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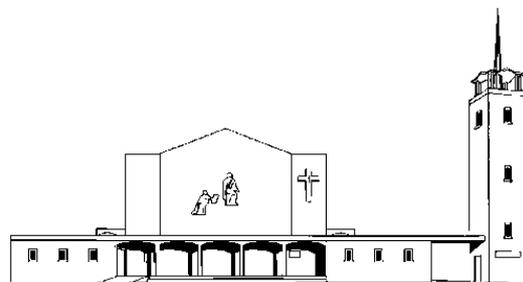
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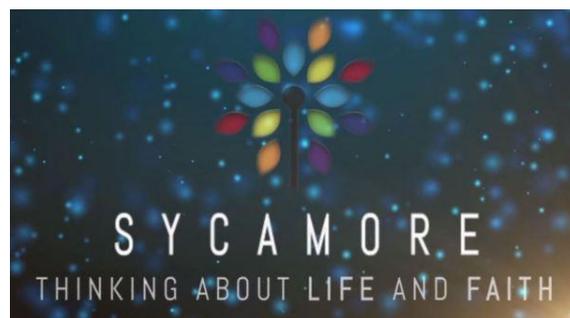
Year C **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

Luke 15: 1-32 *There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE FAMOUS GOSPEL PARABLE THIS SUNDAY, the 'Prodigal Son,' forms the centrepiece of our 'Holy Year of Mercy' Gospels. We heard it in the middle of Lent; now we hear it once again, and maybe that's no bad thing! It's a great reminder of our being fully, still, in this Holy Year – it closes on the Sunday of 'Christ the King' in November. I urge you, if you haven't done so, to visit the table in the porch with the selection of 'Mercy' reading. Please, maybe think of buying one little booklet for spiritual reflection in the remaining weeks of this Holy Year. Also: keep free the service for the closing of the Holy Door at Waltham Cross: **Sun 13th Nov at 3pm.**

I AM SCREENING ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS this autumn a series of short videos on the faith, which go under the title of 'Sycamore'. The word 'Sycamore' alludes to the meeting between Zacchaeus and Jesus in ch. 19 of St Luke's Gospel. As Jesus enters Jericho, Zacchaeus longs to see him, but he is too short, and the crowds are too big. So he climbs a sycamore tree in order to get a better view. The Sycamore programme is about helping people to get a richer perspective on the big questions of life and faith, and allowing them to meet Christ in their own time, on their own terms, just as Zacchaeus did in the streets of Jericho. For more information, see: <https://sycamore.fm/>. Dates are inside the Newsletter: **beginning 21st Sept.**



OUR PARISH BARBECUE IS THIS SUNDAY: thank you to all – especially Dawn Bates – who have helped organise this event, and I am looking forward to a wonderful afternoon together. Don't forget that the beginning of the barbecue is **1pm**, not the later starting time of previous years.

May the Lord draw us together as a family of faith, and give us joy in His service! Fr Philip

From Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 23:



There is an aspect of mercy that goes beyond the confines of the Church. It relates us to Judaism and Islam, both of which consider mercy to be one of God's most important attributes. Israel was the first to receive this revelation which continues in history as the source of an inexhaustible richness meant to be shared with all mankind. As we have seen, the pages of the Old Testament are steeped in mercy, because they narrate the works that the Lord performed in favour of his people at the most trying moments of their history. Among the privileged names that Islam attributes to the Creator are "Merciful and Kind". This invocation is often on the lips of faithful Muslims who feel themselves accompanied and sustained by mercy in their daily weakness. They too believe that no one can place a limit on divine mercy because its doors are always open. I trust that this Jubilee year celebrating the mercy of God will foster an encounter with these religions and with other noble religious traditions; may it open us to even more fervent dialogue so that we might know and understand one another better; may it eliminate every form of closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Conor Hankins who will be baptised this weekend.

ROSE KASPERCZAK RIP died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on Tuesday 13th September at 11am at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Howard Way, Harlow CM20 2NS. *May she rest in peace.*

ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least made their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery so that training can be arranged.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Sept 16th**. 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 18th Sept**, with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS: The next rota for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers for the period Oct - Jan 2017 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh (Telephone 449282 or email patandcarolkav@btinternet.com by **Wed 28th Sept** at the latest of any dates in this period that you are not available. Please also advise of any changes in address, telephone number etc.

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 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, & Sr Marion.

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 21st, 28th Sept; 5th, 12th, 19th, Oct; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November. All welcome!

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Wed 14th September** 7.30–9pm in the church.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The next session will be on **12th September at 7.15-8.45pm** in the crypt for **parents and candidates**. 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: Application forms for the new First Holy Communion Programme (for practising Catholic children in year 3 or above) **are now available to collect after all Masses this weekend** (and 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.**

"RCIA" – 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion). **The course will continue on 13th Sept at 7pm.** If

anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip as soon as possible. There are green leaflets outlining RCIA by newsletters.



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 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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S needs an enthusiastic early-years practitioner to join its friendly team committed to providing high-quality early-years education and care for young children. As a key person with a good understanding of EYFS and a friendly and flexible approach you will be able to build positive relationship with children and their parents ensuring that each child's needs are recognised and met. Applicants to be qualified to level 3 or equivalent in early-years' childcare and education. Apply in writing with CV to: St Augustine's Under 5's, Charlton Close, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DR or e-mail staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, Bishops Stortford are holding an Open Evening for prospective parents and pupils on **Wed 28th September** at 6pm. The headteacher, Mr Celano will be giving presentations at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the hall.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH BBQ: this Sunday 11th Sept at 1pm is now sold out. Please remember to bring your own drink as there isn't a bar. Please note that the playgroup garden is closed, due to damage caused in previous years. **There is a bouncy castle available for the children, but parents must be responsible for their own children.** We look forward to seeing everyone in the garden for a really enjoyable day.

PARISH MAGAZINE for 2016, in full colour, 60 pages, will be available to buy after all Masses **this weekend**, priced £3.50. Alternatively, you can purchase it from the presbytery during the week.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be hoping to visit parish homes this Wednesday afternoon in the following roads: Woodstock Road, Stratfield Drive, St Augustine's Drive.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB: PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH CLUB IN SEPTEMBER NOW. The next dates will be: 4th & 18th October; 1st, 15th & 29th November; and 13th December, from 12.30-2.30pm in the crypt. All are welcome for lunch and a friendly, unrushed chat!

CELEBRATE: The main Celebrate Weekend in St. Albans will be held on 29th/30th Oct see : www.celebrateconference.org. For those new to Celebrate, there is a Celebrate taster evening, on **Saturday 17th September** starting with Mass at 7.30pm, SS Alban and Stephen Catholic Church, St Albans AL1 3RB.

200 CLUB winner for September was no 135 Mrs J Tackley - congratulations!

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: 18th, 25th Sept, 2nd & 9th Oct.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Theresa Casbard, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Laura Harwood. Thank you for your help!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 10th Sept 10am Mass <i>Stanley Abrahams RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 136 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7–11, 13–14 <i>The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.</i></p> <p>Psalm 50 — <i>I will leave this place and go to my father.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12–17 <i>Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.</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 15: 1–32 <i>There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4. (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Amos 8: 4–7 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1–8 Gospel: Luke 16: 1–13</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the parish</i> Sun 11th Sept 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>John Fallon RIP 1st Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Frances & John Woolsgrove RIP</i> ‡	
Mon 12th September HOLY NAME OF MARY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Magda Grassi RIP</i>	
Tues 13th September ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Louisa Leccacorvi RIP</i>	
Wed 14th Sept EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Mary Meaney RIP</i> — followed by coffee in crypt 11am Mass at St Cross School <i>Sr Marion Connaughty int's</i>	
Thurs 15th Sept OUR LADY OF SORROWS NO Mass	
Fri 16th Sept SS CORNELIUS, Pope & CYPRIAN, Bishop <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 9.30am Mass at St Augustine's School 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Tony Ogbodu int's</i>	
Sat 17th September 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Loffredo RIP</i>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Sun 18th Sept 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Thanksgiving for Olivia Teddy Ferraro</i> 11.15am <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour ‡	
<p>* 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>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Mon 12th 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt Tues 13th 7pm RCIA, presbytery Wed 14th 6pm Brownies, crypt	Wed 14th 7.30pm Baptism course, church Wed 14th 7.30pm All Saints, crypt Fri 16th 7.30pm Prayer group, church

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.*