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St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

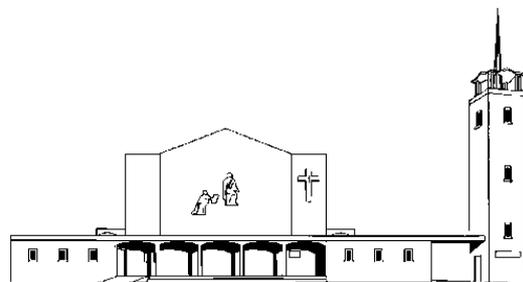
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Year C **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** **30TH OCTOBER 2016**

Luke 19: 1-10 — *The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE ABORTION (DISABILITY EQUALITY) BILL in the House of Lords brought by Lord Shinkwin, himself disabled, received its Second Reading on Friday 21st October, and was passed at this stage. 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>) encourages us to contact our MP to express support for Lord Shinkwin and ask for Parliamentary time to be granted in the Commons if the Bill is successful at all stages in the Lords. I am delighted to say that our MP, Charles Walker, has expressed his *wholehearted* support for the Bill, and will endeavour to assist its passage.

LAST WEEKEND, 'WORLD MISSION SUNDAY' reminded us that we must act as the global Church family in support of our brothers and sisters in the world's one-thousand poorer mission dioceses. Today we take the collection for *Missio*, the Church's agency by which we lend our prayer support, and financial contributions, to the Church abroad: www.missio.org.uk.

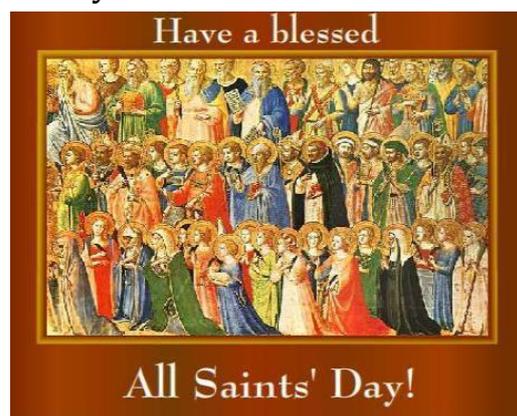
NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS, begins this week, and its first day is marked by the great feast of All Saints. Throughout November we will be praying in a special way for the Faithful Departed — there is a **daily Mass for the repose of the Holy Souls**; there is the annual **Rosary and Prayers for the Dead** at the Ware Road cemetery (next Sunday, 3pm); and there is the annual **Mass for the Deceased of the Past Year** (Saturday 12th at 6.30pm).

Before we enter into that series of November devotions, we first of all recall the heavenly glory in which the numerous saints already reside, to which we are called, and for which we yearn. We celebrate this with a Holy Day of Obligation — a day when all Catholics are obliged to come to Holy Mass. Our Masses this Tuesday 1st November are as follows:

* * * * * **ALL SAINTS' DAY: 9.30am (with Primary Schools), 12 noon, 8pm** * * * * *

May the Lord bless us as we strive to live this life in view of our heavenly calling! Fr Philip

Pope Francis, from his homilies in this 'Holy Year of Mercy.' (3rd June 2016)



The Heart of the Good Shepherd is not only the Heart that shows us mercy, but *is* itself mercy. There the Father's love shines forth; there I know I am welcomed and understood as I am; there, with all my sins and limitations, I know the certainty that I am chosen and loved. Contemplating that heart, I renew my first love: the memory of that time when the Lord touched my soul and called me to follow Him.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Luca Morreale who will be baptised this weekend.

CATHERINE STOCKWELL RIP of Taveners Way, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **Her funeral will be on Wed 2nd November at 12 noon.**

PATRICK WALSH RIP of Ranworth Ave, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **His funeral date is yet to be set.**
May they rest in peace.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY was last Sunday, a 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. Your donations will support the work of mission dioceses. **This annual special collection will be taken this Sunday.**

ALL SAINTS' DAY is this **Tues 1st November** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be at 9.30am with both schools, 12 noon and 8pm. Ministers of Holy Communion and readers are needed. If you can help, please sign your name on the lists at the back of church.

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 at least 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 on **Sun 6th Nov**. Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at 3pm.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 4th November**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 6th Dec**.

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.

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 is showing a DVD series called 'Sycamore' on **Wednesdays at 10.15am** after coffee in the crypt. Dates are 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November. All welcome! This week's theme: **"Can we trust the Bible and the Christian Tradition?"**

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 **31st Oct at 7.15-8.45pm** in the crypt for **candidates and parents**. Candidates will need to have read chapter 6 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 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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT: The Autumn catalogues are at the back of the church. If you would like to place an order for Christmas through me please let me know by 11th Nov. Maria Hunt 07790-453378/01992-421048 or e-mail address maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be visiting parish homes in the following roads this Wednesday: Monson Road, Trafalgar Avenue, Grenville Avenue, Ashbourne Road.

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! If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation either cash or a bottle for the winning Team or anything else for the raffle, then please drop that into the presbytery.

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: Maria Manzo, Pam McCarthy, Charmaine Collins and Sara.

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 29th Oct BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE 10am Mass <i>Adam Daynes's intentions</i>		PAGE 157 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 11: 22–12:2 <i>You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.</i> Psalm 144 — I will bless your name for ever, O God my King. 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2 <i>The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia. Gospel: Luke 19: 1–10 <i>The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 32 ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1–2, 9–14 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16–3:5 Gospel: Luke 20:27–28	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Rosalia Dilena RIP			
Sun 30th Oct 31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Patrick White RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am For the Parish ‡			
Mon 31st October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Giuseppe Forni RIP			
Tues 1st November ALL SAINTS' DAY 9.30am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 8.00pm Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>			
Wed 2nd November ALL SOULS' DAY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in crypt 12 noon Funeral Catherine Stockwell RIP			
Thurs 3rd November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>			
Fri 4th November ST CHARLES BORROMEEO, 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> 7.30pm Mass Vincent Byrne RIP 8.00pm Holy Hour			
Sat 5th November 10am Mass Decimo Castronovo RIP			
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Holy Souls</i>			
Sun 6th Nov 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.15am Dec'd brothers of Catenian Association 5.00pm Latin Mass For the Parish ‡			
* 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)			
REGULAR EVENTS			
Mon 31st 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt Tues 1st 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt		Wed 2nd 6pm Brownies, crypt Wed 2nd 8pm Parents 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 parrocciani 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.