

The Announcer

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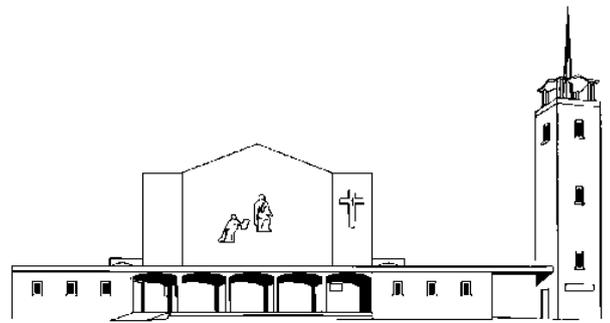
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Year B TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 20TH SEPT 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30–37

The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

'I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU MADE ME WELCOME' says Jesus in His famous parable on the separation of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25, a profound parable on the Last Judgment. As I said last week at Mass, Pope Francis has called

on the parishes and Catholic religious communities of Europe to be generous in their response to the current refugee/migrant crisis. I enclose with this Newsletter the communications from our Archbishops, and from the Director of Westminster's Caritas. They express our deep need to respond with the love of the Gospel to those in such desperate need in this crisis.

The latter refers to a spreadsheet that we are to fill in and return to Caritas as soon as possible so that they can co-ordinate our effort once Syrian refugees start being accepted into our country in the near future. So, if you are in any way available to contribute to this aid effort — e.g. through legal skills, medical skills, befriending etc., as John Coleby's letter says — then please fill in the back of the sheet, and return it to the Presbytery quickly so that we can communicate the volunteering to the diocesan Caritas office.

I ALSO HEARD THIS WEEK — AT THE CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING — that there are 'Operation Calais' drop-offs of food and basic provisions going from our area thanks to the work of the Emmaus charity. Our local Emmaus branch (St Albans) have a full load to take when they next visit the Calais migrant camp at the end of September, but will be looking for more donations of clothes, sleeping bags etc. when they get ready for another drop off in November. I will keep you posted on what you can donate, and the vicar of St Cuthbert's, Rye Park, will co-ordinate its delivery to the St Albans branch of Emmaus. You can read more on: https://www.emmaus.org.uk/st_albans

May we always live up to the call to love our neighbour, as Jesus teaches.

Fr Philip



From Gaudium et Spes, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 64:

**VATICAN II,
50 YEARS ON:
THE NEW
EVANGELIZATION**

Today more than ever before attention is rightly given to the increase of the production of agricultural and industrial goods and of the rendering of services, for the purpose of making provision for the growth of population and of satisfying the increasing desires of the human race. Therefore, technical progress, an inventive spirit, an eagerness to create and to expand enterprises, the application of methods of production, and the strenuous efforts of all who engage in production — in a word, all the elements making for such development — must be promoted. The fundamental finality of this production is not the mere increase of products nor profit or control but rather the service of man, and indeed of the whole man with regard for the full range of his material needs and the demands of his intellectual, moral, spiritual, and religious life; this applies to every man whatsoever and to every group of men, of every race and of every part of the world. Consequently, economic activity is to be carried on according to its own methods and laws within the limits of the moral order, so that God's plan for mankind may be realized.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Mirella & Lilia Tona, Helena Kozłowska and Sonny McGrath who will be baptised this weekend.

JEAN WEAVER RIP of Tudor Rise, Broxbourne died recently. **The funeral will be on Monday 21st September at 10.45am.** Please note there will therefore be NO 9.15am Mass that day.

FRANCESCA CRIMAUDDO RIP of Dorchester Avenue, Hoddesdon died recently. Her **funeral will be on 23rd September at 11.30am**

JOHN FALLON RIP of Bell Lane, Broxbourne died recently. Details of his funeral will follow in due course.

Our sympathies go out to their families. *May they rest in peace.*

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Oct 16th.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **this Sunday 20th September** with Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION/READERS:

The next rota for Readers and Ministers of Communion for Oct–Jan 2016 will be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wed 23rd Sept at the latest** of any weekends that you are NOT available and of any changes in personal details (tel. number, address etc). Contact Pat by telephone 449282 or by e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TRAINING will take place for all leaders and helpers on **Sunday 4th October 10.30am-12 noon** in the crypt. If you are interested in volunteering in the future, you are most welcome to attend and children are also welcome. Please confirm your attendance by email to hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Porto, Christopher Browne, John Askew, Alan Dolan, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Mark Reason, Hilda Andrews, Joanne Sheridan, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Bohita Fanor, Jenny Miller, Peter Tanner, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini, Michael Foley and Mary Lee-Lozone.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE

OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

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, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017



Fr Philip thanks those who have donated to our 'Growing in Faith' initiative, to benefit both the diocese, and our own parish's project of employing a part-time catechetical co-ordinator. **We have raised pledges of c. £190k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £55k.**

On the parish noticeboard in the porch is a breakdown of how much we have already raised for the various diocesan and parish projects, with data up to the end of 2014.

As for our own project of a parish catechist, Fr Philip is in discussion with the diocesan agencies, to try and locate a suitably qualified person for the post.

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

CATECHETICS

FR PHILIP'S TALKS: In the light of the forthcoming Synod on 'Marriage & The Family' at the Vatican, Fr Philip will give three talks on Catholic Teaching on Wednesday evenings at 8pm in church: (I) 30th Sept: The Sacrament of Marriage; (II) 21st Oct: Saving Marriage: Breakdown, Re-Marriage & Annulment; (III) 11th November: Why not Same-Sex 'Marriage'?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

application forms for the new First-Holy-Communion programme (for practising Catholic children in Yr3 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 Fri 2nd October. **The first meeting for parents will be on Wed 7th October 8–9pm in the crypt. The first session for the children will be Sat 10th October 10am–12noon.**

CONFIRMATION 2016: next session held on **Monday 21st September** from 7.15–8.45pm in the crypt for **candidates only**. Candidates will need to have read chapter two of the Gospel of Mark. As mentioned in the parents' letter in July, there will be a £10 cost for materials, so please forward that to the Presbytery soon.

"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 the 22nd September at 7pm.**

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS to our Catholic Primary & Secondary schools require the Parish Priest to provide a priest's reference as testimony of **Catholic practice, i.e attendance, every week, at Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass.** This accords with the diocesan guidance for priests, <http://www.rcdow.org.uk/fileupload/upload/prf4117200691341.pdf>. In order to help him be just and fair to the practising Catholics of our parish, Fr Philip will continue to adopt the pattern of occasionally in the next few months asking those who will require a priest's form to be signed to come and see him briefly (each and every time he asks) after Sunday Mass. **This concerns those whose children are now in nursery-year and year 6.**

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL will be holding its Open Evening on **Wednesday 23rd September** 6–8.30pm. All parents with children in year 6 are most welcome to attend.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

ASSISTED-SUICIDE BILL: Thanks to all of you who wrote to the MP regarding the 11th Sept debate in the House of Commons. Thank God that the MPs held firm and voted against the Bill, which will now not proceed.

CAFOD: The Pope has deliberately released the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, in a year of key UN moments that will affect humanity, and he says that climate change is real, urgent and it must be tackled. He is reading the signs of his times and telling us that the human and environmental costs of our current way of life are simply too high.' (To be cont'd...)

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit on **Tues afternoon** this week: Granville Gardens, Beyers Ride and environs.

PARISH MAGAZINE for 2015, in full colour, 44 pages, is available to buy priced £3 from the presbytery during the week.

FR JOHN BAPTIST KISEMBO would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome he received in the parish and for all the support during his stay. Fr John has now returned to Uganda, but would like to convey his appreciation to all.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: As of now, I am unable to run the prayer group after doing so for many years. We meet every last Thursday of the month in the Presbytery at 1-30 pm. Our numbers have gone down greatly and I'm wondering if anyone would be willing to take over? If not, sadly, the prayer group will have to stop. Margaret Byrne. 443351

CATHOLIC STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY: If you are moving away to University or college, why not look for the Catholic Chaplaincy or local parish in your area? For student activities and groups in the Westminster Diocese, visit Newman House Catholic Centre in 111 Gower St, WC1E 6AR. <http://universitycatholic.net/>

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: 20th, 27th September, 4th October.

CHURCH CLEANERS: More cleaners are needed to help clean the church on Wed or Thurs mornings for one hour, just once a month. If you can help please do contact the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Cheryl Holbourn, Mima Salvo and Mirella DiChiara. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Loving Father, You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in him and have eternal life. May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the joy of the Gospel by our words and actions. Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 19th September 10am Mass <i>Josephine Nitkowski RP</i>		PAGE 135 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17–20 <i>Let us condemn him to a shameful death.</i> Psalm 53 — The Lord upholds my life. 2nd Reading: James 3: 16–43 <i>Peacemakers when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Mark 9: 30–37 <i>The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 1 (p. 54) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 26 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25–29 2nd Reading: James 5: 1–6 Gospel: Mark 9: 38–43, 45, 47–48	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>			
Sun 20th Sept 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Christina Reeves RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Antonino Martorana RIP</i> † 5.00pm Holy Hour			
Mon 21st Sept ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer NO 9.15am Mass 10.45am Funeral <i>Jean Weaver RIP</i>			
Tues 22nd Sept 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Neville Yarwood RIP</i>			
Wed 23rd September CONSECRATION OF CHURCH 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Benefactors of St Augustine's Parish</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt 11.30am Funeral <i>Francesca Crimauddo RIP</i>			
Thurs 24th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM 9.15am NO Mass			
Fri 25th September <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Vincenzo Genuardi RIP</i>			
Sat 26th September 10am Mass <i>Nora McQuire RIP</i>			
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Bernadette Munday RIP</i>			
Sun 27th Sept 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Jo Woolsgrove's intentions</i> †			
* 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)			
REGULAR EVENTS			
Mon 21st 7.15am Confirmation, crypt Tues 22nd 1.30pm Guild tea & chat	Tues 22nd 7pm RCIA, presbytery Wed 23rd 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.*