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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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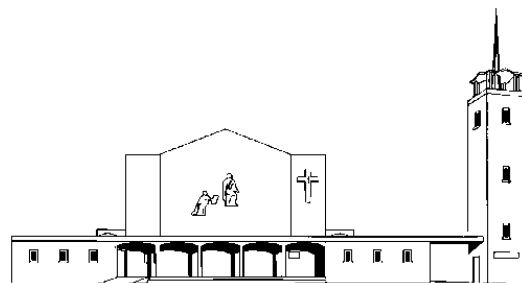
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Year C **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** **18TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

Luke 16: 1-13 *You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WINTER I AM GOING TO RUN A SHORT ADULT CONFIRMATION COURSE for Catholic adults who are practising their faith but who haven't received the important Sacrament of Confirmation in younger life. There is **NO AGE LIMIT!** If you haven't been Confirmed, then get in touch with me as soon as possible, as classes will begin on Tuesday 8th November.

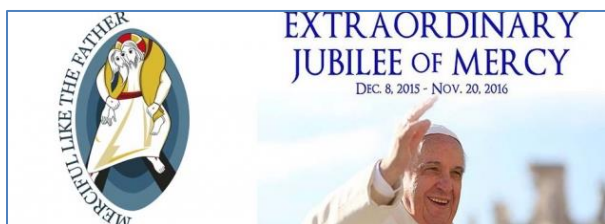
THERE IS GREAT NEWS REGARDING ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL! Mr Celano, the Headteacher, has written to the parishes and Primary Schools of our area to inform us that the county is letting St Mary's take an extra form of pupils into Year 7 in September 2017 – that's an extra 31 children. **SO:** those whose children are currently in Year 6 are strongly encouraged to place St Mary's as their no.1 choice of school on the county submission, as the school has every likelihood of admitting any and every Catholic child into St Mary's next year.

A REMINDER THAT ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS this autumn I will be showing a series of short videos on the faith, which go under the title of 'Sycamore.' The Sycamore programme will help us to think about our faith in a straightforward, accessible way. For more information, see the flyers in the porch, or visit <https://sycamore.fm/>. Dates are inside the Newsletter: **beginning 21st Sept – that's this Wednesday!**

RENEWED THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ORGANISED OUR PARISH BARBECUE last Sunday! It was indeed a great success, and wonderful to have over 220 of you here in the parish garden for such a relaxed sunny afternoon.

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. 24:



My thoughts now turn to the Mother of Mercy. May the sweetness of her countenance watch over us in this Holy Year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God's tenderness. No one has penetrated the profound mystery of the incarnation like Mary. Her entire life was patterned after the presence of mercy made flesh. The Mother of the Crucified and Risen One has entered the sanctuary of divine mercy because she participated intimately in the mystery of His love.

Chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God, Mary, from the outset, was prepared by the love of God to be the *Ark of the Covenant* between God and man. She treasured divine mercy in her heart in perfect harmony with her Son Jesus. Her hymn of praise, sung at the threshold of the home of Elizabeth, was dedicated to the mercy of God which extends from "generation to generation." We too were included in those prophetic words of the Virgin Mary. This will be a source of comfort and strength to us as we cross the threshold of the Holy Year to experience the fruits of divine mercy.

PRAYER & LITURGY

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 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!

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **this 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.

PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY to St Albans Cathedral takes place on **8th Oct**. Bishop John Sherrington will lead the pilgrimage from Verulamium Park at 2.30pm with an enactment of the story of St Alban, a procession into the Cathedral and ecumenical Evensong at 4pm in the Cathedral. 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, & 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 next course will be held on **Friday 11th and 25th November from 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.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The next session will be on **26th September at 7.15-8.45pm** in the crypt for **candidates only**. **Candidates will need to have read chapters 2 & 3 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: 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.**

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Tuesday evenings, beginning **8th November (8-9.30pm)**. Fr Philip

will be running an 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.



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

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, Bishops Stortford is 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. **St Mary's has extended its admissions number, so there will be an extra 31 places for the 2017 intake.**

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: If your child is presently in year 6 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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH BBQ was a huge success and 226 people attended! We've had a lot of great feedback from parishioners about how much they enjoyed the BBQ and 'it was the best one yet!' Obviously, the day didn't happen without a lot of hard work from many parishioners. As there are far too many to name in person, THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to make the BBQ such a fantastic day – you know who you are! If you kindly donated food and you did leave a bowl at the BBQ, please do collect it from the crypt.

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: Springfields, New Road, St David's Drive.

ISABEL HOSPICE: Collectors are needed for Sainsbury's on the **1st Oct** from 10-4pm. If you can help, please contact Ellen on 464677.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB: 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!

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Josie Warren & Barbara Wright. Thank you for your help!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 17th Sept 10am Mass Vincenzo Loffredo RIP	PAGE 140 in the Mass books
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the parish	1st Reading: Amos 8: 4–7 <i>Against those who 'buy up the poor for money.'</i>
Sun 18th Sept 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Thanksgiving for Olivia Teddy Ferraro 11.15am Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo 5.00pm Holy Hour †	Psalm 112 — Praise the Lord, who raises the poor. 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 2: 1–8 <i>There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.</i>
Mon 19th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Mary Crehan RIP	Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Open your heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia. Gospel: Luke 16: 1–13 <i>You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.</i>
Tues 20th Sept SS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON & COMPS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Fr Tony Grimshaw RIP	PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 1 (p. 66) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)
Wed 21st Sept ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Elizabeth Wang RIP — followed by coffee in crypt	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Amos 6: 1, 4–7 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11–16 Gospel: Luke 16: 19–31
Thurs 22nd Sept NO Mass	
Fri 23rd Sept DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH (NO abstinence from meat this week!) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Benefactors of St Augustine's Parish	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.
Sat 24th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM 10am Mass William & Isabel McGill RIP	ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish	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.
Sun 25th Sept 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Neville Yarwood RIP 11.15am Pasquale Ricotta 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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
<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>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Wed 21st 6pm Brownies, 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.