

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

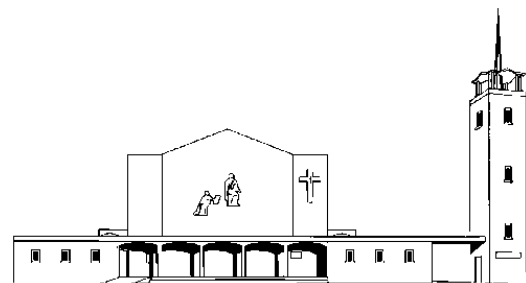
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Year C **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** **25TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

Luke 16: 19-31 – *Lazarus is being comforted here while you are in agony.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

I AM SORRY TO HAVE TO ANNOUNCE THE DEATH THIS LAST WEEK OF SR MARION CONNAUGHTY of the Sisters of Our Lady – former Head Teacher of St Cross School (pictured *centre* in the photo, at the St Cross School peace garden). Although in recent years living in the main community house in Kettering, Sr Marion was a long-standing member of this parish, and a much-loved teacher, and Head Teacher, at St Cross, over many years. Sr Marion has been a regular visitor back to this parish, which she really loved, and has been a good friend to many parishioners here. Her funeral details are listed inside the Newsletter, and Mrs Hall will be taking a delegation of pupils from St Cross to represent the school and parish. *May she rest in peace.*



MAY I REMIND PARENTS OF YEAR-6 CHILDREN (and maybe Year-5s too) that St Mary's Catholic Secondary School has its Open Evening this week – Wednesday 28th. The county council 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 the likelihood of admitting any and every Catholic child into St Mary's next year.

TWO OTHER REMINDERS, PLEASE, FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

(I) **ADULT CONFIRMATION COURSE** for Catholic adults, beginning on Tuesday 8th November, and running for 2 months up to mid-January. Please contact Fr Philip a.s.a.p. to be included on this course.

(II) **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 'Sycamore programme'** of short videos on our Catholic faith, after Wednesday coffee (c. 10.15am). The series began really well last Wednesday! Open to all.

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. 24:



At the foot of the Cross, Mary, together with John, the disciple of love, witnessed the words of forgiveness spoken by Jesus. This supreme expression of mercy towards those who crucified Him show us the point to which the mercy of God can reach. Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception. Let us address her in the words of the *Salve Regina*, a prayer ever ancient and ever new, so that she may never tire of turning

her merciful eyes upon us, and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her Son Jesus.

PRAYER & LITURGY

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.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be held **next Sunday 2nd October** at 5.00pm.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS: The next rota for the period Oct - Jan 2017 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh (Telephone 449282 or e-mail 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.

THE WALSINGHAM WALKERS will be welcomed to our parish again next weekend and staying in the crypt on their annual pilgrimage from London to Walsingham. The men are willing to take with them any Petitions which parishioners may have and deposit them at the Shrine in Walsingham. Please do drop your Petitions into the presbytery.

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!

DIVINE MERCY DAY OF PRAYER will be held at Westminster Cathedral on **Sat 1st Oct** from 9.30am-4.30pm with Mass at 10.30am.

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.

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 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 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.



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 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 term for their hymn practice then please contact the school on 463549.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH BBQ: Thank you to everyone who supported the BBQ by buying raffle tickets and all who donated raffle prizes. The total profit was £750 which will be used towards parish expenses, such as the recent acquisition of the chairs which are used in the church. **If you kindly donated food and you did leave a bowl at the BBQ, please do collect it from the crypt.**

PARISH MAGAZINE in full colour, 60 pages, will be available to buy after all Masses **this weekend**, priced £3.50. You can also purchase it from the Presbytery during the week.

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

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

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: 25th Sept, 2nd & 30th Oct.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca, Mary Dineen & Kathleen Connors.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 24th Sept OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM 10am Mass William & Isabel McGill RIP</p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the parish</p> <p>Sun 25th Sept 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Neville Yarwood RIP 11.15am Pasquale Ricotta RIP ‡</p>	<p>PAGE 143 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Amos 6: 1, 4–7 <i>Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled.</i></p> <p>Psalm 145 — My soul, give praise to the Lord.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11–16 <i>Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord.</i></p>
<p>Mon 26th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Eileen Linford RIP</p> <p>Tues 27th Sept ST VINCENT DE PAUL, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Leo Lee-Lozone RIP</p> <p>Wed 28th Sept 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Michael Philip — followed by coffee in crypt</p> <p>Thurs 29th Sept SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL 8.30am Mass Sr Marion Connaughty RIP</p> <p>Fri 30th Sept ST JEROME, Priest & Doctor (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Serena Beschizza RIP</p> <p>Sat 1st October ST THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS 10am Mass Margaret Whelehan RIP</p>	<p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia.</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 16: 19–31 <i>Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 1 (p. 66) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2–3, 2: 2–4 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6–8, 13–14 Gospel: Luke 17: 5–10</p>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Giovanni & Vincenzina D'Ambrosio RIP</p> <p>Sun 2nd Oct 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Vincenzo Graffato RIP 11.15am Filippo Adamo RIP 5.00pm Latin Mass For the Parish ‡</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.</p> <p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<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>	
<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p>	
<p>Mon 26th 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt</p>	<p>Wed 28th 6pm Brownies, crypt</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.*