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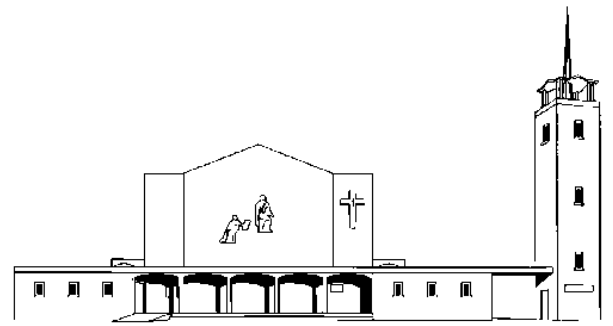
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

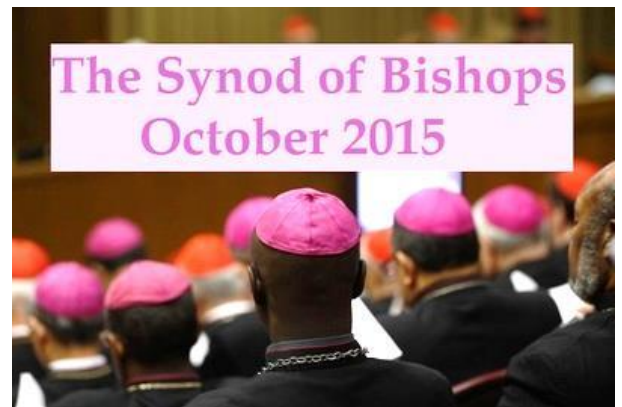
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GOSPEL: Mark 9: 38–43, 47–48

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My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE NEXT SYNOD ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE AT THE VATICAN will be taking place in October (4th – 25th) and is a meeting of bishops, including Cardinal Vincent, that needs our prayers. So many things of great spiritual importance are bound up with the defence of Marriage and Family Life in the modern world. Many attacks are made on the traditional family at this time, and the Church stands fully in defence of it, for the good of individuals, and the good of society.



I SHALL BE GIVING A SERIES OF TALKS / VIDEO PRESENTATIONS over the next few weeks, touching on these subjects, even if in a briefer way than the topic really demands. Do please come to listen and discuss these matters on the following **Wednesday evenings in church:**

- **30th September:** THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
- **21st October:** SAVING MARRIAGE: BREAKDOWN, RE-MARRIAGE AND ANNULMENT.
- **11th November:** WHY NOT 'SAME-SEX MARRIAGE'?

We know how strongly Jesus defended Marriage and fidelity in His words in the Gospel, and we as the Church are bound to do the same, in faithfulness to the Lord's teaching. Let's pray for the Synod, that the Holy Spirit may guide each and every one of the Synod bishops in their deliberations and interventions. Do come to my series of talks/videos so as to enter yourself into a deeper understanding of the Church's teaching on the beautiful Sacrament of Matrimony.

May we always live up to Gospel demands of love in our Marriages and Families. Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' nn. 65–66:



Citizens should remember that it is their right and duty, which is also to be recognized by the civil authority, to contribute to the true progress of their own community according to their ability. Especially in underdeveloped areas, where all resources must urgently be employed, those who hold back their unproductive resources or who deprive their community of the material or spiritual aid that it needs — saving the personal right of migration — gravely endanger the common good. To satisfy the demands of justice and equity, strenuous efforts must be made, without disregarding the rights of persons or the natural qualities of each country, to remove as quickly as possible the immense economic inequalities, which now exist and in many cases are growing and which are connected with individual and social discrimination. Likewise, in many areas, in view of the special difficulties of agriculture relative to the raising and selling of produce, country people must be helped both to increase and to market what they produce, and to introduce the necessary development and renewal and also obtain a fair income. Otherwise, as too often happens, they will remain in the condition of lower-class citizens. Let farmers themselves, especially young ones, apply themselves to perfecting their professional skill, for without it, there can be no agricultural advance.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Leo Ricotta who will be baptised this weekend.

JOHN FALLON RIP of Bell Lane, Broxbourne died recently. The funeral will be on **Friday 2nd October at 12 noon**. Our sympathies go out to his family. *May he rest in peace.*

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 2nd October**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The next monthly Latin mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm **Sun 4th October**.

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 Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TRAINING will take place for all leaders and helpers on **Sunday 4th October 10.30am-12 noon** in the crypt. If you are interested in volunteering in the future, you are most welcome to attend and children are also welcome. Please confirm your attendance by email to hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: 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. I'm wondering if anyone would be willing to take over. If not, sadly, the prayer group will have to stop. Margaret Byrne. 443351

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



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 forthcoming Synod on 'Marriage & The Family' at the Vatican, Fr Philip will give three talks on Catholic Teaching on Wednesday evenings at 8pm in church: (I) **30th Sept:** The Sacrament of Marriage; (II) **21st Oct:** Saving Marriage: Breakdown, Re-Marriage & Annulment; (III) **11th November:** Why not Same-Sex 'Marriage'?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: LAST OPPORTUNITY for application forms for the First-Holy-Communion programme (for practising Catholic children in Yr3 or above) **after all Masses this weekend**. Please return completed forms by Fri 2nd October. The first meeting for parents will be on Wed 7th October 8–9pm in the crypt. The first session for the children will be Sat 10th October 10am–12noon.

CONFIRMATION 2016: next session held on **Monday 5th October** from 7.15–8.45pm in the crypt for **candidates and parents**. Candidates will need to have read chapter three 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 29th September at 7pm.**

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/prf_4117200691341.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.**

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

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is this Friday and envelopes are attached to the newsletter. Your support and donations to CAFOD this Harvest Fast Day will enable our partners to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Additionally, your donations this Fast Day will be used to fund our partners work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis. **The envelopes will be collected after Mass next weekend.**

CAFOD: *Laudato Si’*: Care for our common home — the new encyclical. Climate change and growing global inequality; these threats are, the Pope says, a result of a world which has put profit and the drive for relentless growth above our responsibility to care for and protect God’s creation. Pope Francis will address the UN General Assembly, urging them to set

poverty reduction goals that benefit the poorer people. (To be cont’d ...)

SYRIAN CRISIS: as mentioned in Newsletter last week, Caritas Westminster is organising volunteers for the UK’s response to the Syrian migrant crisis. Please fill in the green sheet (with Newsletters last week, or on table in porch now) to volunteer in whatever capacity.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit on **Wed afternoon** this week: Ranworth Avenue, Caxton Road, Dymokes Way and environs.

WALSINGHAM WALKERS will be staying in the crypt on the 3rd October on their pilgrimage to Walsingham. The men are willing to take with them any Petitions which parishioners may have and deposit them at the Shrine in Walsingham. **Please drop your Petitions into the presbytery.**

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.

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: 4th & 25th October.

CHURCH CLEANERS: More cleaners are needed to help clean the church on Wed or Thurs mornings for one hour, just once a month. If you can help please do contact the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca and Mary Dineen. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK FAST DAY PRAYER



Lord, all good things come from you. You are so loving and generous, you fill our world with wonders. Inspire us to open our hearts and share your gifts, so that those who are hungry may flourish. Through your grace, we pray all may celebrate fullness of life. Help us to be more compassionate, to be aware of your love in each person and to live as children of one family. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 26th September 10am Mass <i>Nora McQuire RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 138 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25–29 <i>Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!</i></p> <p>Psalm 18 — The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.</p> <p>2nd Reading: James 5: 1–6 <i>Your wealth is all rotting.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Mark 9: 38–43, 45, 47–48 <i>Anyone who is not against us is for us. If you hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 2: 18–24 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 9–11 Gospel: Mark 10: 2–16</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Bernadette Munday RIP</i> Sun 27th Sept 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Jo Woolsgrove's intentions</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;">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></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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> <p style="text-align: center;">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> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Mon 28th Sept NO ADORATION OR MORNING PRAYER 9.15am Mass <i>Teresa Lawlee RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Tues 29th 7pm RCIA, presbytery</p> <p>Wed 30th 6pm Brownies, crypt</p>
Tues 29th Sept STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Rosalia & Giuseppe Di Noto RIP</i>	<p>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: <i>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.</i></p>
Wed 30th September ST JEROME, PRIEST & DR 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Bridie & Denis Donoghue</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	
Thurs 1st Oct ST THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DR 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Bob Walters Intention</i>	
Fri 2nd Oct HARVEST FAST DAY <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Funeral <i>John Fallon RIP</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>John Laydon RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	
Sat 3rd October 10am Mass <i>Pasquale Re RIP</i>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>John Woolsgrove RIP</i>	
Sun 4th Oct 27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Mary & Michael Lawlor RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Filippo Adamo RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	
<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>	

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