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St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

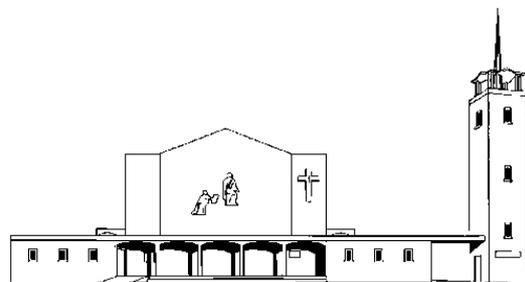
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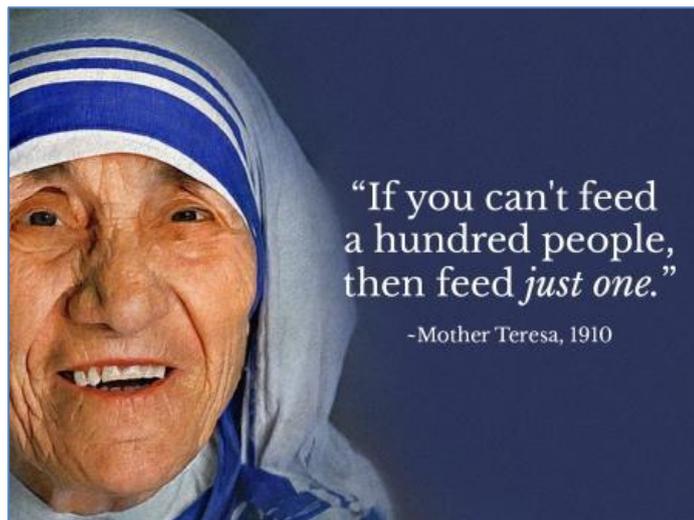
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Year C THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 4TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Luke 14: 25-33 *None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS SUNDAY, IN ROME, MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA will be canonized, i.e. declared a saint, by Pope Francis. She died 19 years ago, on 5th September 1997, having given 68 of her 87 years of life to working as a nun in India. She was of Albanian origin, born in 1910 in what today is Macedonia, and left home at 18 to join the Sisters of Loreto. But after 19 years of working in their schools, she felt the call to work more closely with the 'poorest of the poor,' and she began to live the life which would result in her new religious order, the Missionaries of Charity. Her order now has 5,000 sisters working with the poor across the globe, and an associated membership of co-workers numbering about 1 million.



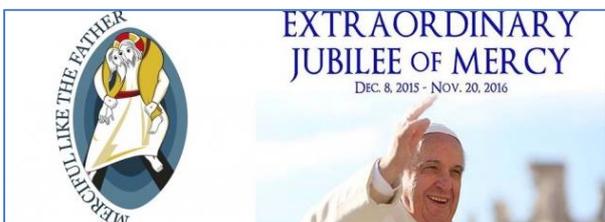
Many sayings are attributed to Mother Teresa over her long life. I would like to quote these:

"The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty – it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God."

OUR PARISH BARBECUE IS NEXT SUNDAY, so we need you to get in final ticket requests by **Monday midday** at the latest. There are plenty of Barbecue forms in the porch – or ask Fr Philip for one after Mass. **ALSO:** please visit the Barbecue noticeboard, and offer your services for the many, small jobs that go to assisting with the preparations and running of the event.

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. 22:



The Church lives within the communion of the saints. In the Eucharist, this communion, which is a gift from God, becomes a spiritual union binding us to the saints and blessed ones whose number is beyond counting. Their holiness comes to the aid of our weakness in a way that enables the Church, with her maternal prayers and her way of life, to fortify the weakness of some with the strength of others. Hence, to live the indulgence of the Holy Year means to approach the Father's mercy

with the certainty that his forgiveness extends to the entire life of the believer. To gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, who bestows upon all the fruits of Christ's redemption, so that God's love and forgiveness may extend everywhere. Let us live this Jubilee intensely, begging the Father to forgive our sins and to bathe us in his merciful "indulgence."

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.

MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS will be held on **Sat 10th Sept. at 2pm** at Westminster Cathedral. The principal celebrant will be Cardinal Vincent Nichols and all volunteers are welcome.

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!

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 27 people 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, & Doney Beary.

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

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Fri 9th and Wed 14th September** 7.30–9pm in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, contact the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2017: Please note that the register begins this weekend, so please do sign in after Mass. We look forward to welcoming you to the next session on **12th September at 7.15pm** in the church crypt.

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 begin on 6th 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 will need to apply immediately to go on the list for requesting a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' towards the end of 2016. An information pack is available now from the presbytery. Once you have completed the form and returned it to the presbytery, your name will be added to the weekly sign-in-sheet which will be available in the church porch on the noticeboard (by the fire-exit door) for signing after the Saturday evening vigil Mass and the Masses of Sunday. On this basis Fr Philip will be in a better position to judge whether he can issue the Certificate you ask for.

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

FACEBOOK: We now have a FaceBook page; just search for "CatholicHoddesdon": please 'like' the page, and invite your parish friends to 'like' it too.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be hoping to visit parish homes this Monday & Wednesday afternoon in the following roads: Pulham Ave (high nos.), Copthorn Ave, Park Lane, and environs.

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!

PARISH BBQ: The BBQ will now be on **Sunday 11th Sept at 1pm.** Please fill out your request for tickets and hand it into the presbytery **THIS WEEKEND.** If you don't have the money with you, you can pay on the door. We do need final numbers by **Monday 5th September 12 noon** so that we can order the food and we cannot accept people after 12 noon. There won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. **Application forms are now available from the back of the church and by the BBQ board.** Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE volunteer to assist with the many jobs – setting out chairs/tables before, putting up gazebos, making potato/pasta salads, coleslaw and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen.** Raffle prizes are also needed for the day, so if you can donate something, please hand it in at the presbytery as **we need all raffle prizes by the 5th September.** Thanks for your support.

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.

MISSION ANIMATION DAY for all APF members will be held on **Sat 10th Sept** at St Joseph's Parish Centre, 36 Cookham Rd, Maidenhead from 10.30am. Please see the notice board for further details.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to have the magazine available to buy very soon.

CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information morning on **Sat 17th Sept 10am-12 noon** at the volunteer centre, Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Rd N14 4HE. Bookings taken on 0208.449.6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 3rd Sept ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope 10am Mass <i>Marietta Sorrentino RIP</i>	<p align="center">PAGE 133 in the Mass books</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Kitty O'Rourke RIP</i>	1st Reading: Wisdom 9: 13–18 <i>Who can divine the will of the Lord?</i>
Sun 4th Sept 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Francesca Crimauo RIP</i> 11.15am <i>President's Mass – Catenians</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	Psalm 89 — O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next. 2nd Reading: Philemon 9–10, 12–17 <i>Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.</i>
Mon 5th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Simon Still RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia.
Tues 6th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Tom McGann RIP</i>	Gospel: Luke 14: 25–33 <i>None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.</i>
Wed 7th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Palmino Corsini RIP</i> — followed by coffee in crypt	PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27) <p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p>
Thurs 8th Sept NATIVITY OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY 8.30am Mass <i>Julie Behseta RIP</i>	1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7–11, 13–14 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12–17 Gospel: Luke 15: 1–32
Fri 9th September <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Nora & Ernesto Venturini</i>	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
Sat 10th September 10am Mass <i>Stanley Abrahams RIP</i>	<p align="center">ROSARY</p> Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</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.
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> †	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> 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 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 align="center">REGULAR EVENTS</p>	
Tues 6th 7pm RCIA, presbytery	Fri 9th 7.30pm Baptism course, presbytery

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.*