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Year C

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

14th JULY 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37

Who is my neighbour?

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE FAMOUS PARABLE OF THE 'GOOD SAMARITAN' is given to us today in the Gospel. Quite apart from the parable's obvious example of showing that we must come to the aid of our fellow man in need, it is also important to recognise that the 'Good Samaritan' is in fact *Jesus Himself*. When we study the details of Our Lord's parable, we see all sorts of references to His divine care for fallen man: His use of wine and oil to tend the man's wounds should easily remind us of the saving Sacraments, for example; He carries the man to a home where he can be cared for (i.e., the Church); and He promises to come again to complete the task.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WORKED SO HARD over the last three weekends with regard to the celebrations of First Holy Communion and the Forty Hours' Adoration. These three weekends were very happy and prayerful occasions, and I pray that as a parish we have been renewed and blessed by these expressions of faith in the Our Lord Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist.

ON TUESDAY I'LL BE GIVING THE FINAL OF MY THREE TALKS ON MARY – the Jewish background to our Christian beliefs. In this last talk we will hear of Our Lady's giving birth to the Messiah; her links to Rachel, wife of Jacob in the Old Testament; and her role at the foot of the Cross. Do come and learn more about our Blessed Mother!

May the Gospel of Christ take root in our hearts so that we can love our neighbour! Fr Philip



St Augustine teaches: *On Patience, 9*

It is indeed a greater fight of patience, when it is not a visible enemy that by persecution and rage would urge us into crime which enemy may openly and in broad day be by not consenting overcome; but the devil himself, (he who does ... persecute the children of light) does by himself hiddenly attack us, by his rage putting us on to do or say something against God. As such had holy Job experience of him, by both temptations vexed, but in both through steadfast strength of patience and arms of piety unconquered. For first, his body being left unhurt, he lost all that he had, in order that the mind, before excruciation of the flesh, might through withdrawal of the things which men are wont to prize highly, be broken, and he might say something against God upon loss of the things for the sake of which he was thought to worship Him. ... But where, having endured these things, he remained immovable in his God, he cleaved to His will,

Whom it was not possible to lose but by his own will; and in place of the things he had lost he held Him who took them away, in Whom he should find what should never be lost.

PRAYER & LITURGY

BRIAN MOORE RIP formerly of Christie Close, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Friday 19th July at 2pm.**

GAETANO AMODEO RIP of Highbury Avenue died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 23rd July at 1.00pm** with Don Antonio.

May they rest in peace.

FRIDAY MASS THIS WEEK will be in schools for the end of term: 9.30am at St Augustine's School; 11am at St Cross School. All welcome to attend. **There will therefore be no 12 noon Mass in church**, but there is also a 2pm funeral.

FR PHILIP'S TALKS on themes drawn from the book, "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary," will be held monthly at 8pm on Tuesdays. **FINAL date: 16th July.** All welcome in church – see flyers in porch. Copies of handout from 1st & 2nd talks available from Presbytery.

MASS INTENTIONS: there are currently plenty of spare *weekday* dates for intentions for you to request Mass to be offered. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. An intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.

ALTAR SERVERS: as well as the wonderful Yr-6 and Secondary-school-age servers, who do such a good job each and every week serving the Holy Mass, **we also need some Yr-3, 4 or 5 children** to join the serving team, especially as we will need them to serve School Masses in the coming years. Please contact the Presbytery soon to arrange training with Fr Philip.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting this Friday 19th July.** 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 take place **Sunday 18th August at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, Saturday 21st September: as we prepare for the rededication of England to Our Lady as her dowry (March 2020), we have

the chance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham with Cardinal Vincent and Catholics from across the diocese this September. The Deanery coach will pick up at Hoddesdon at 7.15am, to get to Walsingham in good time for 12 noon Mass. After lunch we walk the Holy Mile and conclude with Benediction at the old Priory shrine. To book a place on the coach, fill in the slip (opposite) and give it in with the £25 (£20 coach + £5 pilgrims' levy) cost, either as cash or a cheque payable to 'St Augustine's Catholic Church,' to The Presbytery. **Please note the coach is now half full, so if you would like to attend, please hand in your slip a.s.a.p.**

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Bridget Newson, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini & Tallulah Scott.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

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, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION 2020: an initial meeting for the coming year's programme is yet to be arranged, but will be announced shortly. Sorry for the delay.

"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). **Course begins in September.** If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip soon. There are **green leaflets** outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be selling fairly traded products after all masses **this weekend** and the favourite ginger cookies are back! Please come and have a browse to help support producers in developing countries achieve better trading conditions.

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5's

GOVERNOR VACANCIES: St. Augustine's School has spaces on our board that need filling from September 2019 for two Foundation Governors. It would be an advantage (but not essential) if you have skills in any of the following areas; health & safety/construction, marketing, safeguarding. The role is a 4-year tenure and requires attendance at 2 meetings per term plus occasional visits to the school to meet classes and subject teachers. Training is provided to help Governors fulfil their very important role. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in giving something back to your local Catholic school, please let Father Philip know. More information can be found at www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/ser-ving-as-a-governor

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S would like to thank everyone who attended the quiz. £282 was raised for the playgroup.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes in postcodes "EN11 0" after his Lourdes pilgrimage and holiday.

PARISH BBQ will be held on **Sunday 8th September at 1pm. Forms to request tickets are available at the back of church. We do need final numbers by Mon 2nd September 10am**, so that we can order the food. Please complete your form and hand it into the presbytery. There won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE volunteer to assist with the many jobs – setting out chairs/tables before, putting up gazebos, making potato/pasta salads, coleslaw and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen.** In order to organise the raffle, raffle prizes are needed. If you can donate something, please hand it in at the presbytery as we would like to have all

raffle prizes by the 2nd September. Thanks for your support.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will finish for the summer on **Tuesday 30th July.**

SAFEGUARDING: The safeguarding team will be holding a DBS-renewal drop-in between **3pm and 6pm in the crypt on Friday 19th July.** If your church volunteer post requires a DBS and yours is more than three years old you will need to attend. If you are unsure whether it applies to you or what documents to take please contact Claire Hay on 07971-063520. Appointments should last no longer than 15 to 30 minutes. Many thanks.

KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDIAN DUO are giving a concert of Classical and Ukrainian music in St Catherine & St Paul's Church on **Thursday 1st August at 7.30pm.** This is a free concert, but there will be a donation box in aid of children and families affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. For more info, please contact Margaret Byrne on 443351.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Tony & Linda Barrell. Thanks for your help.

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: August 18th & 25th; Sept 1st & 15th.

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<p>PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM ON 21st SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Contact no.:</p> <p>Next-of-kin name & contact number:</p> <p>Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £25.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY Your personal details will be held on file. After the Pilgrimage day, your details will be securely destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.</p>

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 13th July 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Anthony Mbonu's int's</i>		PAGE 108 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14 <i>The Word is very near to you for your observance.</i> Psalm 68 — Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive. 2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20 <i>All things were created through Christ and for him.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia! Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37 <i>Who is my neighbour?</i> PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr . 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10 2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 24-28 Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>			
Sun 14th July 15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Milly Yarwood RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Nicola Barone RIP Anniv</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. 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	
Mon 15th July ST BONAVENTURE, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>O'Connor Family intentions</i>			
Tues 16th July OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Liddell Family intentions</i>		REGULAR EVENTS	
Wed 17th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Jack Gilbert RIP anniv.</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt			
Thurs 18th July NO Mass		Tues 16th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Wed 17th 6pm Brownies, crypt Fri 19th 7.30pm Prayer group, church	
Fri 19th July (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 9.30am Mass at St Augustine's School 11am Mass at St Cross School 2pm Funeral <i>Brian Moore RIP</i>			
Sat 20th July 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Livio Fattore RIP</i>		Sun 21st July 16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Susan Johnson RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Luciano & Rosalia DiLena</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)			

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.*