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St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

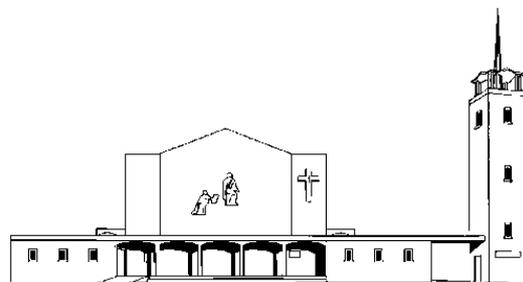
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Year A TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

15th OCTOBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 1-14

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND OUR 'LOVE IN ACTION' THEME, the fourth in the series on Catholic Social Teaching, considers **'The Preferential Option for the Poor.'** Having considered our previous

weeks' themes of the 'Dignity of the Human Person,' and of mankind as one family, the duty to look after the poorest in society follows naturally. Much of the Church's social outreach is concerned with the relief of poverty: providing food, medicine, farming skills, and education, to the world's developing communities. As we show love for our poor neighbour, so also we witness to the demands of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our Lord Himself did not choose to associate with the high and mighty, but lived a simple life in relative poverty, and in His teaching commands us to "give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, shelter to the stranger ..." We took up our **CaFOD collection** last Sunday, precisely to assist those in poverty: if you didn't contribute then, and would like still to add your donation to this year's Harvest Fast Day collection, then use a CaFOD envelope from alongside the newsletters.

'LOVE IN ACTION' CONTINUES WITH TWO ALTERNATIVE WORKSHOPS to come together to discuss more the Catholic Social Teaching we have touched on over the six weeks. Dates to keep free for these: **Friday 27th October 7.30pm or Friday 3rd November 12.30pm** (after Mass).

THIS TUESDAY, RISE THEATRE WILL BE HERE WITH THEIR PLAY ABOUT OSCAR ROMERO: you can still buy a ticket this weekend after Mass (£10/ticket), or on the door. Oscar Romero, was, as Archbishop of San Salvador, highly committed to the cause of the poor, and was eventually martyred by agents of the state. The play tells his life in a powerful way!

May the Lord bless us to keep the poor always in mind and in our 'love in action.' Fr Philip



Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's Ecclesia de Eucharistia, n. 4:



The hour of our redemption. Although deeply troubled, Jesus does not flee before his "hour." "And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, for this purpose I have come to this hour." He wanted his disciples to keep him company, yet he had to experience loneliness and abandonment: "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation." Only John would remain at the foot of the Cross, at the side of Mary and the faithful women. The agony in Gethsemane was the introduction to the agony of the Cross on Good Friday. *The holy hour*, the hour of the redemption of the world.

Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated at the tomb of Jesus in Jerusalem, there is an almost tangible return to his "hour," the hour of his Cross and glorification. Every priest who celebrates Holy Mass, together with the Christian community which takes part in it, is led back in spirit to that place and that hour.

PRAYER & LITURGY

THE ROSARY: In October, the month of the Rosary, Fr Philip will lead one decade of the Rosary five minutes before each Saturday evening and Sunday Mass. The Rosary will be prayed in Italian on Thursdays at 7pm.

BILL ASKEW RIP of Grosvenor Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral Mass will be on **Tuesday 17th October at 12 noon.**

May he rest in peace.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **this Sunday, 15th Oct** 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 20th Oct.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is next Sunday, a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Through *Missio*, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to this work. **The annual special collection will be taken the Sunday after, 29th October**

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are now attached to the newsletter. Please 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. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

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.)**

'LOVE IN ACTION' This week's theme is 'The preferential option for the Poor.' Who are the poor within our community? How can we help each other?

<https://www.stepforwardinlove.org/home.php>

For more details, please call Una Daly on 07801-572434.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen Sherman, 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 the **17th October at 7.30pm** for the 'Oscar Romero' play in church. With regard to the whole programme, **a fee of £10 needs to be paid to cover 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 16th October 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 & Monday 20th November 8pm-9pm** 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 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 6 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.**

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL will be holding an Open Morning for prospective Reception class parents for 2018/19 academic year on **Tuesday 31st October at 1.30pm**. If you would like to go and look around, please contact the school office on 463549.

ST CROSS SCHOOL will be holding its fireworks night on **Sat 4th Nov**. Adults £8, children £5 and under 4's free. There will be a licenced bar, hot food and DJ dance. For tickets contact friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

200 CLUB WINNER for October was no. 9 Mrs Ellingham. Congratulations!

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

HARVEST DISPLAY: The beautiful harvest-time display in the sanctuary reminds us of the abundance of good things we receive. Our thanks to the flower ladies' team for their creation, and may it be a salutary reminder to us of the food we have and should share.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

"ROMERO - HEARTBEAT OF EL SALVADOR" We are delighted to welcome again RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company, who will be performing their original play 'Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador' in church on **17th October at 7.30pm**. The production tells the true story of Blessed Oscar Romero and his heart for the oppressed people of El Salvador. Romero chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. He demanded respect for human rights. Come and experience this exciting new play, performed with energy and passion by the RISE Theatre team - www.risetheatre.co.uk. **Tickets (£10) children 11+ (£5) are available to buy now from Presbytery or after weekend Mass.**

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will visit on **Monday** afternoon this week the parish homes in: The Lynch, Lampits, Esdaile Lane.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will continue on a weekly basis from the **17th October**.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to have the magazine ready for sale by the end of the month and we apologise for the delay.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday 10th Nov** in the crypt. £5 per head – payable on the night – bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table! If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation – either cash, or a bottle of something for a raffle prize – then please drop that in to the presbytery

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: 15th, 22nd & 29th October; 19th November.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy				
<p>Sat 14th October 10am Mass <i>Decimo Castronovo RIP</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish</p> <p>Sun 15th October 28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Annie Doyle RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP Anniv</i> 5pm Holy Hour †</p>	<p>PAGE 140 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6–10 The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.</p> <p>Psalm 22 — <i>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12–14, 19–20 <i>There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 22: 1–14 <i>Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4–6 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1–15 Gospel: Matthew 22:15–21</p>				
<p>Mon 16th October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Arthur Collins</i></p> <p>Tues 17th October ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Rosa Corsini RIP</i> 12 noon Funeral Bill Askew RIP</p> <p>Wed 18th October ST LUKE, Evangelist 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Kitty Stockwell RIP 1st anniv.</i></p> <p>Thurs 19th October NO Mass</p> <p>Fri 20th October (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Neil & Margaret McDonnell's intentions</i></p> <p>Sat 21st October 10am Mass <i>Pat Walsh RIP 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>				
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<p style="text-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>					

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.*