

The Announcer

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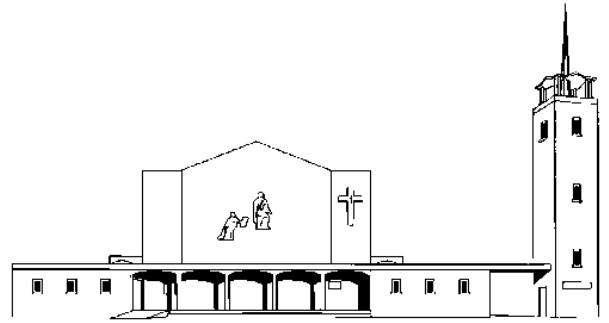
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Year B

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

18TH OCT 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 35–45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SYNOD ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE enters its third week at the Vatican, and will conclude next Sunday. This Sunday, at the heart of the Synod, will be canonized (i.e. recognized as saints) the parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux — Louis and Zélie Martin. He a watchmaker and she a lace-maker, they had nine children, but four of them died in infancy. Their five surviving daughters all entered convents, most of them Carmelites, and St Thérèse



of the Child Jesus is the most widely recognised of these. Her parents were beatified in 2008, in Lisieux, and their canonization will take place at St Peter's today, a wonderful moment to celebrate Marriage and Family Life during the Synod. If you want to watch a beautiful little video about the miracle that has led to this canonization of Louis & Zélie Martin then go to this webpage: <http://www.louisandzeliemartin.org/canonization-miracle/>.

We ask for the fervent prayers of Saints Louis & Zélie Martin as the Synod proceeds. The bishops have a lot of complex pastoral situations to address in this final week, and they need our intercession to ask God to guide them through their discussions, and the writing of the final report.

I will continue my Talk Series on Marriage and Family Life this week. Talk 2 will be on "Saving Marriage; Breakdown, Re-Marriage, and Annulment" — **this Wednesday at 8pm in the church.** Do come and bring a friend, and listen to the Church's teaching on these areas of life and relationships, and how the Church can help pastorally.

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. 68:



Among the basic rights of the human person is to be numbered the right of freely founding unions for working people. These should be able truly to represent them and to contribute to the organizing of economic life in the right way. Included is the right of freely taking part in the activity of these unions without risk of reprisal. Through this orderly participation joined to progressive economic and social formation, all will grow day by day in the awareness of their own function and responsibility, and thus they will be brought to feel that they are comrades in the whole task of economic development and in the attainment of the universal common good according to their capacities and aptitudes. When, however, socio-economic disputes arise, efforts must be made to come to a peaceful settlement. Although recourse must always be had first to a sincere dialogue between the parties, a strike, nevertheless, can remain even in present-day circumstances a necessary, though ultimate, aid for the defense of the workers' own rights and the fulfillment of their just desires. As soon as possible, however, ways should be sought to resume negotiation and the discussion of reconciliation.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is **this** 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 envelopes are attached to the newsletter and the **annual special collection will be taken next Sunday.**

NOVEMBER LIST OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are now attached to the newsletter. 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 on **Sunday 1st November.** Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at 3pm.

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!

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

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 at <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.

LITURGICAL ITEMS: We are in the process of replacing the Processional Cross as it is broken and we also need to replace the Holy Water container and purchase a Marian vestment. If there is anyone who would kindly wish to offset these costs by making a donation, please contact

the presbytery. THANK YOU to the parishioner who has already kindly made a generous donation to cover the cost of the Cross.

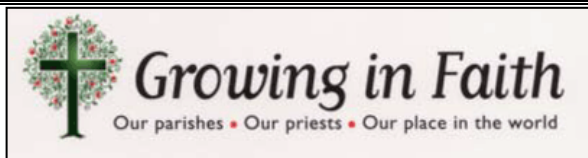
HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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**. **Please note a change of dates for June 2016: parents' meeting will be 8th June and the children's' meeting will be on 11th June.**

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 20th 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.

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.

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/prf_4117200691341.pdf. **This concerns those with children now in nursery-year.**

ST MARY'S SCHOOL has vacancies for an RE teacher and PA to the headteacher. Please visit www.stmarys.net or see the notice board for more information.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

FAMILY FAST DAY: The total raised was £1,151.21. Thank you!

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

CAFOD: In December, world leaders will meet in Paris to agree legally binding and universal agreement to reduce carbon emissions and prevent the worst effects of climate change. "Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good and making a new start." (*Laudato Si'* #205)

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: Stockfield Road, Tregelles Road, Ditchfield Road.

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.

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: Cheryl Holbourn, Mima Salvo, Mirella DiChiara & Josie Warren. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

WORLD MISSION

SUNDAY

Lord Jesus, in baptism, you give us a share in your mission; may we joyfully proclaim the Father's love to the ends of the earth; may we speak the truth with courage; and through our love may we meet the needs of our brothers and sisters across the world. Amen.



