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St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

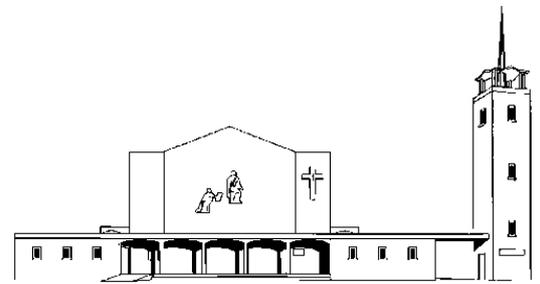
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Year A

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

5th NOVEMBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 23: 1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

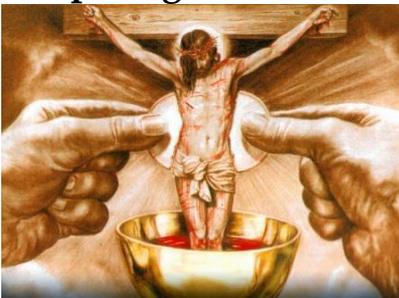
'LOVE IN ACTION' HAS A FINAL GET-TOGETHER for the 'Parish Action Plan' - Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm – so we can put into action the Catholic Social Teaching we have touched on over the past six weeks in the Sunday homilies.

Hopefully you have been engaged over the last few weeks with the importance of our Catholic Social Teaching, and the demand on ourselves to live well in our own situation this 'love in action.' PLEASE come to this Action Plan Evening, so between us we can work out what project best suits our parish at this particular time. COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY, and make your contribution to effecting 'Love in Action': in this way we can really take seriously Our Lord's command to "love your neighbour"! Our parish should be a powerhouse of putting the Gospel into action. Come and help that be the case!

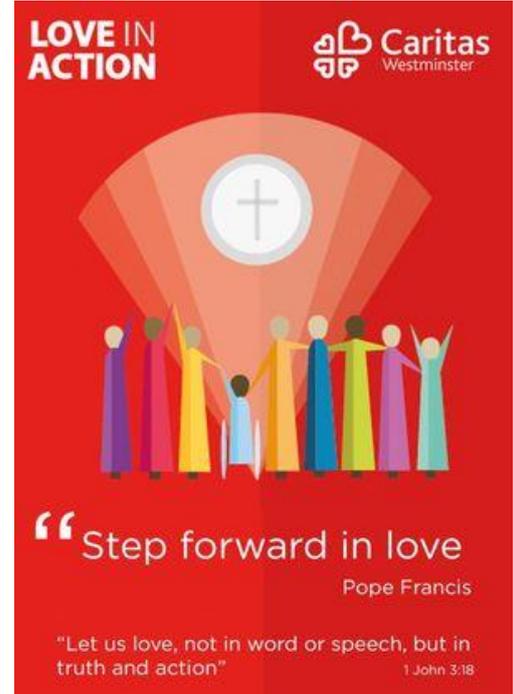
THIS PARISH MISSION WITH JOHN PRIDMORE is coming up at the end of the month, so please keep free the following dates: **Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November (7.30pm Mission Evenings)**. The first evening will be his testimony; the second evening will be a 'healing service' with Confessions available; the third evening will be a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. John will speak each evening to us. This is an UNMISSABLE event, as he is a renowned speaker. In order to get out the information / flyers / invitations for this great event, we need a 'Mission Task Force' to prepare the material for delivery to our parish homes. If you can spare some time **this Wednesday (10.30am till ??1pm)** after morning coffee, then please come and help – the more the merrier! Thank you!

May the Lord bless us as we make every effort to be outgoing missionary disciples! Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 6:



To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognize Him wherever He manifests Himself, in His many forms of presence, but above all in the living sacrament of His body and His blood. *The Church draws her life from Christ in the Eucharist*; by Him she is fed and by Him she is enlightened. The Eucharist is both a mystery of faith and a "mystery of light." Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist, the faithful can in some way relive the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: "their eyes were opened and they recognized Him."



PRAYER & LITURGY

FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ RIP of Yewlands, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 13th November at 2pm.**

HELEN SHERMAN RIP formerly of Winterscroft died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 15th November at 9.30am.**

May they rest in peace.

'LOVE IN ACTION' ACTION PLAN: in this session we brainstorm together the needs of our community and decide on a parish project! It's **this Tuesday 7th Nov at 7.30pm**, in the crypt. All very welcome. Any questions, please call Una Daly on 07801-572434.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT THE CEMETERY: Fr Philip will lead the annual visit to the cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish on **Sunday 5th Nov.** Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at **2pm. (Please note the new earlier time.)**

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are now at the back of the church. Return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR: **Sat 11th November, 6.30pm** Mass will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all who have lost a dear one in the past year may wish to make this their Sunday Mass next weekend.

'INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS' leaflets are available beside the newsletters at the back of church if you wish to complete one. Please hand in a photocopy to the presbytery.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting 17th Nov.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **Sunday, 19th Nov** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

PARISH MISSION: St Patrick's Community Mission team will lead us in a parish mission from **Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th November.** The team will include the famous speaker John Pridmore, author of "From Gangland to Promised Land." **We need at least 12 volunteers to help put flyers in envelopes THIS Wednesday 8th November 10.30am-1pm** in the crypt and tea/coffee will be provided. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Siobhan Fiorentini, Tallulah Scott & 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/bishopstortford>

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 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION 2018: The next session will be on **14th Nov at 7.15pm** for candidates. Chapter 6 of Mark's Gospel to be read for then. If you still haven't paid the **£10 for materials and pamphlets**, please arrange to hand this in soon at 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 continues on Mon 6th Nov at 7pm.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

The second meeting for parents will be on **Wed 8th Nov 8-9pm** in the crypt. The second session for children will be on **Mon 13th Nov 6-7.30pm**.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Friday 10th Nov 8-9pm & Wednesday 15th November 7pm-8pm** in the presbytery. The two-evening course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.



Our fundraising began in 2014, and we have **pledges 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 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. **Secondary-school register now finished for Year 6s.**

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is looking for a new Site Manager/Caretaker to start on the 2nd Jan 2018. The position is full time, 35 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Closing date is 7th Nov at 12pm. Please call office on 463549 or e-mail headteacher, Mrs Gillian Napier via cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is holding an open day for prospective Reception class parents for 2018/19 academic year on Thursday 30th November at 1.30pm. Please contact school office on 463549.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S needs your votes to help them obtain funding from Aviva who give out funding to local projects. The Under 5's will use the money to renew and upgrade their outdoor play area. To vote please register at aviva.co.uk/community-fund and

search for St Augustine's Under 5's. Voting closes on the 21st November.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's holds a toddler and baby group on Tuesday mornings 9.15am-11.30am in the crypt; Wednesdays and Fridays 1.30-3pm in the playgroup. All welcome!

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRADCRAFT: If anyone would like me to order any specific items, including Christmas cards, please let me know by **Friday Nov 17th** at the latest. The orders will then be ready for collection by the (w/e of Milly's Charity Christmas Fair). Catalogues can be found at the back of the Church and there is also a poster, showing this year's selection of Christmas cards, on the Traidcraft notice board. E-mail: maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com or ring 07790-453378. Many thanks for supporting Traidcraft throughout the year. Maria Hunt

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be making his house visits this week, on **Wednesday** afternoon in: Riversmead, Rawdon Drive, Chapel End.

WORLD MISSION collection amounted to £506.53 last weekend. Thank you!

ISABEL HOSPICE need Carol singers for 'Hoddesdon loves Christmas' event on **25th November at 3pm**. If you can help, please contact John Roberts on 445667.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday 10th Nov** in the crypt. £5 per head – bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table!

200 CLUB WINNER for November is Mrs Siobhan Fiorentini. Congratulations!

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: 3rd and 10th December.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah, Laura Harwood & Tony & Linda Barrell. Thank you for your help!

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 4th November ST CHARLES BORROMEEO, Bishop 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Pietro Dileto RIP</i>		PAGE 149 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Malachi 1: 14–2:2,8–10 You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. Psalm 130 — Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord. 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 7–9, 13 We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia! Gospel: Matthew 23: 1–12 <i>They do not practise what they preach.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24) <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12–16 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13–18 Gospel: Matthew 25: 1–13</p>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Holy Souls Sun 5th November 31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Margaret Cameron RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡			
Mon 6th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> Tues 7th November ST WILLIBRORD, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> Wed 8th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> Thurs 9th Nov DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> Fri 10th November ST LEO THE GREAT, Pope & Dr <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> Sat 11th November ST MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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>	
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* 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)			
REGULAR EVENTS			
Tues 7th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Wed 8th Nov 6pm Brownies, crypt		Wed 8th Nov 8pm 1st HC meeting, crypt Fri 10th Nov 8pm Baptism course, presb	

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.*