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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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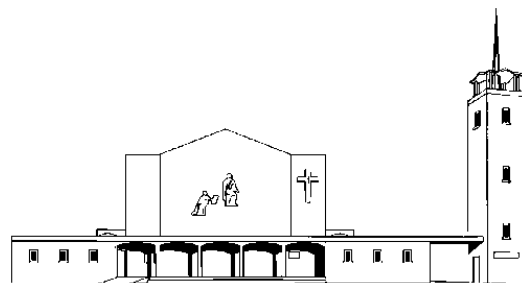
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Year C TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 21ST AUGUST 2016

Luke 13: 22-30 – *Men from east and west will come to take their places at the feast of the kingdom of God.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

WE ARE STILL CELEBRATING THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY, which doesn't end until late November, and so let's keep reminding ourselves of the call to mercy that Pope Francis has encouraged us to experience in this Holy Year. I recently re-stocked the table (alongside the stairs to the choir loft) which has a variety of spiritual reading for the Holy Year. I highly recommend these CTS pamphlets, which are easily readable and also easy to slip in to one's pocket for a train journey or commute! Do make use of these booklets to keep our 'Holy Year' devotion alive in our hearts!

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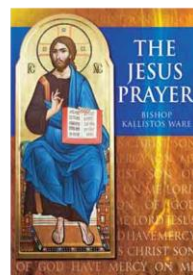
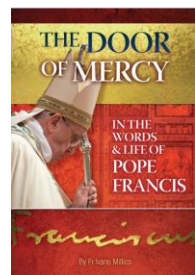
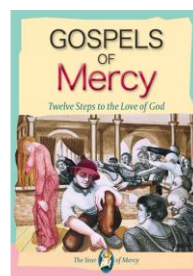
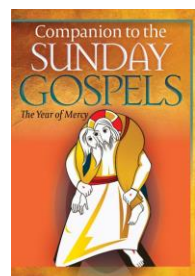
I look forward to celebrating our parish patronal feast with you – despite its always taking place in the summer time / bank holiday weekend! Let's still rejoice in the what the Lord God achieved in the life of this extraordinary thinker and teacher, convert and bishop.

OUR PARISH BARBECUE will be taking place on **Sunday 11th September**, which is a new venture, moving the occasion from mid-July to early-September. Please do keep the date free, and get in to us NOW your request for tickets. All the information you need on the Barbecue is inside the Newsletter, including the many ways that you can help and make it a success.

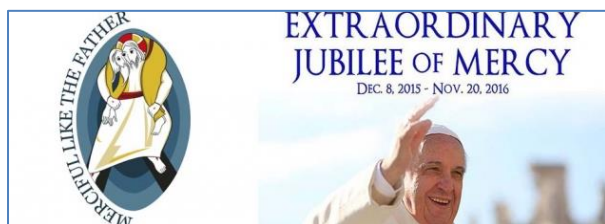
Those of you who have been away on holiday in recent weeks – welcome back! And let's keep our young people in prayer as they receive and await 'A'-level and GCSE results in these days, and make decisions for their next stage of life.

May the Lord continue to inspire in us an attitude of mercy towards others!

Fr Philip.



From Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 21:



God does not deny justice. He rather envelopes it and surpasses it with an even greater event in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice. We must pay close attention to what Saint Paul says if we want to avoid making the same mistake for which he reproaches the Jews of his time: "For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified." God's

justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus the Cross of Christ is God's judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certitude of love and new life.

PRAYER & LITURGY

GIUSEPPE RE RIP: Mr Re of Ware Road has recently died, and his funeral is arranged for **Tuesday 23rd August 9.30am**. Our sympathies go out to his family. May he rest in peace.

FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE is next Sunday, and since he is our parish's patron saint, his feast will replace the usual Sunday liturgy. So please note – READERS – that the readings will not be those for the 22nd Sunday, but will be specially chosen from the feasts of 'Doctors of the Church' like St Augustine. (If you wish to see these readings ahead, please contact the Presbytery this coming week.)

ITALIAN MASS: Please note that there will be NO Italian Mass in August. The next Mass will be on 3rd September.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **this Sunday 21st August** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS will be held on **Sat 10th Sept. at 2pm** at Westminster Cathedral. The principal celebrant will be Cardinal Vincent Nichols and all volunteers are welcome.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Sept 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!

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA (22nd to 26th May 2017): a 4-night pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in Portugal, 100yrs on from the apparitions. Flyers now available in porch. Price expected to be £575. Please phone up the Presbytery to register your interest. We need **very soon** to give numbers to the Pilgrimage operator, **so we need your names a.s.a.p.** Already 29 people have asked to come.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen & Michael Sherman, Annette Pinto, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini, Marina Morris, & Doney Beary.

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

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford: <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

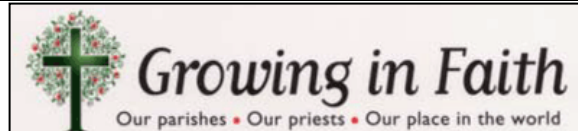
IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward**, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.
Chaplains are: Lister, Rev Anthony Curran 01438-285138 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Friday 9th and Wednesday 14th September 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.

CONFIRMATION 2017: applications have now closed for next year's Confirmation group, and we need to receive the yellow form back in from any candidates who forgot to bring it to the first session last week. We look forward to welcoming you to the next session on **12th September at 7.15pm** in the church crypt.

"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 will begin on 6th September at 7pm.** If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip as soon as possible. There are green leaflets outlining RCIA by the newsletters.



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

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: If your child is presently in year 5 and would wish to go to St Mary's or another Catholic secondary school in 2017, or if your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2017, then you will need to apply immediately to go on the list for requesting a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' towards the end of 2016. An information pack is available now from the presbytery. Once you have completed the form and returned it to the presbytery, your name will be added to the weekly sign-in-sheet which will be available in the church porch on the noticeboard (by the fire-exit door) for signing after the Saturday evening vigil Mass and the Masses of Sunday. On this basis Fr Philip will be in a better position to judge whether he can issue the Certificate you ask for.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S is looking for an enthusiastic early-years practitioner to join its small and friendly team committed to providing high quality early-years education and care for young children. As a key person with a good understanding of EYFS and a friendly and flexible approach you will be able to build positive relationship with children and their parents ensuring that each child's needs are recognised and met. Applicants to be qualified to level 3 or equivalent in early-years' childcare and education. Apply in writing with CV to: St Augustine's Under 5's, Charlton Close, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DR or e-mail staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

FACEBOOK: We now have a FaceBook page; just search for "CatholicHoddesdon": please 'like' the page, and invite your parish friends to 'like' it too.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to make house visits this **Monday and Wednesday** afternoon to parish homes in: Rye Road (low nos.), Village Cl., Dobbs Weir, Stortford Road.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will not be held during August. The autumn dates will be: 6th & 20th September; 4th & 18th October; 1st, 15th & 29th November; and 13th December, from 12.30-2.30pm in the crypt. All are welcome for lunch and a friendly, unrushed chat!

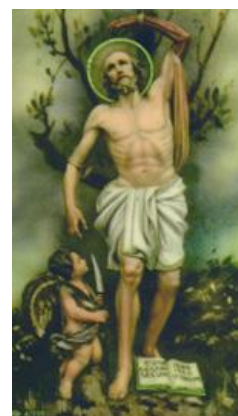
PARISH BBQ: Due to the lack of numbers last weekend, it was decided to postpone the BBQ to **Sunday 11th Sept at 1pm**. We really hope that more parishioners will be able to attend, so that we can all enjoy this event. **Please fill out your request for tickets and hand it into the presbytery as soon as you can**. We do need final numbers by Monday 5th September 12 noon so that we can order the food and we cannot accept people after 12 noon. There won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. **Application forms are now available from the back of the church and by the BBQ board**. Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE volunteer to assist with the many jobs – setting out chairs/tables before, putting up gazebos, making potato/pasta salads, coleslaw and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen**. Raffle prizes are also needed for the day, so if you can donate something, please hand it in at the presbytery as we would like to have all raffle prizes by the 5th September. Thanks for your support.

CHURCH CLEANING: Cheryl Holbourn, Mima Salvo, Mirella DiChiara, Josie Warren and Barbara Wright. Thank you for your help!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST BARTHOLOMEW 24TH AUGUST

All that is known of him with certainty is that he is mentioned in the synoptic gospels and Acts as one of the twelve apostles. His name, a patronymic, means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same as Nathanael mentioned in John, who says he is from Cana and that Jesus called him an "Israelite incapable of deceit." The Roman Martyrology says he preached in India and Greater Armenia, where he was flayed and beheaded by King Astyages.



| Masses this week | Today's Liturgy |
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| Sat 20th August ST BERNARD, Abbot & Doctor 10am Mass <i>Betty Mallinder's Intentions</i> | PAGE 127 in the Mass books |
| 4.00pm* NO Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> | 1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 18–21 <i>They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.</i> |
| Sun 21st August 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Stanley Abrahams RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Deceased members of Daly family</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour † | Psalm 116 — Go out to the whole world proclaim the Good News. |
| Mon 22nd August QUEENSHIP OF VIRGIN MARY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ida D'Onofrio RIP</i> | 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5–7, 11–13 <i>The Lord trains the one that he loves.</i> |
| Tues 23rd August ST ROSE OF LIMA 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Funeral <i>Giuseppe Re RIP</i> | Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia. |
| Wed 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>David Hale — followed by coffee in crypt</i> | Gospel: Luke 13: 22–30 <i>Men from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.</i> |
| Thurs 25th August NO MASS TODAY | PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 5 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24) |
| Fri 26th August BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Kitty O'Rourke RIP</i> | NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ST AUGUSTINE — PARISH PATRON SAINT |
| Sat 27th August ST MONICA 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Genuardi RIP</i> | 1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7–10, 15–16 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 8–12 Gospel: Matthew 23: 8–12 |
| 4.00pm* NO Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</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 any other time. |
| Sun 28th Aug 22ND ST AUGUSTINE — PARISH PATRON 9.15am <i>Margaret & Alan Lawlor</i> 11.15am <i>Gaetana Conti RIP</i> † | ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass. |
| <p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> ** 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 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. |
| REGULAR EVENTS | 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 |

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.*