

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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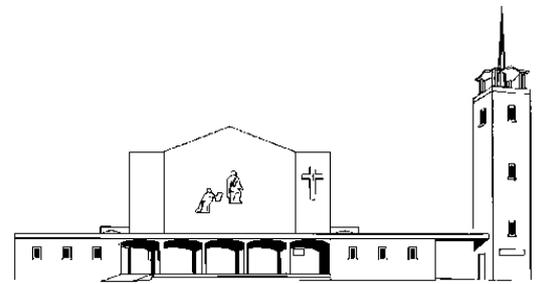
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Year A TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 3rd SEPTEMBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE TODAY FOLLOWS ON FROM PETER'S PROFESSION OF FAITH which we heard last Sunday. As soon as Our Lord sees that the apostles are recognising His divinity, He cautions them to appreciate that His divinity does not mean some immunity from the sufferings of this world. In fact, just the opposite: He starts to reveal to them that He will have to undergo His Passion and death in Jerusalem, ... but also His Resurrection. Only through the Cross of Jesus does glory come, and the apostles will have to learn this difficult lesson.

AFTER FOUR MONTHS RESIDING HERE, FR MATHEW IS MOVING THIS WEEK. The diocese has given him an appointment within a London parish alongside his national role as Knanayan chaplain. He writes:



"I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to every one of you for what you have been to me for the last four months. Although I was only a 'priest in residence,' everybody welcomed me wholeheartedly and I felt very much at home. I am impressed by your caring love, concern and support given to the priests and all church activities. You are blessed to have Fr Philip, such a wonderful, dedicated and zealous priest as your Pastor. My very special thanks to Fr Philip for accommodating me here and also for the care, support and guidance. I am indebted also to Dawn, Parish Secretary, Miss Zulu and each one of you. As I move into the Parish of Our Lady and St Joseph's, Kingsland as Assistant Parish Priest, I wish you all the best and God's speed. Kindly continue to pray for me. THANK YOU!!!! Fr Mathew Kattiyangal."

PERSONALLY, I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO FR MATHEW for his great kindness in the house, his willingness to assist in and around the church, and for the many times when he has supplied for me for parish Masses. We wish him all God's blessings as he moves to Dalston/Kingsland, and we will give him a little send-off at coffee in the crypt after Mass this Wednesday.

May the Lord bless us all as we take up our Cross daily to follow Him with love. Fr Philip



Pope Francis, at the end of *Misericordia et Misera*, n. 22:

The Holy Mother of God always looks upon us with her eyes of mercy. She is the first to show us the way and to accompany us in our witness of love. As she is often shown in works of art, the Mother of Mercy gathers us all under the protection of her mantle. Let us trust in her maternal assistance and follow her perennial counsel to look to Jesus, the radiant face of God's mercy.

PRAYER & LITURGY

ANTONIETTA RANDAZZO RIP of Dane Mead, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 8th September at 11.45am**. **Adoration time will end early this Friday.**

CONSTANCE KING RIP of Stortford Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 15th September at 12 noon**.

ORSOLA SCIBELLI RIP of Nightingale Care Home died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 20th September at 10am**. *May they rest in peace.*

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting 15th Sept**. 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, 17th Sept** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

'LOVE IN ACTION' is a programme being run in our parish starting in late September. We will hear about how to respond to the needs of society in relation to our faith. Over a period of 6 weeks, there will be a focus in the Mass on the following themes: Dignity, Creation, Solidarity and Peace, Dignity of the Worker, Community and the Preferential Option for the Poor. After the 6 weeks, workshops will be led to look more closely at these themes and an opportunity for you all to gather and put together your own parish action plan, relating to how you all want to respond to the needs around you.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, 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 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION 2018: applications have now closed for next year's Confirmation group. We need to receive the yellow forms back in from those who have applied. We look forward to welcoming you to the next session on the **5th September at 7.15pm** in the crypt.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tues 12th & Fri 22nd Sept 7.30-9.00pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To book onto the course, please contact 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 will begin on 11th 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 5 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 UNDER 5s is looking for a Deputy Team Leader, term time only: responsible for assisting the team leader with supervision of staff, deputise in team leader's absence and have a good understanding of EYFS. Applicants need to be qualified to level 3/4 or equivalent in Early Year's Childcare and Education. Closing date is **29th September**. Job description is available on request. Please apply with covering letter and CV to: Under 5's, Charlton Close, EN11 8DR, or e-mail staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD: ROMERO, EL SALVADOR & HARVEST FAST DAY: You are invited to join CAFOD on either **Saturday 9th September 10am** in Lambeth or **Saturday 16th September 10am** at Oakwood for an inspiring meeting. Both meetings will give first hand our work in El Salvador from Clare Dixon from our Latin America team. For further information, please contact westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970 for further information.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will visit on Wednesday afternoon parish homes in: Brookside, Jersey Close, Oxenden Drive.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will resume on 12th **September** 12.30-2.30pm in the crypt. Price £4. Anybody & everybody welcome!

PARISH ACCOUNTANT: the Parish Finance Committee is delighted to have appointed a new parish bookkeeper, but would still like to know if there is a parishioner with *accounting* experience to volunteer for a specific role on the committee. This would mainly involve keeping the parish financial records on a web-based system, carrying out monthly bank reconciliations and producing annual accounts. This would take up to 3 or 4 hours per month, and there would be some flexibility on where and when it was carried out. Training and support is available. For a job description and to receive more information, please contact the Presbytery.

PARISH BARBECUE: Unfortunately, due to the lack of numbers and unavailability of the band, it has been decided to **cancel the BBQ** this year. We will resume it again next year and will advise you of the date when it has been arranged.

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 on **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.

LOST PROPERTY: A Bonmarche grey cape was left in the church some weeks ago. If it is yours, please contact 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: 3rd, 17th Sept, 1st & 8th Oct.

CHURCH CLEANING: Maria Manzo, Elizabeth Nsonwah and Toni Iamarino. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 2nd September 10am Mass <i>Mike Archer RIP</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Toni Randazzo RIP</p> <p>Sun 3rd Sept 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Orsola Scibelli RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Francesca Crimauo RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡</p>	<p>PAGE 122 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7–9 <i>The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.</i></p> <p>Psalm 62 — For you y soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1–2 <i>Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 16: 21–27 <i>If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sunday no. 6 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7–9 2nd Reading: Romans 13: 8–10 Gospel: Matthew 18: 15–20</p>
<p>Mon 4th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Sue Hepworth's intentions</i></p> <p>Tues 5th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Enrico Tedesco RIP</i></p> <p>Wed 6th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Elizabeth O'Connor's intentions</i></p> <p>Thurs 7th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Michael Meaney's intentions</i></p> <p>Fri 8th Sept THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.20 Benediction 11.45am Funeral Toni Randazzo RIP</p> <p>Sat 9th September 10am Mass <i>Jeffrey Dubignon RIP</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>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Stanley Abrahams RIP</p> <p>Sun 10th Sept 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Neil & Margaret McDonell 50th Wedding anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡</p>	<p>REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Tues 5th 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt</p>
<p>* 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 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.