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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

4TH AUGUST 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 13-21

This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE THIS SUNDAY cautions us on the riches of this world.

"What does it profit us to have gained the whole world, and to have lost or ruined our own self?" Vanity of vanities! "Our life is not made secure by what we own, even when we have more than we need." The rich man in the parable believed his future was secure, and that his good fortune was entirely due to his own merits. It must have come as a shock to learn that his life was God's to give and God's to take away.

We need to contemplate on this parable in depth; the rich man's fault was not in planning ahead. He was perfectly right to provide for his upkeep. Where he went wrong was in thinking only of himself, his own comfort and his wealth. Being rich is not bad, but the problem is when people become possessed by the riches and so much attached to the riches not acknowledging that all good things like riches and good health come from God. It is only when we live and work in some social solidarity that we fit in with God's plan for us with the spirit of sharing especially with our less privileged brothers and sisters.

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and the rest will fall in line." Keeping our treasure in heaven necessitates using all the opportunities for practical service that life puts into our hands. By giving ourselves in neighbourly service we "lay up treasure in heaven." Whatever we give to others in this way is not loss, but the kind of gain that really counts.

Fr John Baptist Kisembo.



St Augustine teaches: On Patience, 12

Concerning true patience, worthy of the name of this virtue, whence it is to be had, must now be inquired. For there are some who attribute it to the strength of the human will, not which it has by Divine assistance, but which it has of free-will. Now this error is a proud one: for it is the error of them which abound, of whom it is said in the Psalm, "A scornful reproof to them which abound, and a despising to the proud." It is not therefore that "patience of the poor" which perishes not forever. For these poor receive it from that Rich One, to Whom is said, "My God are You, because my goods You need not." ... But these which abound, and disdain to be in want before God, lest they receive of Him true patience, they which glory in their own false patience, seek to "confound the counsel of the poor, because the Lord is his hope." Nor do they regard, seeing they are men, and attribute so much to their own, that is, to the human will, that they run into that which is written, "Cursed is everyone who puts his hope in man."

PRAYER & LITURGY

ANTONIO MARTUCCI RIP of Thurgood Road died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 5th August at 11am** with Don Antonio.

May he rest in peace.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION is on **Thursday 15th August** for the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at **9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm**. Eucharistic Ministers, readers and altar servers are needed and if you can assist, please sign your names on the lists at the back of church.

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.

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.**

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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 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 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. 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.

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

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah & Toni Iamarino. 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 LAWRENCE
10TH AUGUST

St. Lawrence, one of the deacons of the Roman Church, was one of the victims of the persecution of Valerian in 258, like Pope Sixtus II. At the beginning of the month of August, 258, the emperor issued an edict, commanding that all bishops, priests, and deacons should immediately be put to death. On 6 August Pope Sixtus II was apprehended in one of the catacombs, and executed forthwith. Four days later, on the 10th of August, Lawrence, also suffered a martyr’s death. St Ambrose relates that when St Lawrence was asked for the treasures of the church, he brought forward the poor, among whom he had divided the treasure, in place of alms; also that when Pope Sixtus II was led away to his death, he comforted Lawrence, who wished to share his martyrdom, by saying that he would follow him in three days. The saintly Bishop of Milan also states that St Lawrence was burned to death on a gridiron.

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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 3rd August 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Maria Petrarca RIP anniv</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 117 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2:21-23 <i>What does a man gain for all his toil?</i></p> <p>Psalm 89 — O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 <i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21 <i>This hoard of yours, whose will it be?</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: ad lib. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Philomena McGahern & Rose Ann McGahern RIP, Michael Page, James McGahern Snr & Jnr</i> Sun 4th August 18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Giuseppe Diesi RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</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> <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>
Mon 5th August 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Jack Wilkes RIP</i> 11am Funeral <i>Antonio Martucci RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p>
Tues 6th Aug THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass <i>Geraldine Liddell RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer	
Wed 7th August 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe Distefano RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt 9am Morning Prayer	
Thurs 8th August ST DOMINIC, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass <i>Rose McCafferty RIP anniv</i> 9am Morning Prayer	
Fri 9th August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Virgilio Antonio Aguilon RIP</i>	
Sat 10th August ST LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Eddy Ogbodu's intentions</i>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Terry Cahill RIP anniv</i> Sun 11th August 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Eladio Galang RIP</i> †	
<p style="text-align: center;">* 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 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.*