

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

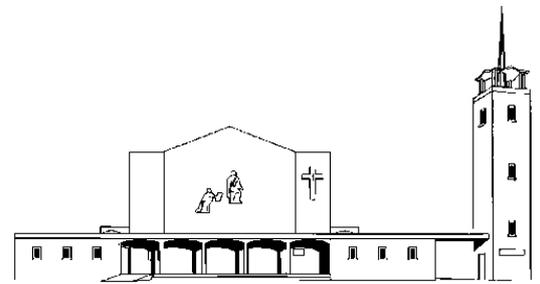
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Luke 11: 1-13 — *Ask, and it will be given to you.*

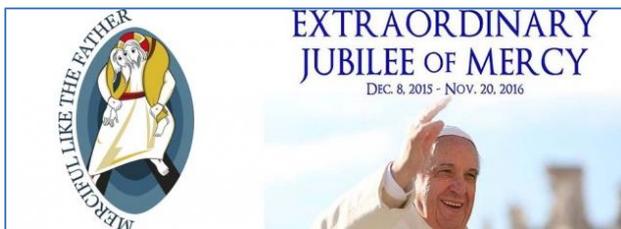
My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's, the readings this Sunday, especially the Gospel explain the necessity for prayer – the need for prayer is to have a relationship with God. This relationship is necessary because a creature cannot live independent of the creator. Prayer is one of the ways one establishes a relationship with God, the creator. The insistence of Jesus to pray and the prayer taught by Jesus reveal the necessity of prayer. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, our Lord taught them the Lord's Prayer. This rich prayer begins by praising the Almighty Father, this being followed by our consent to His Divine Will regarding the Heavenly kingdom. Then, we heard, "Give us each day our daily bread." These words are a request to God for our daily needs, both material and spiritual, a reality that whatever we receive comes from God. The Lord's Prayer continues with the words "and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Why is there emphasis on forgiveness? It is because forgiveness is the greatest obstacle to our sanctification.

While many say that they would like to forgive everyone for the hurt that has been inflicted upon them, deep in their hearts, they are unable to do so. There is a feeling not to forget what people did to them!! My brothers and sisters in Christ, unless we are able to forgive others, we do not qualify for the gift of salvation, God's forgiveness of our sins. For by the same measure that we forgive and judge others, we also shall be forgiven and judged. It is imperative that we forgive others, especially during this Holy Year of Mercy, let us be merciful like our heavenly Father by forgiving and forgetting.

In our prayers, we should be persistent and persevering and never give up. While there is no assurance that you will suddenly receive what you ask, by persevering in your request, sooner or later the grace of the Heavenly Father shall shine upon you and you shall receive what you ask.

Fr John Baptist

Ma From *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 20:



For His part, Jesus speaks several

times of the importance of faith over and above the observance of the law. It is in this sense that we must understand His words when, reclining at table with Matthew and other tax collectors and sinners, He says to the Pharisees raising objections to him, "Go and learn the meaning of 'I desire mercy not sacrifice'. I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners." Faced with a vision of justice as the mere observance of the law that judges people simply by dividing them

into two groups — the just and sinners — Jesus is bent on revealing the great gift of mercy that searches out sinners and offers them pardon and salvation. One can see why, on the basis of such a liberating vision of mercy as a source of new life, Jesus was rejected by the Pharisees and the other teachers of the law. In an attempt to remain faithful to the law, they merely placed burdens on the shoulders of others and undermined the Father's mercy. The appeal to a faithful observance of the law must not prevent attention from being given to matters that touch upon the dignity of the person.

PRAYER & LITURGY

VINCENZO LOFFREDO RIP of Brocket Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Friday 29th July at 1.30pm with Fr Carlo Bonelli.** May he rest in peace.

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

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting August 19th.** 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 NOW to register your interest.

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, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 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** 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.

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.

YOUNG PEOPLE

WORLD YOUTH DAY: Fr Philip is now on Pilgrimage in Łódź and Kraków and you can read all about the Diocesan Pilgrimage via the link <http://dowym.com/voices/first-impressions-poland/>.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back after Mass this weekend.

CAFOD writes in the latest issue of their magazine 'Side by Side' - "We would especially like to thank all of you who have shown such compassion and supported our Lent Appeal with your gifts and prayers. The wonderful news is that because you donated over £3.5 million, the UK government will give the full amount they promised at the start of the appeal - another £3.5 million. This means even more women, men and children will see real, lasting change in their lives because of you."

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 will resume his visits on his return from World Youth Day and holiday.

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.

CHARITY SKYDIVE: On the 16th August Steph Miragliotta and her sister will be doing a skydive in Ireland to raise funds for The Nadia Miragliotta Brighter Future Fund and the funds will be donated to Great Ormond Street. If you would like to sponsor Stephanie, you can via the link www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Stephanie-Miragliotta or you can contact Steph on 07958951214.

CHURCH LIBRARY: Please note that any books that you would like to donate to the library need to be handed in at the presbytery first, to ensure that they are suitable. Thank you for your co-operation.

200 CLUB: The winner for August is number 10, Mrs J Downes. Congratulations!

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

ST MARTHA - 29TH JULY

O blessed St. Martha, your faith led Jesus to proclaim, "I am the resurrection and the life"; and faith let you see beyond his humanity when you cried out, "Lord I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." With firm hope you said, I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him, and Jesus called your brother Lazarus back from the dead. With pure love for Jesus you welcomed him into your home. Friend and servant of our Saviour, I too am "troubled about many things." (*Pause for silent prayer.*) Pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and love, and that Jesus, who sat at your table, will hear me and grant me a place at the banquet of eternal life. Amen



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 23rd July ST BRIDGET, Religious, Patron of Europe 10am Mass <i>Antonino & Franco Martorana RIP</i>	PAGE 114 in the Mass books
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Pius Ogbodu</i>	1st Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32 <i>I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.</i>
Sun 24th July 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Patrick Fannell RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †	Psalm 137 — On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord. 2nd Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14 <i>He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.</i>
Mon 25th July ST JAMES, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Martin Maughan Senior and Martin Maughan junior Intentions</i>	Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia.
Tues 26th July STS JOACHIM & ANNE, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>John Clucas RIP</i>	Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13 <i>Ask, and it will be given to you.</i>
Wed 27th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>David Hale RIP — followed by coffee in crypt</i>	PREFACE TODAY: ad lib EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Thurs 28th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Nina Maher RIP</i>	1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23 2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21
Fri 29th July ST MARTHA <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>	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 30th July 10am Mass <i>Patrick Needham RIP Anniv</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 31st July 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Deceased members of the Byrne & Stickland families</i> 11.15am <i>Stanley Abrahams RIP</i> †	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: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <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)</p>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
REGULAR EVENTS	

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.*