY SCHOOL PRIEST'S REFERENCE: Form signing for secondary schools will take place on **Monday 12th October 5.30–7pm** and **Wednesday 14th October 11am–1pm** in the presbytery. No appointment times, please just attend. **NOTE: there is ONLY need to attend if you are applying under criterion '3'.**

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S holding a coffee morning on **Wed 14th October** from 10-12 noon to raise funds for Diabetes UK. All are welcome!

ST CROSS SCHOOL invite the Senior Citizens of the parish to their Harvest Tea on **Friday 16th Oct at 1.45pm.** Entertainment will be provided by year 6. RSVP to the school on 467309.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

HARVEST DISPLAY: The beautiful harvest-time display in the sanctuary reminds us of the abundance of good things we receive. Our thanks to the flower ladies' team for their creation, and may it be a salutary reminder to us of the food we have and should share.

BROXBOURNE FOODBANK AGM will be held on **Tuesday 20th October at 10am** at Cheshunt Free Church, 27 High Street, EN8 OBS.

CAFOD: Pope Francis' ground-breaking encyclical, *Laudato Si'* - Care for our common home, calls on all people to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with people living in poverty. The Holy Father reflects on care for creation by returning to the Book of Genesis and the Gospel. He insists that humanity is not at the centre of the universe; rather, all life is interconnected ... we don't own the earth, we are here to serve it. (To be cont'd ...)

OPERATION CALAIS: Emmaus (International Homeless Charity) is providing humanitarian aid to the 2,500+ migrants in the Calais area of northern France. This number is growing daily. Many having survived Mediterranean crossings

and some fleeing the Syrian conflict. If you would like to help by providing any of the following items, please take them to St Cuthbert's Church (Tuesday or Friday 9am–2pm) or drop them off at our own presbytery: Non-perishable food, underwear, trainers/outdoor shoes, all clothing especially waterproofs, sleeping bags toothbrushes/paste, toilet paper, soap, sanitary towels, and hygiene related products, water containers, tents and kindling.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit on Wednesday afternoon this week: Wallers Way, Nursery Road, Hertford Road, Goodwood Close.

200 CLUB WINNER for October is Mrs T Fattore no. 69. Congratulations!

QUIZ NIGHT: the Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund are holding a quiz night on **Fri 23rd Oct 7.30pm** in the crypt. £5 per head, payable on the night — bring your own drinks & nibbles. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table. If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation either cash or a bottle for the winning team, then please drop it into the presbytery.

BOROUGH OF BROXBOURNE COMMUNITY CHOIR is a choir for everyone held on Thursdays at 7.30pm at Bradby Hall, Haileybury College SG13 7NU. First rehearsal is **15th Oct.** Call 07875-221543 for more info. Gabby Hanley.

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 CLEANERS: There are now only **2 cleaners** to help clean the church on Thurs mornings. More cleaners are **urgently** needed for one hour, just once a month. If you can help please do contact the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo & Theresa Casbard. Thank you!

PRAYER OF ST TERESA OF AVILA

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
compassion on this world, yours are the feet with
which He walks to do good, yours are the hands,
with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

| Masses this week | Today's Liturgy |
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| Sat 10th October 10am Mass <i>Annie Doyle RIP Anniv</i> | PAGE 143 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7–11 <i>Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.</i> |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Eddy Ogbodu</i> | Psalm 89 — Fill us with your love that we may rejoice. |
| Sun 11th Oct 28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Monica Hunter RIP 1st Anniv.</i> ‡ | 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 12–13 <i>The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.</i> |
| Mon 12th October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Dennis Dempsey RIP</i> | Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</i> |
| Tues 13th October ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Laurie Cattini RIP</i> | Gospel: Mark 10: 17–30 Go and sell everything you own and follow me. |
| Wed 14th October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Joseph & Doris Penheiro RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt | PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 4 (p. 55) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 29 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| Thurs 15th October ST TERESA OF JESUS, Virgin & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP anniv.</i> | 1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 10–11 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 14–16 Gospel: Mark 10: 35–45 |
| Fri 16th Oct <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Diana & Ted Patterson RIP</i> Sat 17th October ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop 10am Mass <i>Francesca Crimauodo RIP</i> | SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i> |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 18th Oct 29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Patrick White RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Nicola Barone RIP</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour ‡ | ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass. 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. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">* 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)</p> | 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 | |
| Tues 13th 7pm RCIA, presbytery | Wed 14th 6pm Brownies, crypt Fri 16th 7.30pm Prayer group, church |

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 parrocchiani 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.*