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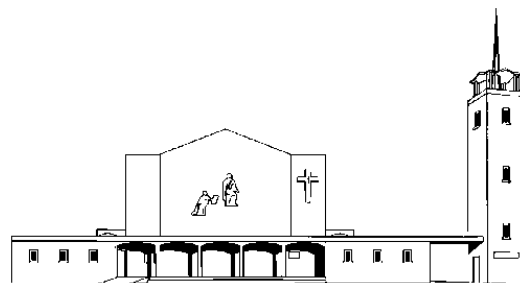
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Year A

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

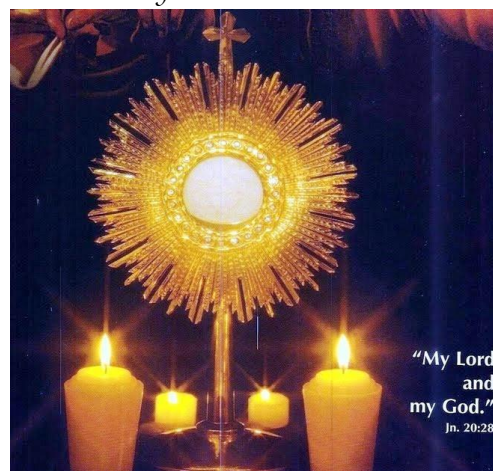
2nd JULY 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 37-42

Anyone who does not take his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND WE HAVE OUR '40 HOURS' ADORATION, continuing through Saturday and Sunday (8am-9pm) and including our *Corpus Christi* procession with the First-Holy-Communion children (Sunday 12.15pm after Mass). PLEASE come and experience this quiet and profound time of prolonged prayer in our church. It is a sign of a healthy spiritual life in a parish when Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is well attended. **Night Prayer & Benediction conclude each day at 8.45pm.**



OUR AUXILIARY IN HERTFORDSHIRE, BISHOP PAUL, VISITS US NEXT SUNDAY and will celebrate the 9.15 and 11.15am Masses. He will stay for lunch in the crypt with us all after the 11.15am Mass – so please sign up to bring some *finger food* for the buffet after the morning Masses.

Bishop Paul asks that **all those who are carers** (whether caring for a sick or infirm loved one at home; having to care and visit them in their own home; or working in the healthcare sector as medic, nurse, or any sort of healthcare assistant) **gather at the 11.15am Mass** for a special rite of prayer and blessing. Bp Paul is keen to recognise the crucial contribution made to our society through health workers and family carers.

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that I announce the death of Michael Sherman. Michael has had two spells serving on the parish Finance Committee in my years in the parish; and in the past two years he has been managing the work of book-keeper and accountant for the parish finances, including diligently attending to the regular Monday-morning tasks. Michael is also well-known as a long-standing Minister of Holy Communion at the 6.30pm Mass, accompanying his wife Helen when she was able to come despite her own long-term sickness. Our sympathies go out to Helen; and my gratitude to those who are helping her at a difficult time. *May he rest in peace.*

May the Lord's love radiating from the Blessed Sacrament fill us with joy & hope! Fr Philip

Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 18:



Now is the time to unleash the creativity of mercy, to bring about new undertakings, the fruit of grace. The Church today needs to tell of those "many other signs" that Jesus worked, which "are not written," so that they too may be an eloquent expression of the fruitfulness of the love of Christ and the community that draws its life from him. Two thousand years have passed, yet works of mercy continue to make God's goodness visible.

PRAYER & LITURGY

THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION continues in church **Sat & Sun**, 8am-9pm. PLEASE continue to come and pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: sign your name on lists on the blue board in the porch (half-hr slots).

SATURDAY: 8am Adoration begins

10am Mass; Adoration resumes
4.00pm Italian Mass; Adoration resumes
6.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes
8.45pm Night Prayer & Benediction

SUNDAY: 8am Adoration begins

9.15am & 11.15am Masses
12.30pm Corpus Christi Procession
1.00pm Adoration resumes
5.00pm Latin Mass; Adoration resumes
8.45pm Night Prayer & Benediction

MICHAEL SHERMAN RIP of Winterscroft, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. Details of his funeral will follow in due course. *May he rest in peace.*

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 7th July**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN will be coming to the parish on visitation **next Sunday 9th July** for the 9.15 and 11.15am Masses and would like to meet as many parishioners as possible. There will be a shared meal in the crypt after the 11.15am Mass **so please sign up on the list at the back of church as to what finger food you can bring.**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HODDESDON invite you to an evening of ecumenical prayer on **Wednesday 12th July 8pm** at St Catherine & St Paul's Church.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **Sunday, 16th July** at 5pm 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 July 21st**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Siobhan Fiorentini, Toni Randazzo, Doreen Willis & 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

CONFIRMATION 2018: Fr Philip wishes to see each candidate (in next year's year 9 or above) and a parent for a short chat (20-30 minutes) before the summer. **Applications will close for this programme on 7th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 12th & Friday 22nd Sept 7.30-9.00pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To book onto the course, please contact the presbytery.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: There will be another course starting in the autumn. Please contact the presbytery for further information. Please note that you need to give at least 6 months' notice to Fr Philip prior to your intended wedding date.



Our fundraising began in 2014, and **we have pledged of c. £185k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £51k.** So far we already

have £24k available for our parish project, which is to employ a part-time worker in the area of catechetics and evangelization.

Fr Philip is meeting a possible candidate for this role, who has been recommended to us by the diocesan youth-ministry team. Let's pray that this will come to fruition!

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 2018, or if your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2018, then you need to continue signing the weekly sign-in-sheet in the church porch on the noticeboard. **Please note that the system for applying for a Certificate of Catholic Practice is now closed.**

MISCELLANEOUS

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB held in the crypt: dates: **4th & 18th July** 12.30-2.30pm. Price £4. Anybody & everybody welcome!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his house visits to parish homes on **Wednesday** afternoon this week in these streets:

PARISH BOOK-KEEPER & ACCOUNTANT: The Parish Finance Committee would like to know if there is a parishioner with book-keeping/accounting experience to volunteer for a specific role on the committee. There are two elements to the work, which could be separated. The first involves essential book-keeping, mainly involving totalling and banking the moneys received, usually on a Monday morning. This would take 2 to 3 hours per week. If anyone would like to take on this particular role the committee would be happy to discuss. The second element mainly involves keeping the parish financial records on a web-based system, carrying out monthly bank reconciliations and producing annual accounts. This would take up to 3 or 4 hours per month, and there would be some flexibility on where and when it was carried out. Training and support is available for both elements. For a job description and to receive more information, please contact the Presbytery.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: The diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from **Sunday 23rd July**

to Saturday 29th July 2017. Brochures and booking forms listing a range of prices which vary depending on choice of travel and accommodation, are available from the Pilgrimage Office, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN or Tangney Tours online: <http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster> Fr Philip will as usual be on this pilgrimage helping with the less-able pilgrims in the Accueil St Frai.

QUIZ NIGHT: Thank you to everyone who came to the quiz or supported us on Friday 23rd. We raised £366, including a donation for our charity UKaid for Deprived Children. A great result. Thank You especially to Vicky for making such a fun evening.

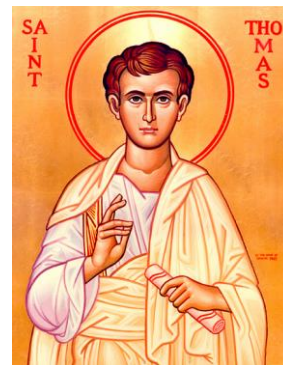
PARISH BBQ will be held on **Sunday 10th September at 1pm** so please save the date! More details to follow soon.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to publish our annual magazine at the beginning of September. If you have an article, please do email it or hand it in at the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. Thank you for your help.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST THOMAS 3RD JULY



St. Thomas was a Jew, called to be one of the twelve Apostles. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." But, St Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas's unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday merited for him the title "doubting Thomas." He is the patron saint of architects.

| Masses this week | Today's Liturgy |
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| Sat 1st July DEDICATION OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL 10am Mass <i>Desmond & Irene Johnston</i> | PAGE 96 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8–11, 14–16 <i>There is a holy man of God; let him rest there.</i> |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Michael Sherman RIP Sun 2nd July 13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Nadia Miragliotta RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Giuseppe Diesi RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡ | Psalm 88 — I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord. 2nd Reading: Romans 6: 3–4, 8–11 <i>When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!</i> |
| Mon 3rd July ST THOMAS, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Grainne Finn RIP</i> Tues 4th July ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Michael & Gretta McGrath RIP</i> | Gospel: Matthew 10: 37–42 <i>Anyone who does not take his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 5 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18) |
| Wed 5th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Vincenzo & Grazia Castronovo RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt | NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9–10 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11–13 Gospel: Matthew 11: 25–30 |
| Thurs 6th July ST MARIA GORETTI NO MASS | |
| Fri 7th July <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Joanne Fisher RIP</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>John Bateson RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour Sat 8th July 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> | 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. ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Pamela Newell RIP Sun 9th July 14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Lisa O'Sullivan RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡ | 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 style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> ** 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) | 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 |
| REGULAR EVENTS | |
| Tues 4th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt | Wed 5th 6.00pm 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.*