

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

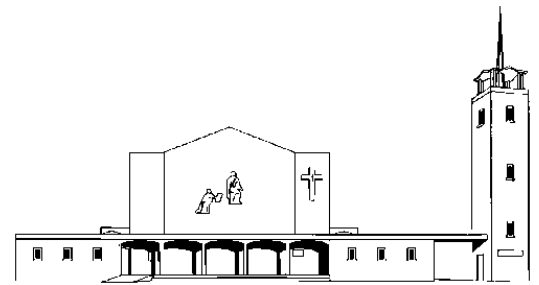
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Year C EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31ST JULY 2016

Luke 12: 13-21 *This hoard of yours, whose will it be?*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's, the readings this Sunday call upon us to balance between the riches of this world and the life to come. Jesus has no kind words for rich people. He says, "It will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt: 19:23-24). Jesus repeats these warnings in this Sunday's Gospel: "Be on guard and avoid every kind of greed."

Jesus does not condemn the rich people and riches per se, but the means of getting riches and the attitude to possessions in this world. One of the reasons of Jesus' harshness to rich people is that some make material possessions the god of their life and associate human happiness and security of life to the things they possess, forgetting that everything they get comes from God and its God who blesses their efforts. If we can share our riches with our less privileged brothers and sisters, we shall be accumulating treasure in heaven.

Life does not consist in the abundance of possessions, but having treasure in heaven. We can accumulate treasure in heaven by our acts of love towards others, "I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me, in prison and you visited me. There are many ways of accumulating treasure in heaven; by giving alms, helping the elderly to get to Church on Sunday or by providing them with transportation so they can do their weekly shopping of groceries, helping the refugees and migrants with their special needs or by being a friend to the orphans, God will notice your goodness and riches.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves, treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal."

Let us make a commitment, to accumulate as many treasures in Heaven as we can. In the end, we can be assured that we will not regret it.

Fr John Baptist

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



Jesus ... goes beyond the law; the company He keeps with those the law considers sinners makes us realize the depth of His mercy. The Apostle Paul makes a similar journey. Prior to meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, he dedicated his life to pursuing the justice of the law with zeal. His conversion to Christ led him to turn that vision upside down, to the point that he would write to the Galatians: "We have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified." Paul's understanding of justice changes radically. He now places faith first, not justice. Salvation comes not through the observance of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, who in his death and resurrection brings salvation together with a mercy that justifies. God's justice now becomes the liberating force for those oppressed by slavery to sin and its consequences. God's justice is His mercy.

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PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Myla Spires who will be baptised this weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on Friday 5th August. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

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!

MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS will be held on **Saturday 10th September at 2pm** at Westminster Cathedral. The principal celebrant will be Cardinal Vincent Nichols and all volunteers are 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, 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** 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 Krakow and you can read all about the Diocesan Pilgrimage via the link <http://dowym.com/voices/first-impressions-poland/>.

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

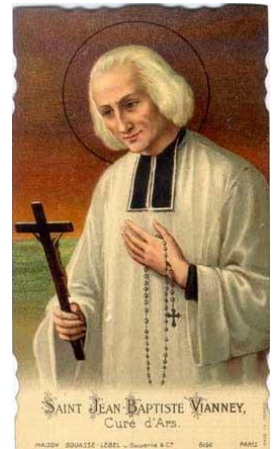
drink and glasses. **Application forms are now available from the back of the church and by the BBQ board.** Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE volunteer to assist with the many jobs – setting out chairs/tables before, 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 www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Stephanie-Miragliotta or you can contact Steph on 07958951214.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca & Mary Dineen. Thank you for your help!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

4th August
St John Vianney



St John Vianney, Priest (Patron of priests) was born in Lyons, France in 1786. He was ordained in 1815 in Grenoble, and in 1818 was assigned to the parish of Ars, where he spent the rest of his life. He was best known for his steadfast care of souls, for his spirit of prayer and mortification and, above all, for his tireless dedication to the Sacrament of Penance. He spent most of his life in the confessional, drawing energy from his intimate and constant friendship with our Lord in the Eucharist. He died on August 4th 1859 and was canonised May 31st 1925

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 30th July 10am Mass <i>Patrick Needham RIP Anniv</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 31st July 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Deceased members of Byrne & Stickland families</i> 11.15am <i>Stanley Abrahams RIP</i> †</p>	<p>PAGE 117 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23 <i>What does a man gain for all his toil?</i></p> <p>Psalm 89 — O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 <i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia.</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21 <i>This hoard of yours, whose will it be?</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: ad lib EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48</p>
<p>Mon 1st August ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Fr Fred O'Lorme RIP</i></p> <p>Tues 2nd August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Kitty O'Rourke RIP</i></p> <p>Wed 3rd August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe Distefano RIP — followed by coffee in crypt</i></p> <p>Thurs 4th August ST JOHN VIANNEY, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick McGrath</i></p> <p>Fri 5th August <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Michael Casey's Intentions</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Antonina Schembri RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour</p> <p>Sat 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 10am Mass <i>Michael & Shirley Byrne's Intentions</i></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>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>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>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Vera Byrne's Intentions</i></p> <p>Sun 7th August 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Clare Hinton RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †</p>	<p>REGULAR EVENTS</p>
<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>	

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.*