

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

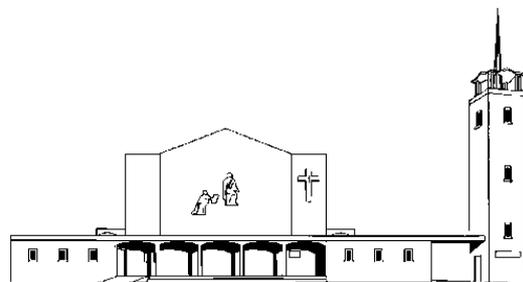
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Year C THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 6TH NOVEMBER 2016

Luke 20: 27-38 — *He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

OUR NOVEMBER DEVOTIONS IN THIS MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS, praying in a special way for the Faithful Departed, continue this week.

There is daily Mass for the repose of the Holy Souls; there is the **Rosary and Prayers for the Dead** at the Ware Road cemetery (**this Sunday, 3pm**); and there is the **Mass for the Deceased of the Past Year** (**next Saturday 12th at 6.30pm**). I do encourage you to attend these special 'November' occasions, and to fulfil that important Catholic practice of praying for the deceased.

Pope Francis has been teaching us, this year, to renew our 'works of mercy': one of the corporal works of mercy is to *bury the dead*; and one of the spiritual works of mercy is to *pray for the living and the dead*. So, let's offer regular prayers and Masses for the souls in purgatory, doing our Christian duty for them, as we hope that others will do for us, one day, when we die.

CATHOLIC TEACHING REGARDING CREMATION has been the topic of a recent Vatican solemn instruction. The Church explicitly prefers the traditional practice of burying the body of the deceased intact; but will permit cremation as long as this is not done in deliberate rejection of the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead. The Church makes it clear that if we opt for the cremation of our bodies after death, then there are certain things that we must remember:

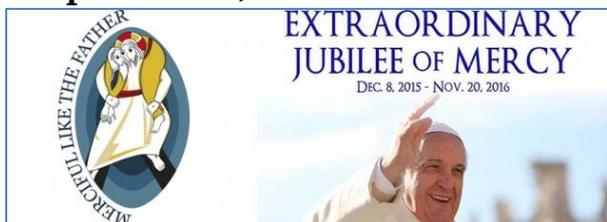
- the ashes are, without fail, to be *buried* in a cemetery; it is *never* permitted to scatter ashes about, on land or sea or in the air.
- ashes must also not be preserved in one's home, divided up amongst relatives, or placed in lockets or keepsakes.
- the priest will always make himself available for the rite of interment of ashes, accompanying this pious act of burial with the Church's prayers.

The bodies of our loved ones who have died are sacred vessels of their God-given life, and this is why we treat even the dead body with reverence, and give them "a place of rest."

May the Lord bless the faithful departed as we pray for those who have died!

Fr Philip

Pope Francis, from his homilies in this 'Holy Year of Mercy.' (4th September 2016)



Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that "the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable". She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Charlie Potter who will be baptised this weekend.

FRANCESCA DI MARIA RIP of Thurgood Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Don Antonio will celebrate her funeral on **Monday 7th November at 11am.**

PATRICK WALSH RIP of Ranworth Ave, Hoddesdon died recently. His funeral will be on **Friday 18th November at 12 noon.**

Our sympathies go out to their families.

May they rest in peace.

NOVEMBER LIST (FAITHFUL DEPARTED): sheets for you to record the names of your departed relatives and friends are available alongside the newsletters. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November the lists will be kept on the altar and one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT THE CEMETERY: Fr Philip will lead the annual visit to the cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish **this Sun 6th Nov.** Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at 3pm.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR: Sat 12th November, 6.30pm Mass will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all who have lost a dear one in the past year may wish to make this their Sunday Mass that weekend.

YEAR OF MERCY: on **Sunday 13th November at 3pm** there will be the service for the closing of the Holy Door at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph at Waltham Cross. All are welcome!

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Nov 18th.** 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 20th Nov,** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

LIVING JESUS, the diocesan faith-sharing resource is now available to buy from the back of the church for £2.00. Please place your money in the newspaper box. The booklet explores how our vocation to holiness is rooted in the merciful love of the Father, Christ's saving ministry and the work of the Holy Spirit within each one of us.

"THE BIG PICTURE": An inspiring step-by-step, easy-to-use guide through the Bible, 6 sessions on Old Testament, 6 sessions on New Testament, starts on the **10th January 2017** in the crypt at 7.30pm. More details to follow!

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. Final call for pilgrims – **we need your names a.s.a.p.** Already about 30 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, Giovanna Scozzaro.

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/bishopstortford>

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

'SYCAMORE': Fr Philip is showing a DVD series called 'Sycamore' on **Wednesdays at 10.15am** after coffee in the crypt. Dates are 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November. All welcome! This week's theme: **"The gift of faith."**

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Fri 11th and 25th Nov, 7.30pm-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Tuesday evenings, **beginning 8th November (8-9.30pm)**. Fr Philip will be running a 2-month adult Confirmation programme, with a view to participating in the ceremony of Confirmation at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 21st January 2017 at the 6pm Mass. Please make yourself known to Fr Philip regarding this course a.s.a.p.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The next session will be on **14th Nov at 7.15-8.45pm** in the crypt for **candidates only**. Candidates will need to have read chapter 7 of the Gospel of Mark

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The third meeting for parents will be on **Wed 30th Nov 8-9pm** in the crypt. The second session for children will be on **Mon 7th Nov 6-7.30pm**. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 'PRAYER PARTNERS'** are needed for all the children on the First Holy Communion programme. A prayer partner prays for a child whilst they are preparing to make their Communion. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name in capital letters on the blue list at the back of the church. **Could parents please ensure that the children do not sign the blue prayer partner list instead of the register.**



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

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: If your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2017, then you need to continue to sign the weekly sign-in-sheet. On this basis Fr Philip will be in a better position to judge whether he can issue the Certificate you ask for. No new applications now possible. **The secondary school register has now finished for Year 6s.**

ST CROSS SCHOOL is holding its open days on the **17th November** at 9.30am and on the **22nd November** at 2.30pm for all new 2017 reception parents. Please do allow time to park as there is no room to park in the school car park.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S is having a quiz night on **Sat 19th Nov at 7.30pm for 8pm** start. £5 per person, maximum 8 per team. To book, please contact the playgroup on 460614.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be visiting parish homes in the following roads this Wednesday: Ashbourne Road, High Road Broxbourne, Old Nazeing Road.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY collection raised £420.86. Thank you!

200 CLUB WINNER for November was Mr E Devine, no 78. Congratulations!

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday 25th Nov** in the crypt. £5 per head, payable on the night. Bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table.

ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Singers are wanted on **26th Nov** from 2-3pm in Hoddesdon town. If you can help please ring John Roberts on 445667.

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 & 11th December.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Theresa Casbard, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Laura Harwood.

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 5th November 10am Mass <i>Decimo Castronovo RIP</i>		PAGE 160 in the Mass books	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Holy Souls</i>		1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1–2, 9–14 <i>The King of the world will raise us up to live again for ever.</i>	
Sun 6th Nov 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.15am <i>Dec'd brothers of Catenian Association</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †		Psalm 16 — <i>I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.</i>	
Mon 7th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 11am Funeral <i>Francesca Di Maria RIP</i>		2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 16–3:5 <i>May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.</i>	
Tues 8th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia.</i>	
Wed 9th Nov DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in crypt		Gospel: Luke 20: 27–38 <i>He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.</i>	
Thurs 10th November ST LEO THE GREAT, Pope & Dr NO Mass		PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)	
Fri 11th November ST MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 33 RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
Sat 12th November ST JOSAPHAT, Bishop & Martyr 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		1st Reading: Malachi 3: 19–20 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7–12 Gospel: Luke 21: 5–19	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Deceased of the past year</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 13th Nov 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> †		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
* 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 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	
Mon 7th 6-7.30pm 1st HC session, crypt	Tues 8th 8pm Adult Confirmation, presbytery	Wed 9th 6pm Brownies, crypt	Wed 9th 7.30pm All Saints, crypt

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.*