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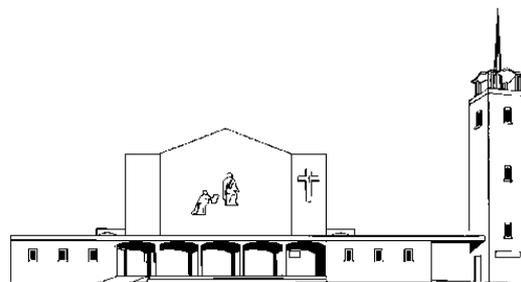
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

15th SEPTEMBER 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 15: 1-32

There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

I INVITE YOU TO OUR NEW SERIES OF 'COME & SEE' MEETINGS THIS AUTUMN, starting on Monday 23rd September. We will be using a series of short videos to prompt discussion about the basics of our belief in God and in His Son Jesus Christ – and all that flows from that.

It will be informal, and welcoming. *This is open to all,*

whether baptized Catholic parishioner or not, and is an especially good programme to bring along those adults who might in due course be interested in becoming Catholics themselves, or in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation if they have never yet done so. Flyers for this course will be available this weekend from myself or from other parishioners in the porch.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PROGRAMMES are now available after Sunday Mass from me personally. The First-Holy-Communion children will be signing to show their attendance at Sat-evening/Sunday Mass as of this weekend: sheets in the porch on the table. We look forward to launching these courses in the coming weeks, and bringing-on our young people in their faith and practice.

I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED OUR SUNNY PARISH BARBECUE last Sunday afternoon, as did my parents who visited for the occasion. I reiterate my thanks to Dawn Bates for co-ordinating the marvellous event, and to all those involved in the organisation. Many thanks to the Band for playing, to those who brought lovely salads etc. to accompany the barbecue, and to those who did all the setting-up and clearing away Sat & Sun. I also am grateful to all those who greeted me with regard to my 20th Ordination Anniversary, and for various cards and gifts. Thank you!



May the Lord strengthen us with a forgiving heart this week! Fr Philip.

St Augustine teaches: On Patience, 19

What is man, while in this life he uses his own proper will, ere he choose and love God, but unrighteous and ungodly? "What," I say, "is man," a creature going astray from the Creator, "unless his Creator be mindful of him," and choose him freely, and love him freely? Because he is himself not able to choose or love, unless being first chosen and loved he be healed, because by choosing blindness he perceives not, and by loving laziness is soon wearied. But perchance some man may say: In what manner is it that God first chooses and loves unjust men, that He may justify them, when it is written, "You hate, Lord, all that work iniquity"? In what way, think we, but in a wonderful and ineffable manner? And yet even we are able to conceive, that the good Physician both hates and loves the sick man: hates him, because he is sick; loves him, that he may drive away his sickness.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME IN TO THE CHURCH Romeo Ferraro and Emilia Montero-Hackett who will be baptised this weekend.

PHILOMENA ROBB RIP of Wharf Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Tuesday 17th September at 11am.**

JAMES MCGEE RIP of The Meadway, died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 7th October at 12 noon.**
May they rest in peace.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will take place **this Sunday 15th September at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS: The next rota for the period Oct 2019 - Jan 2020 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh tel 449282 or e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com by **Wed 25th September AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, tel. no. etc. and whether you wish the rota to be e-mailed to you (if not previously advised of this.)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: More leaders and helpers are needed at the 9.15am Mass. Training will be provided. Please contact Claire Hay 07971-063520 for further information.

THE FOLK GROUP is losing one of its regular guitarists, and so is in urgent need of another guitarist to play at the 9.15am Mass on alternate Sundays. If you know of anyone willing, please contact the presbytery or speak to a member of the Folk Group after Mass.

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.

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.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE, Sat 21st Sept: coach now full. The coach will pick up at Hoddesdon at **7.15am**, to get us 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.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND will be held at St Albans on the **19th-20th Oct.** Mass is celebrated each day, whilst there is time and space to encounter Christ's healing touch in Adoration, Reconciliation & prayer ministry. For more info: www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans where you can book online.

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

"COME AND SEE" – we are going to be running a course through the autumn, starting late September, which is open to all parishioners – and also to non-parishioners, especially those adults thinking of seeking Baptism or the other Sacraments of the Catholic Church.* This course, using very good video materials produced by a priest of this diocese, will enable all those attending to think through their faith, the reasons for their belief and their further commitment to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

(* This would include also those Catholic adults who have never been prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.)

DATES FOR THIS PROGRAMME: starts Monday 23rd Sept, 7.30-9pm. Following dates: 30th Sept; 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th Oct; 18th & 25th Nov; 2nd & 9th Dec.

CONFIRMATION 2020: an initial meeting for

the coming year's programme is likely to be **Tuesday 1st October**. Forms available to apply for the course this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: application forms for children in Yrs 3+ are now available to collect from Fr Philip after all Masses this weekend (and not available from the presbytery). Please return the forms to the presbytery a.s.a.p. (and at least by the end of September) so we know how many children to order books for. **The sign-in sheet for attendance at Mass will commence this weekend** (because the children asking for these sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion need to be coming to Mass weekly. (At 9.15am Mass they can attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word.)

The first meeting for parents will be on **Wednesday 27th November at 8pm** in the crypt. N.B. The classes for the children will be held on **Sat 18th Jan, 10-3pm; Sat 15th Feb 10-3pm; Sat 16th May 10-3pm; Sat 6th June 10-2pm; and Sat 13th June 10-11am**. The first confessions will be held on Mon/Tues 2nd or 3rd March 5-6pm. The First Holy Communion Masses will be on 21st or 28th June at 1.30pm. Please review all the above dates and if you are unable to commit to all the dates, please defer applying for the course until next year. Dates for further parents' meetings will follow in due course.

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

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/serving-as-a-governor.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes on **Tuesday** afternoon this week in Old Highway and environs.

PARISH BARBECUE was a huge success with nearly 180 people attending. We've had a lot of great feedback from parishioners about how much they enjoyed it. Obviously, the day didn't happen without a lot of hard work from many parishioners. As there are far too many to name in person, THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to make the BBQ such a fantastic day, especially all the men who helped put out and tidy away the tables, chairs and put up the gazebos – you know who you are! Thank you also to everyone who donated salads. If you did leave any bowls behind, please do arrange to collect them from the crypt. Thank you.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to have the 2019 issue of the magazine ready for sale by the end of the month.

200 CLUB WINNER for September is number 69 Michelle Costanzo. Congratulations!

APF RED-BOX SUPPORTERS are invited to a Mission Celebration on **Saturday 5th Oct 2-5pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary & St Dominic, Haverstock Hill, London NW5 4LB. Mass will be said by Bishop Paul McAleenan. Please contact generaloffice@missio.org.uk or Catherine Scott (020-7821-9755) to attend.

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 do 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 15th, 22nd; Oct 6th & 13th.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy				
Sat 14th Sept THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 136 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7–11, 13–14 <i>The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.</i></p> <p>Psalm 50 — I will leave this place and go to my father.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12–17 <i>Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 15: 1–32 <i>There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Amos 8: 4–7 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1–8 Gospel: Luke 16: 1–13</p>				
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 15th Sept 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>John Fallon RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Diane Wright RIP</i> 5pm Holy Hour †	<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>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>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>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 16th September SS CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Tony Ogbodu's intentions</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Tues 17th</td> <td style="width: 50%;">12.30pm lunch club, crypt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 18th</td> <td>6pm Brownies, crypt</td> </tr> </table>	Tues 17th	12.30pm lunch club, crypt	Wed 18th	6pm Brownies, crypt
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Wed 18th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Dan & Pamela Beary's intentions</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt					
Thurs 19th September 9.15am Mass <i>Pippa Saunders' ints.</i>					
Fri 20th September SS ANDREW KIN TAE-GÔN, Priest <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Osih Family intentions</i>					
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<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>					