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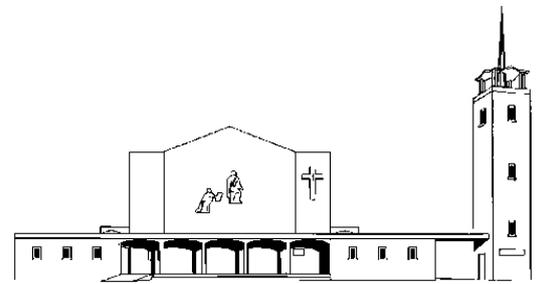
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Year A

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

22nd OCTOBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND OUR 'LOVE IN ACTION' THEME, the fifth in the series on Catholic Social Teaching, is 'The Dignity & Rights of Workers.' This consideration flows directly out of the previous theme of the Dignity of the Person, as work is a good and wholesome element of human existence. The Church taught in the Second Vatican Council of the dignity of work: "By his labour a man ordinarily supports himself and his family, is joined to his fellow

men and serves them, and can exercise genuine charity and be a partner in the work of bringing divine creation to perfection. Indeed, we hold that through labour offered to God man is associated with the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, who conferred an eminent dignity on labour when at Nazareth He worked with His own hands. From this there follows for every man the duty of working faithfully and also the right to work." At a time when there is much change afoot in the type of work available, its flexibility, and the effects of automation, the digital revolution, and the global nature of the economy, we have to maintain our concern for the right treatment of workers.

'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, with soup lunch). PLEASE COME to one or other of these dates, in the crypt, so we can hear more about these themes from Una Daly, our local Deanery Caritas worker. 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.'

May the Lord help us to work well ourselves, and to support those seeking work. Fr Philip



Work honors the gifts and talents that God has given to each one of us.

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 5:



"*Mysterium fidei!* — The Mystery of Faith!" When the priest recites or chants these words, all present acclaim: "We announce your death, O Lord, and we proclaim your resurrection, until you come in glory". In these or similar words the Church, while pointing to Christ in the mystery of His passion, *also reveals her own mystery*. By the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the Church was born and set out upon the pathways of the world, yet a decisive moment in her taking shape was certainly the institution of the Eucharist in the Upper Room. Her foundation and wellspring is the whole *Triduum paschale*, but this is as it were gathered up, foreshadowed and 'concentrated' for ever in the gift of the Eucharist.

In this gift Jesus Christ entrusted to his Church the perennial making present of the paschal mystery. With it he brought about a mysterious "oneness in time" between that *Triduum* and the passage of the centuries.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Mason Crowsley who will be baptised this weekend.

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.

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER will not take place on Tuesday & Wednesday whilst Fr Philip is away. **ALSO:** from now on there will be **Adoration on Saturdays 9.30-10am**, except in Lent when we have Stations of the Cross instead.

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!

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is this 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 envelopes are attached to the newsletter. **The annual special collection will be taken the Sunday after, 29th October**

ALL SAINTS' DAY is **Wednesday 1st November** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be at: 9.30am with both schools, 12 noon and 8pm. Ministers of Holy Communion and readers are needed. If you can help, please sign your name on the lists at the back of church.

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 **Dignity and Rights of Workers**. "There is no worse material poverty... than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work" (Pope Francis). How might different generations work together to practise interview techniques and work on CVs together? "Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work ... 'anoints' us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts..." <https://www.stepforwardinlove.org/home.php> For more details, please call Una Daly on 07801-572434.

'LOVE IN ACTION' WORKSHOP: You are invited to attend a workshop, which will give you the chance to hear more about the themes and consider ways in which you can respond as a community. You have an option of which workshop to attend; they both cover the same points: **Friday 27th Oct at 7.30-9pm OR Friday 3rd Nov 12.30pm-2pm** (with soup lunch) in the Crypt. Any questions, please call Una Daly on 078 01572434

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

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION 2018: The next session will be on **31st October** at **7.15pm** for parents and candidates. With regard to the whole programme, **a fee of £10 needs to be paid to cover materials and pamphlets.** Please arrange to hand this is 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 30th 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 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 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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's would like to thank everyone who attended the coffee morning. £208 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society.

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

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

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

CAFOD: The amount collected for the Harvest Fast day was £920.98. Thank you!

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume house visits after half term.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will continue on a weekly basis.

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

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 21st October 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Pat Walsh RIP Anniv	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 143 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4–6 I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.</p> <p>Psalm 95 — Give the Lord glory and power.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1–5 We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.</p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 22: 15–21 Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.</p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 5 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20–26 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5–10 Gospel: Matthew 22:34–40</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Filippo Adamo RIP Sun 22nd October 29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Eileen Carolan RIP Anniv 11.15am For the Parish †	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Mon 23rd October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Lillian & Sharon Connor's intentions Tues 24th October 9.15am Mass Arthur Collins intentions	<p>Wed 25th October 9.15am Mass Giuseppe & Maria-Teresa DiStefano RIP</p> <p>Thurs 26th October NO Mass</p> <p>Fri 27th October (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Janet Lampard's intentions</p>
Sat 28th October SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Vincenzo Graffato RIP 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Patrick White RIP Anniv	<p>Sun 29th October 30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Rosalia Dilena RIP 11.15am For the Parish †</p> <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>
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 24th 12.30pm Lunch club, 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.*