

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

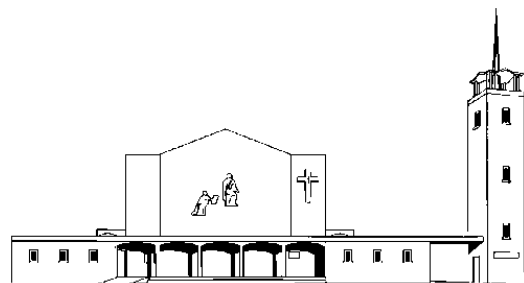
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Year A TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

24th SEPTEMBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

'LOVE IN ACTION' IS THE NAME OF A PROGRAMME devised by Caritas Westminster, our diocesan agency for promoting the social good. We are going to be following this programme over the next couple of months, with a view to discerning what precise need there is in our local community here that would be best for us to address. We

begin by hearing over the course of the next 6 Sundays some of the Church's vast body of Social Teaching, divided into 6 themes. These were outlined on the red-and-white invitation card you received last week (spares by the Newsletters in the porch).

The first of these themes is 'Creation' – so I will do my best to present in the homily today the key aspects of our attitude as the People of God to our care for this beautiful world. As Pope Francis has said in his 2015 encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*: "The earth and all it contains has been created by God. It is a gift, given to all for the good of all. And in the gift we experience something of the Giver – of the love of God." As well as the card that you will be given each week to help remind you of these important themes, there is additional material on the special table by the choir-loft stairs. Website: <https://www.stepforwardinlove.org/home.php>

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET, COMING UP SOON:

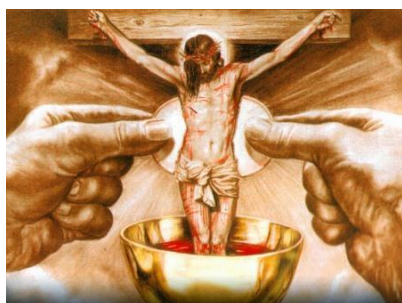
Parish Party next Saturday 30th September: as a way of marking my 10 years at St Augustine's (I began here on 1st October 2007) there'll be a parish party after 6.30pm evening Mass.

RISE Theatre play about Oscar Romero, 17th October: a powerful telling of the life of the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador. Tickets (£10) on sale after each of the Sunday Masses.

May the Lord bless us care for our common home, God's gift of this world.

Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 2:



During the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 I had an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist in the Cenacle of Jerusalem where, according to tradition, it was first celebrated by Jesus Himself. ... It is there that Christ took bread, broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is My body which will be given up for you." Then He took the cup of wine and said to them: "Take this, all of you and drink from it: this is the cup of My blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven." I am grateful to the Lord Jesus for allowing me to repeat in that same place, in obedience to His command: "Do this in memory of Me," the words

which He spoke two thousand years ago.



PRAYER & LITURGY

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.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **Sunday, 15th Oct** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS' ROTAS: The next rota for the period October 2017 - January 2018 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wed 27th Sept** at the latest of any dates that you are NOT available on 449282 or e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc.

'**LOVE IN ACTION**' has started! *Caritas* Westminster is facilitating for us this programme of reflection in the Church's vast body of Social Teaching. This will first take the form of 6 weeks' themed homilies on Social Teaching. If you didn't get your red-and-white information card last week, then pick one up from the porch. For more details, please call Una Daly on 07801-572434.

WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM (England's major shrine to Our Lady) will be on **Sat 7th October** with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The Deanery coach leaves the church at 7.15am and will depart from Walsingham at 4.30pm. The day includes Mass, Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and Benediction. The cost of the coach will be £18 and you will need to bring a packed lunch. To attend, please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church. **ONLY 9 PLACES LEFT!**

CELEBRATE WEEKEND: will be held at St Albans, 29th - 30th Oct. Mass is celebrated each day, whilst there is time and space to encounter Christ's healing touch in Adoration, Reconciliation and Prayer Ministry. For more information and to book go to <https://www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans>

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 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION 2018: The next session will be on the **3rd October at 7.15pm** in the crypt for candidates and parents. Candidates need to have read **chapter 3** of Mark's Gospel.

"**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 Monday, 25th September at 7pm.** If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip as soon as possible. There are **green leaflets** outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Application forms for the new First Holy Communion Programme (for practising Catholic children in year 3 or above) **are now available to collect after all Masses this weekend** (and not available from the Presbytery). Please return completed forms to the presbytery by 2nd October. **The first meeting for parents will be on Wed 4th Oct 8–9pm in the crypt. The first session for children will be on Mon 9th October 6–7.30pm.**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: There will be another course starting on the **7th October.** 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 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 are holding a fundraising Quiz Night on **Saturday 14th Oct.** Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm starts. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for a fun filled evening. Teams can have a maximum of 8 people and are £5 per person. Please contact Samon 07944607590 or sldesilva@yahoo.co.uk to reserve a table.

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!

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL - OPEN EVENING for prospective parents and pupils is on **Wednesday 27th September 2017.** The evening starts at 6pm and ends at 8.30pm. The Headteacher, Mr Celano will be giving presentations at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the Hall. All parents with Catholic children currently in Year 6 are very welcome. In consultation with County and the Diocese, if there is the demand, it is proposed that the School will extend its admissions number to 186 for 2018. This would

mean an extra 31 places for children wishing to go to St. Mary's. The expansion is dependent on an imminently anticipated growth in building capacity.

ST CROSS SCHOOL will be holding their fireworks night on **Sat 4th Nov.** For tickets contact friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

MISCELLANEOUS

FR PHILIP has been in the parish 10 years on the 1st October, so to celebrate there will be a shared meal in the crypt next **Saturday 30th September** after the 6.30pm Mass. We hope many parishioners will be able to attend to mark this special occasion. If you are able to bring some **finger food** to share, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church. Drinks provided by the parish!

"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) are available to buy now from Presbytery or after weekend Mass.**

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will visit on **Monday & Wednesday** afternoons this week the parish homes in: Lord Street, Kennedy Avenue, Rosehill Close.

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: 24th Sept, 1st & 8th Oct.

CHURCH CLEANERS: More cleaners are urgently needed for the Wednesday afternoon team at 1pm as there are now only 2 cleaners. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 23rd September DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH 10am Mass <i>Jeffrey Dubignon RIP</i>	PAGE 131 in the Mass books
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Benefactors of the Church Sun 24th Sept 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6–9 <i>My thoughts are not your thoughts.</i> Psalm 144 — The Lord is close to all who call him. 2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20–24, 27 <i>Life to me is Christ.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!
Mon 25th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Alberto Beschizza RIP</i> Tues 26th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Louisa Leccacorvi RIP</i> Wed 27th Sept ST VINCENT DE PAUL, Priest 9.15am Mass <i>Joan Grady RIP</i> Thurs 28th Sept NO Mass Fri 29th Sept ST MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Michael Turpin RIP</i> Sat 30th September ST JEROME, Priest & Dr 10am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Joy Ighade</i>	Gospel: Matthew 20: 1–16 <i>Why be envious because I am generous?</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sunday no. 1 (p. 66) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25–28 2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1–11 Gospel: Matthew 21: 28–32
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Patrick Malone RIP 1st October 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Patrick Murphy RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Leo Lee-Lozone RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	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 style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> ** 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)	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. 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. 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	
Mon 18th 7pm RCIA, presbytery	Wed 27th 6pm Brownies, 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.*