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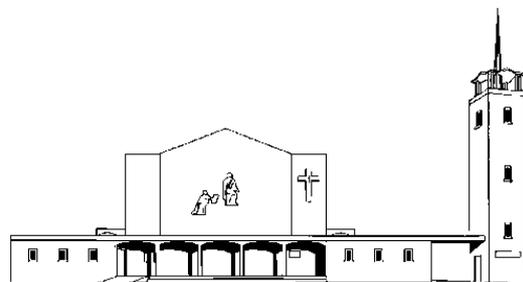
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Year A

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th JULY 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 25-30

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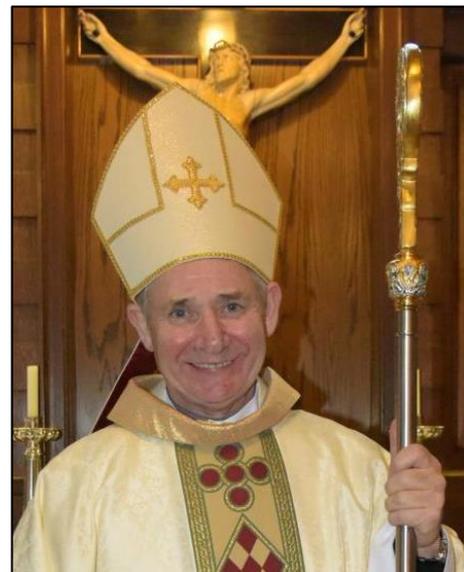
My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

WE WELCOME OUR AUXILIARY BISHOP IN HERTFORDSHIRE, BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN, on Visitation to us this Sunday, and he will be celebrating the 9.15 and 11.15am Masses. He will stay for lunch in the crypt with us – so please make sure to come down after the 11.15 Mass to greet him and to enjoy some lunch. This is Bishop Paul's first visit to our parish other than for Confirmation ceremonies, and we are glad to have him here as the direct representative of our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent.

This weekend is also set aside in the diocese for special prayer for carers in our community, both those who work professionally in healthcare, and those who in all sorts of domestic situations look after frail loved ones. At the 11.15am Mass, Bishop Paul will include a Rite of Prayer & Blessing for all carers, for, as St Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours."

I WISH TO THANK ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CELEBRATIONS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION recently, most especially the wonderful team of catechists led by Vicky Lee-Lozone. I am extremely grateful to those who assisted in preparation for the ceremonies, including the Parish Secretary, Sacristan, Servers, Musicians, and Flower-Arranging team. Also: thanks to the many parishioners who participated in the extended prayer-time last weekend over '40 Hours' Adoration: it was a time of great peace across the whole three days, a source of great blessing.

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:



In our own day, whole peoples suffer hunger and thirst, and we are haunted by pictures of children with nothing to eat. Throngs of people continue to migrate from one country to another in search of food, work, shelter and peace. Disease in its various forms is a constant cause of suffering that cries out for assistance, comfort and support. Prisons are often places where confinement is accompanied by serious hardships due to inhumane living conditions. Illiteracy remains widespread, preventing children from developing their potential and exposing them to new forms of slavery. The culture of extreme individualism, especially in the West, has led to a

loss of a sense of solidarity with and responsibility for others. Today many people have no experience of God himself, and this represents the greatest poverty and the major obstacle to recognition of the inviolable dignity of human life.

To conclude, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy continue in our own day to be proof of mercy's immense positive influence as a *social value*. Mercy impels us to roll up our sleeves and set about restoring dignity to millions of people; they are our brothers and sisters who, with us, are called to build a "city which is reliable."

PRAYER & LITURGY

MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend there will be a Mission Appeal by Fr George Matthew of the Sacred Heart Congregation of Betharram.

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.*

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

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place next **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.

PILGRIMAGE 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.

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.

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.

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

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.**

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS: St. Augustine's School is looking to appoint a KS2 and a EYFS trained Learning Support Assistant/Nursery Nurse. Applicants are required to have a Level 2 or above qualification or relevant experience or a Level 3 and full PFA certificate if applying for EYFS. Please contact Mrs Gillian Napier, Headteacher via her PA, Carol Branch on 463549 for further info and a school application form.

MISCELLANEOUS

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB held in the crypt: dates: **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: Howfield Green, Ware Road (odd nos.)

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*.

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN will be held from **21st-23rd July** at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon. This is a great opportunity to relax, hear truly inspirational Speakers, and join with other men on a refreshing Summer break with a difference. For further information and booking form go to www.harvesters.org.uk

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to publish our annual magazine at the beginning of September. If you have an article, please do e-mail it or hand it in at the presbytery by **21st July**.

KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDIAN DUO are giving a concert of Classical and Ukranian music in St Catherine's & St Paul's Church on **Thursday 3rd August at 7.30pm**. This is a free concert but there will be a donation box in aid of children and families affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. For more info, please contact Margaret Byrne on 443351.

CHURCH CLEANING: Maria Manzo, Charmaine Collins, Elizabeth Nsonwah and Toni Iamarino. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK **CAFOD PRAYER**



God of all that is good,
You make the sun rise
across the earth, You
breathe wind through the fields,
You pour water from the mountains.
Move us to change our lives and
bring the power of Your love, so that all
may flourish.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 8th July 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Pamela Newell RIP</p> <p>Sun 9th July 14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Lisa O'Sullivan RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡</p>	<p>PAGE 99 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9–10 <i>See now, your king comes humbly to you.</i></p> <p>Psalm 144 — <i>I will bless your name for ever, O God my king.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: Romans 8-9, 11–13 <i>If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 11: 25–30 <i>I am gentle and humble of heart.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 6 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10–11 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 18–23 Gospel: Matthew 13: 1–23</p>
<p>Mon 10th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Seamus McHale RIP</i></p> <p>Tues 11th July ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Milly Yarwood RIP</i></p> <p>Wed 12th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Clayton family Intentions</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt</p> <p>Thurs 13th July ST HENRY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Kenneth & Breda Ryan's intentions</i></p> <p>Fri 14th July (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Bernadette Starken's intentions</i></p> <p>Sat 15th July ST BONAVENTURE, Bishop & Dr 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Loffredo RIP 1st anniv.</i></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 The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and 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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish</p> <p>Sun 16th July 15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Nicola Barone RIP</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour ‡</p>	<p>REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Wed 12th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt</p> <p>Wed 12th 7.30pm All Saints, crypt</p>
<p>* 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>	

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.*