

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

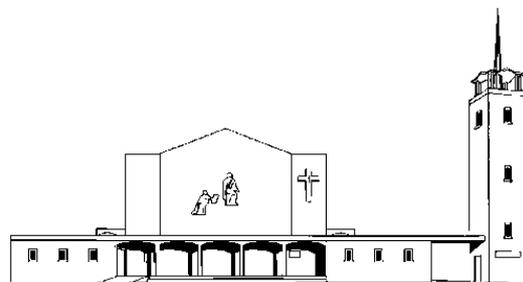
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Year C **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** **16TH OCTOBER 2016**

Luke 18: 1-8 — *God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SPECIAL REQUIEM MASS FOR SR MARION — with the participation of all of St Cross School — is to take place this coming Friday. The details are inside the Newsletter, and I urge all of you who have known Sr Marion, in the parish or through her involvement as Teacher, and Head Teacher, at St Cross, to come and pray with us for her. It will be a beautiful expression of prayer and thanksgiving for this devoted religious sister who has given so much to our parish community, and especially to a generation or more of our parishioners when at school.

THERE ARE TWO PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGNS that I would like to draw your attention to at this time, both regarding the way our society and healthcare system screens the health of the unborn child. You may have seen recently the moving documentary by the actress Sally Phillips on the prejudiced way we treat those who have Down's Syndrome. If you haven't watched it yet, it's important that you take just 59 minutes of your time to do so — it's called "**A World Without Down's Syndrome?**" (link available from our parish FaceBook page): it's available on the BBC iPlayer for another 20 days.

The two campaigns which I would like you to pay some attention to are these:

(i) Linked to the recent documentary regarding more stringent screening for Down's Syndrome, there is the campaign "**Don't Screen us Out.**" <http://dontscreenusout.org/>



(ii) And second, regarding a new Bill in the Lord's brought by Lord Shinkwill, himself disabled: a campaign "**All are Equal,**" to reverse the horrific practice of aborting disabled babies right up to the age of birth. <http://allequal.org.uk/>

Both of these campaign pages have opportunities for you to e-mail our MP, Mr Charles Walker, to express your desire to see the reversal of discriminatory practices aimed at killing the unborn child.

May the Lord bless us as we seek to defend His precious people from evil!

Fr Philip

Pope Francis's conclusion to *Misericordiae Vultus*, on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 25:



In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: "Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old."

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Alara Tranchina and Aliyah Leukes who will be baptised this weekend.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **this Sunday 16th Oct**, with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

MONDAY: There will be no Adoration or Morning Prayer, but there will be Mass at 9.15am as usual. Fr Philip has to attend a funeral in York this day.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is next Sunday, a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Through *Missio*, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to this work. **The annual special collection will be taken the Sunday after, 30th October.**

REQUIEM MASS FOR SR MARION: this **Friday 21st October**, Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sister Marion Connaughty, former Headteacher of St Cross. The whole school community will be attending the **Mass at 10.45am, which will replace the 12noon Mass this Friday.** St Cross schoolchildren will be involved in the readings, bidding prayers and music, as we pray for, and give thanks for, Sister Marion and the Sisters of Our Lady's legacy to St Cross school. All past pupils and families, staff and governors of St Cross are warmly invited to come to this Mass, along with current school families and friends. On return to school, after lunch there will be a celebratory afternoon where the children will remember the significance of the Sisters of Our Lady in the history of St Cross. There will be an 'open afternoon' so any visitors will be warmly welcome to come along to St Cross School. Teas and coffee will be available. We hope to see many of you there.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Oct 21st.** 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!

NOVEMBER LIST OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are now attached to the newsletter. Please return the

lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

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

'SYCAMORE': Fr Philip will be showing a DVD series called 'Sycamore' on **Wednesdays at 10.15am** after coffee in the crypt. Dates are 19th Oct; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November. All welcome! **This week's theme: "why do we need the Church?"**

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 **17th Oct at 7.15-8.45pm** in the crypt for **candidates only**. Candidates will need to have read chapter 5 of the Gospel of Mark

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The second meeting for parents will be on **Wed 2nd Nov 8-9pm** in the crypt. The second session for children will be on **Mon 7th Nov 6-7.30pm**.



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 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 AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is actively seeking a proactive Foundation Governor that specialises in Human Resource matters, as well as a number of other Foundation Governors. To be considered as a governor you must be Catholic and be committed to putting the children's welfare at the forefront of everything you do at the school. They are specifically looking for someone from a HR background that is from the local community. If you are interested, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs. Gillian Napier (01992-463549) or the Chair of Governors, Adam Tackley (07852-167935).

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL will be holding an open day for new Reception and Nursery September 2017 parents. There are 2 sessions on **Mon 17th Oct:** 10-11am and 2-3pm. Each session will include a guided tour and a presentation on children's learning.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: The total collected was £632.96. Thank you!

HARVEST DISPLAY: The beautiful harvest-time display in the sanctuary reminds us of the abundance of good things we receive. Our thanks to the flower ladies' team for their creation, and may it be a salutary reminder to us of the food we have and should share.

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of the church after all Masses **next weekend**.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be hoping to visit parish homes this Wednesday afternoon in the following roads: Baas Lane, Carnaby Road, High Road Broxbourne, Monson Road.

CELEBRATE weekend will be held at St Albans on 29th-30th Oct. It is a faith filled and fun event for all the family. For more info go to: <http://celebrateconference.org>

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: 20th & 27th Nov.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy								
<p>Sat 15th October ST TERESA OF AVILA, Virgin & Dr 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Re RIP</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP 3rd anniv.</i></p> <p>Sun 16th Oct 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Annie Doyle RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour †</p>	<p>PAGE 152 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 17: 8–13 <i>As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.</i></p> <p>Psalm 120 — Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14–4:2 <i>The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia.</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 18: 1–8 <i>God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 5 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12–14, 16–19 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6–8, 16–18 Gospel: Luke 18: 9–14</p>								
<p>Mon 17th October ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop 9.15am Mass <i>Monica Hunter RIP</i></p> <p>Tues 18th October ST LUKE, Evangelist 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Horatio Da Gama Rose RIP</i></p> <p>Wed 19th October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>John Fallon RIP — followed by coffee in crypt</i></p> <p>Thurs 20th October NO Mass</p> <p>Fri 21st Oct (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 10.45am Mass <i>Sr Marion Connaughty RIP</i></p> <p>Sat 22nd October POPE ST JOHN PAUL II 10am Mass <i>Callum O'Grady'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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>								
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<p style="text-align: center;">* 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)</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.*