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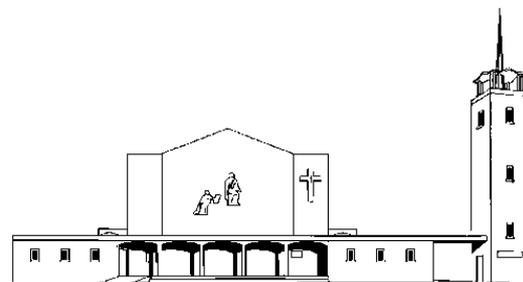
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

18th AUGUST 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 49-53

I am not here to bring peace, but rather division.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE OF THIS SUNDAY – CONTINUING OUR READING OF LUKE'S GOSPEL – reminds us that adherence to Him, and to His Gospel can bring division. He has come "to bring fire to the earth," He says – this is the fire of the Gospel, the fire of zeal for the Truth and for justice ... and these things are not easy to fight for. They can set up tensions, or even enemies, and Christ Himself suffered at the hands of sinful men for whom His saving Word was a source of anger and resentment.



We all know this, personally, I am sure: each of our families will suffer from the effects of greater or lesser adherence to Jesus Christ and His Church. We will all, sadly, know divisions caused by those who have left the faithful practice of the faith, and have turned their backs on Jesus. But it is as He said: that His Gospel will bring division. We must suffer these divisions patiently and prayerfully, and not turn them into a source of anger or frustration. We must continue to pray for those who have left the Lord, and give them a good example of Christian faithfulness, fervour, and fortitude. They will, of course, need to rely on *our* faith if they are ever to come back to following the Lord closely in His Church and in His Sacraments.

I AM GRATEFUL TO FR JOHN BAPTIST and to all others who helped in special ways to cover my time in Lourdes and on holiday. Please God, others of you also will have time for holiday and recreation this summer – may the Lord bless you with safe journeys and a chance to enjoy the natural beauty of God's world!

May the Lord bless you this week through your prayer & loving devotion to Him! Fr Philip

St Augustine teaches: On Patience, 15

The Divine utterances testify, "God is love, and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God dwells in him." Whoever therefore contends that love of God may be had without aid of God, what else does he contend, but that God may be had without God? Now what Christian would say this, which no madman would venture to say? Therefore in the Apostle, true, pious, faithful patience, says exultingly, and by the mouth of the Saints: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us": not through ourselves, but, "through Him that loved us."



PRAYER & LITURGY

ANTONINO CICCHIRILLO RIP of Tregelles Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 21st August at 12.30pm.**

FERGAL LAWLOR RIP of Lord Street, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 28th August at 12 noon.**

ANN MURPHY RIP of McKenzie Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 30th August at 12 noon.**

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.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will take place **this Sunday 18th August at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 20th September.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, Sat 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 there are now JUST 4 spaces left on the coach, 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/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.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 3rd & Friday 13th 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 this week on **Tuesday** afternoon in: Stanstead Road.

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. **At the moment, only 10 people have applied to come, so PLEASE DO FILL OUT YOUR FORMS AND HAND THEM IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** 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.

CARITAS IN YOUR COMMUNITY: On **Saturday 21st September**, Caritas will be holding a gathering at the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Waltham Cross. The gathering is an opportunity for parish groups and social action projects to learn about Caritas Westminster and recruit volunteers. It is an opportunity to learn about projects local to you and find out about Caritas' work across the Diocese. We will also be running the Universal Credit Savvy course on the day. It is from 9am-12pm. Contact francesmoore@rcdow.org.uk for more information.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Two more cleaners are *urgently* needed to help clean the church for one hour per month on a Wednesday. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

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: Sept 1st & 15th.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST BARTHOLOMEW

24TH AUGUST

All that is known of him with certainty is that he is mentioned in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts as one of the twelve apostles. His name, a patronymic, means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same as Nathanael mentioned in John's Gospel, who says he is from Cana and that Jesus called him an "Israelite incapable of deceit." The Roman Martyrology says he preached in India and Greater Armenia, where he was flayed and beheaded by King Astyages.

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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 17th August 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mr and Mrs Castaldi RIP</i>	PAGE 124 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4–6, 8–10 <i>You have borne me to be a man of dissension for all the land.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Dennis Dempsey RIP</i>	Psalm 39 — Lord, come to my aid!
Sun 18th August 20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Orsola Scibelli RIP anniv.</i> ‡ 5pm Holy Hour	2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 1–4 <i>We shall keep running steadily in the race we have started.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
Mon 19th August 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Jim & Jerry Connors & Cash Family intentions</i> 9am Morning Prayer	Gospel: Luke 12: 49–53 <i>I am not here to bring peace, but rather division.</i>
Tues 20th Aug ST BERNARD, Abbot & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass <i>John McGrath RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer	PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)
Wed 21st August ST PIUS X, Pope 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Dan & Pamela Very's intentions</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt 12.30pm Funeral Antonino Cicchirillo RIP 9am Morning Prayer	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 21 st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 18–21 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5–7, 11–13 Gospel: Luke 13: 22–30
Thurs 22nd Aug QUEENSHIP OF THE VIRGIN MARY 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Fr John Baptist's intentions</i> 9am Morning Prayer	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.
Fri 23rd August <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Deceased members of Lee-Lozone family</i>	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Genuardi RIP anniv.</i>	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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Toni Randazzo RIP anniv.</i>	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sun 25th August 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Gaetana Conti RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	
REGULAR EVENTS	

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.*