

The Announcer

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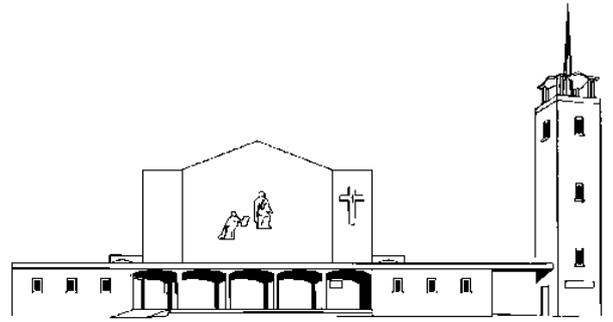
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Year B TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 13TH SEPT 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27–35

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

IN OUR SUNDAY READING OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK, we have arrived at a crucial juncture, in chapter 8: that moment when Our Lord asks of His apostles who they think that He truly is. In a famous phrase, St Peter blurts out their conviction, based on all that they have experienced so far of Jesus: "You are the Christ." As so often, it's Simon Peter who is the leader and spokesman of the apostles, and who expresses first this wonderful profession of faith, that Jesus is truly the Son of God, the Messiah, the One long-expected, who has now come. St Peter is elevated by Christ to be that Rock 'on which He will build His Church.'

WE THINK OF OUR HOLY FATHER THE POPE AS SUCCESSOR OF ST PETER, the one who is the rock, and focus of unity in our faith. The Pope has a very busy autumn ahead, with his visit to Cuba and the United States of America in late September, incorporating an address to the United Nations and his taking part in the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. Then, in October, 4th-25th, he will be present at the Synod on the Family, with bishops from around the world, including our own Archbishops, Cardinal Nichols. This is a crucial event, for which we must pray fervently in the next month, that the Synod finds new ways to present the perennial Gospel teaching of Christ on Marriage and the Family, which are the bedrock of a happy society.

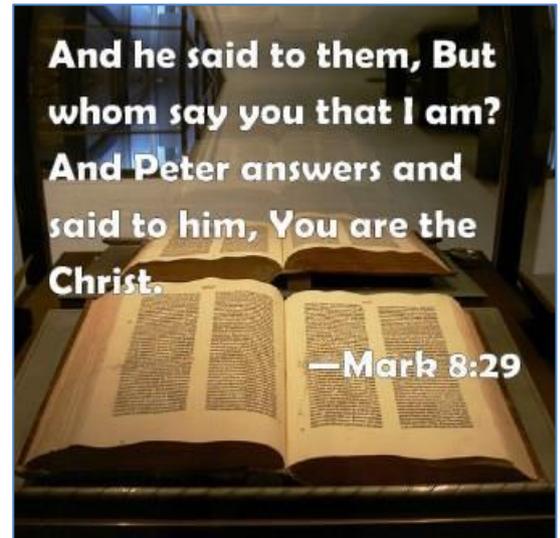
May your week ahead be blessed, and filled with prayer for all our daily needs. Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 63:



In the economic and social realms, the dignity and complete vocation of the human person and the welfare of society as a whole are to be respected and promoted. For man is the source, the centre, and the purpose of all economic and social life. Like other areas of social life, the economy of today is marked by man's increasing domination over nature, by closer and more intense relationships between citizens, groups, and countries and their mutual

dependence, and by the increased intervention of the state. At the same time progress in the methods of production and in the exchange of goods and services has made the economy an instrument capable of better meeting the intensified needs of the human family. Reasons for anxiety, however, are not lacking. Many people, especially in economically advanced areas, seem, as it were, to be ruled by economics, so that almost their entire personal and social life is permeated with a certain economic way of thinking. Such is true both of nations that favor a collective economy and of others. At the very time when the development of economic life could mitigate social inequalities (provided that it be guided and coordinated in a reasonable and human way), it is often made to embitter them; or, in some places, it even results in a decline of the social status of the underprivileged and in contempt for the poor. While an immense number of people still lack the absolute necessities of life, some, even in less advanced areas, live in luxury or squander wealth. Extravagance and wretchedness exist side by side. While a few enjoy very great power of choice, the majority are deprived of almost all possibility of acting on their own initiative and responsibility, and often subsist in living and working conditions unworthy of the human person.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Sofia-Mia Vitorino and David Herba who will be baptised this weekend.

JEAN WEAVER RIP of Tudor Rise, Broxbourne died recently. **The funeral will be on Monday 21st September at 10.45am.**

FRANCESCA CRIMAUDDO RIP of Dorchester Avenue, Hoddesdon died recently. **Funeral expected to be on 23rd September.**

Our sympathies go out to their families. *May they rest in peace.*

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Sept 18th.** 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 20th September** with Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION/READERS: The next rota for Readers and Ministers of Communion for Oct–Jan 2016 will be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wed 23rd Sept at the latest** of any weekends that you are NOT available and of any changes in personal details (tel. number, address etc). Contact Pat by telephone 449282 or by e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Porto, Christopher Browne, John Askew, Alan Dolan, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Mark Reason, Hilda Andrews, Joanne Sheridan, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Bohita Fanor, Jenny Miller, Peter Tanner, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini, Michael Foley and Mary Lee-Lozone.

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



Growing in Faith

Our parishes • Our priests • Our place in the world

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: application forms for the new First-Holy-Communion programme (for practising Catholic children in Yr3 or above) **are now available to collect after all Masses this weekend** (and not available from the Presbytery). Please return completed forms to the presbytery by Fri 2nd October. **The first meeting for parents will be on Wed 7th October 8–9pm in the crypt.**

CONFIRMATION 2016: next session held on **Monday 21st September** from 7.15–8.45pm in the crypt for **candidates only**. Candidates will need to have read chapter two of the Gospel of Mark. As mentioned in the parents' letter in July, there will be a £10 cost for materials, so please forward that to the Presbytery 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 15th September at 7pm** but if anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed), please contact Fr Philip as soon as possible to join the course. There are green leaflets outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS to our Catholic Primary & Secondary schools require the Parish Priest to provide a priest's reference as testimony of **Catholic practice, i.e 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>. In order to help him be just and fair to the practising Catholics of our parish, Fr Philip will continue to adopt the pattern of occasionally in the next few months asking those who will require a priest's form to be signed to come and see him briefly (each and every time he asks) after Sunday Mass. **This concerns those whose children are now in nursery-year and year 6.** When Fr Philip last asked, there were only 8 requests for references for Secondary School, and 3 requests for references for Primary School.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL will be holding their Open Evening on **Tuesday 23rd September** 6-8.30pm. All parents with children in year 6 are most welcome to attend.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

ASSISTED-SUICIDE BILL: Thanks to all of you who wrote to the MP regarding the 11th Sept debate in the House of Commons. We will wait to see what the outcome of the Second-Reading vote will be, and how to proceed thereafter with this crucial moral issue.

LAUDATO SI': *Care for our Common Home* - In a radical encyclical, Pope Francis has challenged us to act on the threats facing the human family: climate change, growing global inequality and the destruction of nature. "Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years." *Laudato Si'* n.53 (to be continued.)

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip has started his 3rd round of visiting the whole parish, beginning in the north. He intends to visit on **Wed afternoon** this week: Beechfield, Granville Gardens, Beyers Ride and environs.

PARISH MAGAZINE for 2015, in full colour, 44 pages, will be available to buy after all Masses **this weekend**, priced £3. Alternatively, you can purchase it from the presbytery during the week.

MEMORY WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY: I will be taking part in a sponsored walk with all my family on the **26th September** around Leeds Castle in Kent. We are hoping to raise funds for research, cure and prevention of dementia as our Mum was diagnosed with dementia in January. If you would like to sponsor us, please pop in at the presbytery or please visit

<http://www.justgiving.com/MW15dawnbates>. Thank you. Dawn Bates.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: As of now, I am unable to run the prayer group after doing so for many years. We meet every last Thursday of the month in the Presbytery at 1-30 pm. Our numbers have gone down greatly and I'm wondering if anyone would be willing to take over? If not, sadly, the prayer group will have to stop. Margaret Byrne. 443351

CELEBRATE weekend will be held at St Albans on the **31st Oct/1st Nov**. CELEBRATE is a Conference for all, both young and old. A faith filled and fun event for all the family which combines good Christian teaching, inspirational speakers and celebration of the Mass. For more info and to book, go direct to: <http://celebrateconference.org>.

200 CLUB: The winner for August is no 44 Mr C (Tony) McClenaghan. The winner for September is no 75 - Molly Zwager. Congratulations!

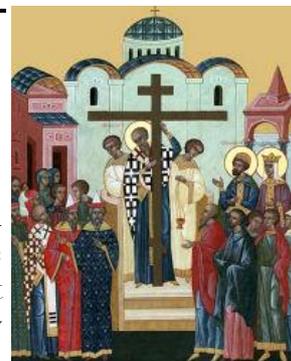
SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 13th, 20th, 27th September, 4th October.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Dave & Kathy Greenall, Maria & Carmelo Ventura and Theresa Casbard. Thank you!

FEAST OF THE WEEK

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 14TH SEPTEMBER

This feast was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mt. Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heralius in 629. This day is also called the Exaltation of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross & Holy Cross Day. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. It is also, of course, the patronal feast of St Cross school.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 12th September 10am Mass <i>Decimo Castronovo RIP Anniv</i>	PAGE 132 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5–9 <i>I offered my back to those who struck me.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	Psalm 114 — I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Sun 13th Sept 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>John & Frances Woolsgrove RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Sr Mary Jo RIP</i> †	2nd Reading: James 2: 14–18 <i>If good words do not go with faith, it is quite dead.</i>
Mon 14th Sept EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Wright Intention</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 15th Sept OUR LADY OF SORROWS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Deirdre Attman Intention</i>	Gospel: Mark 8: 27–35 <i>You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.</i>
Wed 16th September SS CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Tony Ogbodu Intention</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 8 (p. 56) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 25 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Thurs 17th September 9.15am NO Mass	1st Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17–20 2nd Reading: James 3: 16–4:3 Gospel: Mark 9: 30–37
Fri 18th September <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Jim O'Brien RIP</i> 2pm Mass at St Augustine's School	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>
Sat 19th September 10am Mass <i>Josephine Nitkowski RIP</i>	ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	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.
Sun 20th Sept 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Christina Reeves RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Antonino Martorana RIP</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour †	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
<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>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 15th 7pm RCIA, presbytery Wed 16th NO Brownies, crypt	Fri 18th 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.*