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Year C

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

21st JULY 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 38-42

Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE THIS SUNDAY is one we can all easily relate to, as we hear the dilemma of Mary & Martha over the domestic duties, and 'getting everything done'! Yet Christ draws attention to the supreme place of prayer and contemplation on Him that Mary has modelled. It is not a matter of her 'getting out of doing any work'; it's instead a matter of showing that the priority in this life is our relationship with Jesus. When we start to excuse ourselves from daily prayer or Sunday Mass through being 'too busy,' then we have definitely started down a road that is going to lead us away from happiness and peace.



AS OF THIS WEEKEND I AM AWAY ON PILGRIMAGE AND HOLIDAY FOR 3 WEEKS. I shall be accompanying the *malades* pilgrims in Lourdes in the coming week, where they are cared for at the *Accueil Marie Saint-Frai*, one of Lourdes's pilgrim hospitals, at the heart of Westminster's diocesan pilgrimage. It is a blessed week each year, and your intention will be in my prayers at the Grotto where Our Lady appeared. After that I shall take a couple of weeks' holiday, and a few days with my parents, and return in time for the Holyday of the feast of Our Lady's Assumption, 15th August. Please welcome and support Fr John Baptist Kisembo as he returns to our parish for another summer and supplies for me here in these coming weeks. May the Lord bless your own summertime, and keep you safe if you are travelling away.

ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO START ORDERING YOUR BARBECUE TICKETS! Sunday 8th September is the date, which will also be the parish celebration of my 20th Anniversary of priesthood.

May the divine Lord keep us strong in our love for Him, and for our neighbour! Fr Philip

St Augustine teaches: On Patience, 9

But now he [the Devil] had not found [in Job] a second Adam whom he might take by means of a woman. More cautious was Job in his hours of sadness, than Adam in his bowers of gladness, the one was overcome in the midst of pleasant things, the other overcame in the midst of pains; the one consented to that which seemed delightful, this other quailed not in torments most affrightsome. There stood his friends too, not to console him in his evils, but to suspect evil in him. For while he suffered so great sorrows, they believed him not innocent, nor did their tongue forbear to say that which his conscience had not to say; that so amid ruthless tortures of the body, his mind also might be beaten with truthless reproaches. But he, bearing in his flesh his own pains, in his heart others' errors, reproved his wife for her folly, taught his friends wisdom, preserved patience in each and all.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Eoin Hankins who will be baptised this weekend.

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.

ANTONIO MARTUCCI RIP of Thurgood Road died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral details will be made available when known.

May they rest in peace.

FR PHILIP'S TALKS ON MARY: handouts from all 3 talks are 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 Friday 16th August.** 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.**

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/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, 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.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 3rd & Friday 12th September, 7.30-9.00pm.** The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5's

GOVERNOR VACANCIES: St. Augustine's School has spaces on its 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

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. This will also be the parish celebration for Fr Philip's 20th Anniversary.** 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.

200 CLUB WINNER for August is number 33, Celine Whyton. Congratulations!

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 donations 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>.

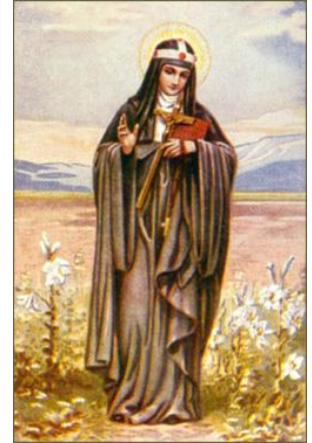
CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Francesca

Comparetto, Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Tanya McAteer. 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 25th; Sept 1st & 15th.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK
ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN**

**Patron of Europe
23rd July**



Birgitta Birgersdotter (1303 - 23 July 1373) of Sweden was a mystic and saint. She

founded the Bridgettine Order after the death of her husband of twenty years. Saint Bridget prayed for a long time to know how many blows Jesus Christ suffered during His terrible Passion. Rewarding her patience, one day He appeared to her and said: "I received 5480 blows upon My Body." In 1999 Pope John Paul II named St Bridget as one of the patron saints of Europe. Her feast day is celebrated on 23rd July, the date of her death.

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**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM
ON 21st SEPTEMBER**

Name:

Contact no.:

Next-of-kin name & contact number:

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Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £25.

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.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 20th July 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Livio Fattore RIP</i>	PAGE 111 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Genesis 18: 1–10 <i>Lord, do not pass your servant by.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Luciano & Rosalia DiLena</i> Sun 21st July 16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Susan Johnson RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	Psalm 14 — <i>The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</i> 2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 24–28 <i>A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to God's saints.</i>
Mon 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Charlie O'Brien RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 23rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Pius Ogbodu's intentions</i> 1pm Funeral <i>Gaetano Amodeo RIP</i>	Gospel: Luke 10: 38–42 <i>Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.</i> PREFACE TODAY: ad lib. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.
Wed 24th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Rose McCafferty RIP anniv.</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p>
Thurs 25th July ST JAMES, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Michael Weaver RIP anniv.</i>	1st Reading: Genesis 18: 20–32 2nd Reading: Colossians 2: 12–14 Gospel: Luke 11: 1–13
Fri 26th July SS JOACHIM & ANNE <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Deceased members of Stickland Family</i> Sat 27th July 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Carlo Ciaravella RIP anniv.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Mary & Harry Pappini RIP</i> Sun 28th July 17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Larry O'Neill RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</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>	
<p>REGULAR EVENTS</p>	
Tues 23rd	12.30pm Lunch club, 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.*