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Year A

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

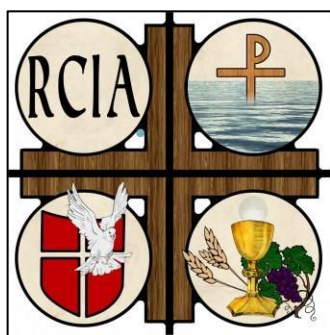
23rd JULY 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 24-43

Let them both grow till the harvest.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

WE WELCOME BACK FR JOHN BAPTIST KISEMBO TO OUR PARISH. I will be away in Lourdes this week, and Fr John Baptist will supply for me here. After a fortnight in Hertford, he will return to cover the second half of August whilst I am on holiday. Please welcome him warmly!



I WOULD LIKE YOU TO THINK OF ANYONE you should be inviting to come to know Jesus better, become a Catholic, and receive the Sacraments. Our annual 'RCIA' course ('Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults') will begin in September (Monday 11th), and is a preparation in an informal group setting for receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. The group will consist of those not yet Christian who are seeking Baptism; non-Catholic Christians who are wanting to convert to Catholicism; and those adult Catholics who have not yet been confirmed.

Please spread the word, **take a green sheet from alongside the Newsletters**, and invite to come and speak to me over the summer anyone who may wish to join RCIA in the autumn.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO COME ON OUR PARISH DAY TRIP TO STONOR PARK ON 10TH AUGUST. It's a very beautiful historic house near Henley-on-Thames. (<http://www.stonor.com/>) In the 1580s, at the height of the persecution of Catholics after the Reformation, they hid St Edmund Campion, a Jesuit priest newly returned to the English mission, and it was from his lodging in Stonor House that he printed his defence of the Catholic faith, the *Decem Rationes* ('Ten Reasons'). We will depart the church by coach at 8.30am, have Mass in the House chapel, a guided tour and time for lunch, then transfer to Henley-on-Thames for an hr's boat trip on the River Thames. Parishioners of all ages warmly welcome.

May the Lord bless and protect you in these summer weeks with some re-creation! Fr Philip

Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 19:



Think of one corporal work of mercy: "to clothe the naked." This brings us back to the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve realize that they are naked and, hearing the Lord approaching, feel shame and hide themselves. ... God punished them, yet he also "made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them." He covered their shame and restored their dignity.

Let us think too of Jesus on Golgotha. The Son of God hangs naked on the cross; the soldiers took his tunic and cast lots for it. He has nothing left. The cross is the extreme revelation of Jesus's sharing the lot of those who have lost their dignity or

lack of the necessities of life. Just as the Church is called to be the "tunic of Christ" and to clothe her Lord once more, so She is committed to solidarity with the naked of the world, to help them recover the dignity of which they have been stripped. Jesus's words: "I was naked and you clothed me" oblige us not to turn our backs on the new forms of poverty and marginalization that prevent people from living a life of dignity.

PRAYER & LITURGY

MICHAEL SHERMAN RIP of Winterscroft, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family.

PETER ZWAGER RIP of Stanstead Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. Details of their funerals will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

DAY OUT TO STONOR PARK: Fr Philip will lead a group to Stonor Park near Henley-on-Thames on **Thursday 10th August**. Stonor is synonymous with the Catholic struggle throughout the Reformation and is closely associated with St Edmund Campion. He hid at Stonor during the reign of Queen Elizabeth and printed his famous '10 Reasons' from a secret printing press in the roof. The coach will depart from church at 8.30am and there will be Mass at 11am in the Chapel followed by lunch in The Pantry. We will leave Stonor Park at 2.30pm to travel to Henley on Thames for a one hour river cruise at 3.45pm and then return to Hoddesdon. Families and children are most welcome. The price will be around £35 (slight reduction for children and seniors) but this will be confirmed later, once we know numbers. Lunch is **not** included in this price. If you would like to attend, please sign the list in the church porch.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **Sunday, 17th Sept** 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 15th Sept**. 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: applications have now closed for next year's Confirmation group. We need to receive the yellow forms back in from those who have applied. We look forward to welcoming you to the next session on the **5th September at 7.15pm** in the crypt.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tues 12th & Fri 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.

"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 11th September 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 the newsletters.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: There will be another course starting early 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

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5s HOLIDAY TIMES: free play and themed activity days on Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am from the **24th July**. Donation of £3 per child and £1 per sibling with under-1s free. This includes a drink and snack. Parents must be responsible for their children and must supervise them at all times.

ST CROSS SCHOOL is looking for a new Site Manager to start on the 1st September. The position is fulltime, 37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Closing date is 4th August, 5pm. Please email the head, Mrs Kathryn Hall at head@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5s is looking for a Deputy Team Leader, term time only: responsible for assisting the team leader with supervision of staff, deputise in team leader's absence and have a good understanding of EYFS. Applicants need to be qualified to level 3/4 or equivalent in Early Year's Childcare and Education. Closing date is 28th July. Job description is available on request. Please apply with covering letter and CV to: Under 5's, Charlton Close, EN11 8DR, or e-mail staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk.

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 201+8, 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.**

JUSTICE & PEACE / PRO-LIFE

LOVE IN ACTION: Caritas Westminster will facilitate a special program called 'Love in Action' in this Parish, starting with an introduction evening at **7.30pm on Wednesday 20th Sept**. The program is based on Catholic Social Teaching, which is all about how to respond to the needs of the world, in light of our faith. We hope you can participate, as it is

relevant to everyone. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of the church after Mass **next weekend**.

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

PARISH BBQ will be held on Sunday 10th Sept at 1pm. The forms to request your tickets are now available at the back of church. We do need final numbers by Monday 4th 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. Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. Please hand your completed form and money into the presbytery. The lists for volunteers will be available soon.

KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDIAN DUO are giving a concert of Classical and Ukrainian music in St Catherine's & St Paul's Church on **3rd August at 7.30pm**. For more info, please contact Margaret Byrne on 443351.

CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Josie Warren, Tracey Hayes, Tanya McAteer & Francesca Comparetto. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE 10am Mass <i>Caterina Carini RIP</i>	PAGE 105 in the Mass books
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Luciano & Rosalia DiLena RIP Sun 23rd July 16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Ida D'Onofrio RIP</i> ‡	1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16–19 <i>After sin you will grant repentance.</i> Psalm 85 — O Lord, you are good and forgiving. 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26–27 <i>The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.</i>
Mon 24th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Pius Ogbodu RIP</i> Tues 25th July ST JAMES, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Colomba Ferrazzano RIP</i> Wed 26th July SS JOACHIM & ANNE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Kosta Neonakis's intentions</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 27th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Calogero Merulla RIP</i> Fri 28th July <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Private Intention</i> Sat 29th July ST MARTHA 10am Mass <i>All departed souls RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: 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! Gospel: Matthew 13: 24–43 <i>Let them both grow till the harvest.</i> PREFACE TODAY: ad lib. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib. NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 17 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7–12 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28–30 Gospel: Matthew 13: 44–52
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Giuseppe Re RIP Sun 30th July 17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Deceased members of Ferraro Family</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</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. 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.
* 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)	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	

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.