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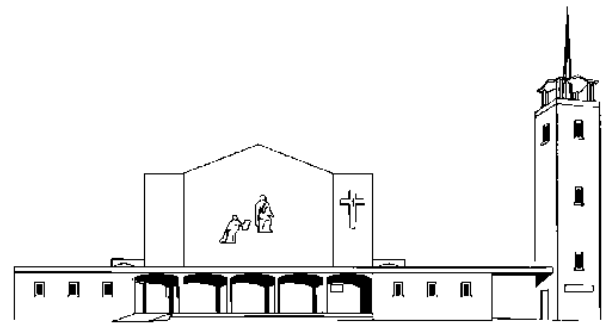
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TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19TH JUNE 2016

GOSPEL: Luke 9: 18–24

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

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE IMPORTANT EU REFERENDUM TAKES PLACE THIS WEEK, and amidst all the confusing cacophony of the referendum debates and against the sad background of the killing of the MP, Jo Cox, we must each cast our vote. Last week, I included with the newsletter a statement by the Bishops of England & Wales regarding the referendum. Whilst they would not indicate a specific way to vote, as that must be left to our individual conscience, yet they ask us to pray about our choice. They also stated: "We all have a responsibility to keep the dignity of the human person at the forefront of the debate. We must ask ourselves, in the face of every issue, what will best serve the dignity of all people both within Europe and beyond." May the Lord truly guide us, in this complex matter, to do what is right.



I CONTINUE MY CYCLE OF HOMILIES ON THE POPE'S APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION AMORIS LAETITIA and this weekend will draw some themes out from the 6th chapter of his document, "Some Pastoral Perspectives." Once again, the Pope has much to say in encouraging our day-to-day living-out of Christian marriages and family life, and we will do well to listen to his wisdom.

THIS YEAR'S FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS take place over two weekends, and we thank God for these children who are approaching the altar for their first reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord. May they be guided by their families always to be devout recipients of the Most Blessed Eucharist, who is Jesus Himself, the living Heart of the Church.

May our own love for Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist fill us with strength and faith! Fr Philip

From *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 17:



The pages of the prophet Isaiah can also be meditated upon concretely: "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory

of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire with good things, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." (Is 58:6–11)

PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Mark Ferraro and Hayley Ives married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKEND'S

FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Mia Allen, Julia Bizior, Emily Blackwell, Riley Broderick, Giancarla Castiglione, Freddie Chappell, Giuliana Chiazza, Teresa Cicchirillo, Anna Curaba, Elena D'Urso, Stefano D'Urso, Rocco El-Ahmadi, Michael Fiori-Gritton, Harry Ford, Emily Giles, Leyton Goldhawk, Jasmine Higgins, Oliver Hussein, Ruby Inzani-Crowther, Karolina Kurdziel, Sam McGarvey, Sienna Misuraca, Paolo Nigro, Alexa O'Brien, Lucia Riggi, Lani Salih, Anthony and Tanya Santaniello, Mia Schifano, Charlie Tackley and Evie Warren.

We also remember Nadia Miragliotta RIP at this time, who was in the same year group.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting July 15th**. 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 **this Sunday 19th June** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION will be held in the church **Fri 1st July to Sun 3rd July, 7/8am–9pm**. PLEASE, WE NEED MANY PARISHIONERS to sign up to come and pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: sign your name on lists on the blue board in the porch (half-hr slots).

FRIDAY: 7am Adoration begins
12 noon Mass
12.30pm Adoration resumes
7.30pm Mass 8.45pm Benediction

SATURDAY: 8am Adoration begins
10am Mass; Adoration resumes
4.00pm Italian Mass
6.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes
8.45pm Benediction

SUNDAY: 8am Adoration begins
9.15am & 11.15am Masses
12.30pm Corpus Christi Procession
1.30pm Adoration resumes
5.00pm Latin Mass
8.45pm Closing Benediction

SS PETER & PAUL is on **Wednesday 29th June** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be Mass at 9.30am with both schools, 12 noon and 8pm. Ministers of Holy Communion, readers and altar servers are needed. If you can assist, please sign your name on the lists at the back of the church.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM (England's major shrine to Our Lady) will be on **Sat 9th July** with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. A 57-seater coach leaves the church at 8am and will depart from Walsingham at 4.30pm. The day includes Mass, Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and Benediction. The cost of the coach will be £14 and you will need to bring a packed lunch. To attend, please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church. **ONLY 17 PLACES LEFT! If you haven't already paid your coach fee of £14, could you please hand it in at the presbytery soon.**

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. I would like to gauge interest from parishioners for this trip next year. Price expected to be £575. Please phone up the Presbytery soon to register your interest.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Pray for sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Helen & Michael Sherman, Annette Pinto, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini, Marina Morris & Michael Foley.

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

Housebound parishioners may also 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

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: A practice will be held on **Sat 25th June 11.30am** for 1st Holy Communion on Sun 26th June. All

children must attend their practice, so that they know what to do. The **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on **Sunday 3rd July** at 11.15am Mass when all First Communicants from both weeks return in their First Communion outfits for Mass.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Fri 24th June and Mon 4th July** 7.30-9.00pm in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To book onto the course, please contact the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2017: Fr Philip wishes to see each candidate (in next year's year 9 or above) and a parent for a short chat (20-30 minutes) before the summer. **Applications will close for this programme on 8th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30-6.00pm on the following day: 28th June.



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

BROWNIES will be serving afternoon tea in the presbytery garden on **Wednesday 29th June** from 1-4pm. Tickets are £5 and a selection of teas and freshly baked cakes and scones will be served. This is a Brownie fundraising event and we would love to see you there! To purchase tickets, please contact Maria on 449209.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his house visits on Wednesday afternoon to see parishioners in homes in: Stanstead Road, Murchison Road and Whitley Road.

LIFT NEEDED FOR PRIEST: Fr Peter Wilson will be saying the 10am and 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday 9th July**, whilst Fr Philip is with the parish on pilgrimage to Walsingham. As Fr Peter is no longer able to drive, a volunteer is needed to collect him from Buntingford on Saturday morning and take him home after the evening Mass. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

PARISH BBQ: The BBQ will be held on **Sunday 10th July 2pm** with live music and a bouncy castle for the children. 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. The forms must be returned to the presbytery with your money by Monday 4th July 12 noon, so that we can order the food.** 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 4th July. Thanks for your support.

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, 18th & 25th September.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Theresa Casbard, Elizabeth Nsonwah and Laura Harwood. Thank you!

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 18th June 10am Mass <i>David Hale RIP</i>		PAGE 99 in the Mass books	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>		1st Reading: Zechariah 12: 10–11, 13:1 <i>They will look on the one whom they have pierced.</i>	
Sun 19th June 12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>John Teeling RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>John Woolsgrove RIP</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass 5.00pm Holy Hour †		Psalm 62 — For you my soul is thirsting, o God, my God. 2nd Reading: Galatians 3: 26–29 <i>All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ.</i>	
Mon 20th June ST ALBAN, Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Peter Tanner RIP</i>		Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.	
Tues 21st June ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, Religious 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Pauline Keane RIP</i>		Gospel: Luke 9: 18–24 <i>You are the Christ of God. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.</i>	
Wed 22nd June STS JOHN FISHER, Bishop & THOMAS MORE, Martyrs 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Kitty O'Rourke RIP — followed by coffee in crypt</i>		PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 4 (p. 67) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: Euch. Pr. no. 2 (p. 24)	
Thurs 23rd June NO Mass		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
Fri 24th June THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i>		1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 16, 19–21 2nd Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13–18 Gospel: Luke 9: 51–62	
Sat 25th June 10am Mass <i>Maureen O'Neill's intentions</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>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Mary & Seamus Timmons</i>		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
Sun 26th June 13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Barbara Murphy RIP & deceased members of the Tomany and Murphy families</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass †		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.	
* 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)		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	
REGULAR EVENTS			
Tues 21st 12.30pm lunch club, crypt Wed 22nd 6pm Brownies, crypt		Fri 24th 7.30pm Baptism course, presbytery.	

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.*