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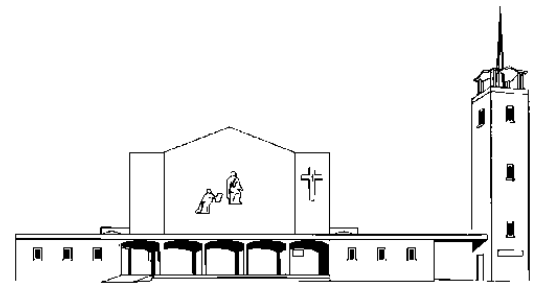
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Year A

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

29th OCTOBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 34-40

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND OUR FINAL 'LOVE IN ACTION' THEME on Catholic Social Teaching is 'Solidarity & Peace.' The Popes across the past century or more have pleaded for peace in the world, and the Second Vatican Council appealed in a similar way. We know how much devastation is caused by the absence of peace, and the presence of tension and armed conflict. Central to Catholic Social Teaching is the promotion of peace. May we begin to grow a culture of peace in our own lives, as Our Lord would want: "*Blessed are the peacemakers ...*"

'LOVE IN ACTION' HAS A SECOND GET-TOGETHER to discuss more the Catholic Social Teaching we have touched on over the six weeks: **Friday 3rd November 12.30pm** (after Mass, with soup lunch). If you didn't attend last Friday's, PLEASE COME to the crypt to 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.'

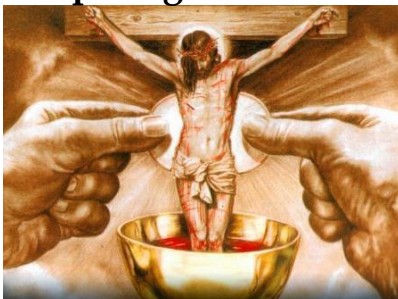
THE TRAGIC 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT took place last Friday (27th October) and the Bishops of England & Wales, and Scotland, marked this with a comprehensive statement, available here: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/50-Years-of-the-Abortion-Act/Joint-Statement-on-Abortion>. Almost 8.9 million lives have been destroyed in this country over the past 50 years by abortion, an appalling statistic. I have included the summary of this with our Newsletter this week, along with a pro-life prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

ALL SAINTS' DAY – A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – IS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK. This feast, when all Catholics should attend Mass, celebrates the countless of God's people who now enjoy heavenly glory. We honour them, and God's majesty, and ask for their prayers to bring us also to be with them one day in heaven through a holy life. *** **MASSSES: 9.30am, 12 noon, 8pm** ***

May the Lord bless us in big or small ways to bring peace into our lives and world. Fr Philip



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



The thought of [the Eucharist] leads us to profound amazement and gratitude. In the paschal event and the Eucharist which makes it present throughout the centuries, there is a truly enormous "capacity" which embraces all of history as the recipient of the grace of the redemption. This amazement should always fill the Church assembled for the celebration of the Eucharist. But in a special way it should fill the minister of the Eucharist. For it is he who, by the authority given him in the sacrament of priestly ordination, effects the consecration.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH

Benjamin Underhill who will be baptised this weekend.

FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ RIP of Yewlands, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 13th November at 1.30pm.**

HELEN SHERMAN RIP formerly of Winterscroft died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

ALL SAINTS' DAY this **Wednesday, 1st November** 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.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 3rd November**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 5th November**.

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 was last 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 this Sunday.**

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.)**

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 that weekend.

'LOVE IN ACTION': This week we will ponder on the last theme of Catholic Social Teaching: **Solidarity and Peace**. Peace starts with us. It requires all of us to strive for peace in our own lives, and in our relationships. Let us make every effort to be peacemakers and to pray for those who offend us.

'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. **Friday 3rd Nov 12.30pm–2pm** (with soup lunch) in the Crypt.

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

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 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 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 Oct at 1.30pm.** Please contact the school office on 463549.

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 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 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!

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits this week, on **Wednesday** afternoon in: Lampits, The Lynch, Riversmead, Rawdon Drive.

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!

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: 29th October; 3rd and 10th December.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Michel & Jacky Jordan.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 28th October SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Vincenzo Graffato RIP	PAGE 146 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20–26 If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you. Psalm 17 — I love you, Lord, my strength.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Patrick White RIP Anniv Sun 29th October 30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Rosalia Dilena RIP 11.15am For the Parish †	2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5–10 <i>You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Open your heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
Mon 30th October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Vincent & Michael Byrne RIP Tues 31st October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Larry O'Neill RIP	Gospel: Matthew 22: 34–40 <i>You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 6 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)
Wed 1st November ALL SAINTS' DAY 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Mass Intentions of our parish primary schools 12 noon Mass Holy Souls 8pm Mass Margaret & Idris Williams RIP	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Malachi 1: 14–2:2, 8–10 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:2: 7–9, 13 Gospel: Matthew 23: 1–12
Thurs 2nd November ALL SOULS' DAY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Holy Souls Fri 3rd November <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Holy Souls 7.30pm Mass Vincent Byrne RIP 8.00pm Holy Hour	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>
Sat 4th November ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, Bishop 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Pietro Dileto RIP 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Holy Souls	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sun 5th November 31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Margaret Cameron RIP 11.15am Holy Souls 5pm Latin Mass For the Parish †	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 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>	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	
Tues 31st 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Tues 31st 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt	Wed 1st Nov 6pm Brownies, crypt Fri 3rd Nov 12.30pm Love in Action, 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 parroccchiani 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.*