

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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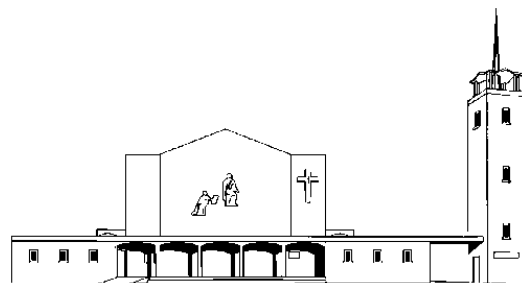
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Year C TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 2ND OCTOBER 2016

Luke 17: 5-10 – *If only you had faith!*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

AS I MENTIONED LAST WEEK, SR MARION CONNAUGHTY of the Sisters of Our Lady died recently. For a decade or so (till the year 2000) she was the Head Teacher of St Cross Primary School. Her funeral will take place this week in Kettering, but here in Hoddesdon we will have an opportunity to pray for her at Mass with St Cross School on Friday 21st October, 10.45am. More details inside the Newsletter. All friends of Sr Marion, plus former pupils, staff and governors of St Cross, are warmly encouraged to attend this Mass.

NOW THAT IT IS THE SEASON FOR PARENTS OF YEAR-6 CHILDREN to be making choices over applications to Secondary School, might I remind you again that Herts county council is letting St Mary's take an *extra form of pupils* into Year 7 in September 2017. Parents are, therefore, *strongly encouraged* to place St Mary's as their no.1 choice of school on the county submission, as the school has the hope of admitting any and every Catholic child into St Mary's next year.



I CALL, AGAIN FOR THOSE ADULT PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED: our course for Catholic adults will begin on Tuesday 8th November, and run for 2 months up to mid-January, with the intention of attending the Confirmation ceremony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 21st January. Please come forward to let Fr Philip know of your interest a.s.a.p.

FINALLY – THIS WEEKEND MARKS MY 9 YEARS IN HODDESdon! As I reflect on that, I realise that this means I am now preparing young people for Confirmation who were in Reception class when I arrived; I am preparing for marriage some who have been confirmed here in my time; and I am baptizing children – in some cases the third child – of those I have married. This seems to me a great blessing for the Lord and for the people of this parish! ... May He continue to work in us with His Holy Spirit and bring us alike, priest and parishioners, to do His will on earth and glorify His name, and strive for heavenly glory.

May the Lord keep us faithful to our baptismal calling, by His gracious mercy! Fr Philip

From Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 25:



I present, therefore, this Extraordinary Jubilee Year dedicated to living out in our daily lives the mercy which the Father constantly extends to all of us. In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us. The Church feels the urgent need to proclaim God's mercy. Her life is authentic and credible only when she becomes a convincing herald of mercy. She knows that

her primary task, especially at a moment full of great hopes and signs of contradiction, is to introduce everyone to the great mystery of God's mercy by contemplating the face of Christ.

PRAYER & LITURGY

THE ROSARY: In October, the month of the Rosary, Fr Philip will lead one decade of the Rosary five minutes before each Saturday evening and Sunday Mass. The Rosary will be prayed in Italian on Thursdays at 7pm.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Lewis Donovan and Lucrezia Urso married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

SR MARION CONNAUGHTY RIP, former Head Teacher of St Cross Primary School for more than a decade died recently. Her funeral will be held at St Edwards Church, London Road, Kettering on **5th October at 11am**.

EILEEN LINFORD RIP of St Anne's Park, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. The funeral will be on **Wednesday 5th October at 12 noon**.

May they rest in peace.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 7th October**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

REQUIEM MASS FOR SR MARION: On **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 that 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.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 16th Oct**, 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 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!

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. We need **very soon** to give numbers to the Pilgrimage operator, **so we need your names a.s.a.p.** Already 29 people have asked to come. **There will be a meeting for pilgrims on Wednesday 12th October at 7pm in the crypt** and Adrian Duffy from Northern Star Travel will give a general talk on the Pilgrimage and answer any questions people may have.

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 5th, 12th, 19th, Oct; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November. All welcome!

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 3rd Oct at 7.15-8.45pm in the crypt for candidates and parents. Candidates will need to have read chapter 4 of the Gospel of Mark. As mentioned in the parents' letter in July there will be a £10 cost for materials, so please forward this to the presbytery soon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Final weekend for taking an application form for the new First Holy Communion Programme (for practising Catholic children in year 3 or above) – forms NOT available from the Presbytery. Please return completed forms to the presbytery by 3rd October. The first meeting for parents will be on Wed 5th Oct 8-9pm in the crypt. The first session for children will be on Mon 10th October 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.**

PIANO PLAYER: St Augustine's School is looking for a volunteer to play the piano for school Masses. If you are willing to go in a couple of times each half of term for hymn practice, please contact the school on 463549.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is actively seeking a proactive Foundation Governor that specialises in Human Resource matters. 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).

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is next Friday 7th Oct and the Fast Day envelopes will be attached to next weekend's newsletter and will also be collected next weekend.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be hoping to visit parish homes this Mon/Wed afternoons in the following roads: St Catherine's Rd, Monks Cl, Stafford Drive, Churchfields, McKenzie Rd.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We now have only 15 copies left of the magazine, so if you would like one for £3.50, please contact the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANERS: More cleaners are urgently needed to help on the Wednesday morning team for just one hour per month. If you can help, please do contact the presbytery.

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: 2nd & 30th Oct.

CHURCH CLEANING: Pina Johnson, Maria Manzo, Pam McCarthy, Charmaine Collins & Sara. Thank you for your help!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 1st October ST THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS 10am Mass <i>Margaret Whelehan RIP</i>	PAGE 146 in the Mass books
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Giovanni & Vincenzina D'Ambrosio RIP Sun 2nd Oct 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Vincenzo Graffato RIP 11.15am Filippo Adamo RIP 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	1st Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2–3, 2: 2–4 <i>The upright man will live by his faithfulness.</i> Psalm 94 — O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts. 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6–8, 13–14 <i>Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.
Mon 3rd October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Tony Keane RIP</i> Tues 4th October ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Richard Norman RIP</i> Wed 5th October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Paul & Maria Scott 25th Wedding Anniversary — followed by coffee in crypt 12 noon Funeral Eileen Linford RIP Thurs 6th October NO Mass	Gospel: Luke 17: 5–10 <i>If only you had faith!</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 3 (p. 66) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14–17 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8–13 Gospel: Luke 17: 11–19
Fri 7th Oct OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY (HARVEST FAST DAY) <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Nora Beschizza RIP</i> 8pm Holy Hour Sat 8th October 10am Mass <i>Lampard Family 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 any other time. ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am 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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 9th Oct 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Mary & Michael Lawlor 11.15am Nicola Barone RIP ‡	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)</p> <p>‡ 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	
Mon 3rd 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt Tues 4th 12.30pm Tuesday lunch club	Wed 5th NO Brownies, crypt Wed 5th 8pm 1 st HC meeting, 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.*