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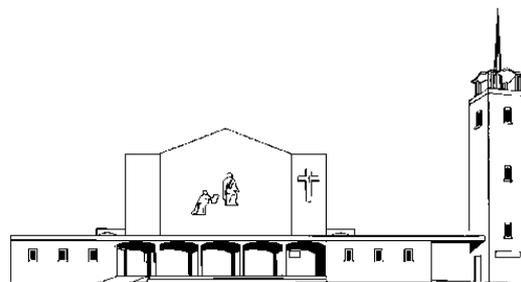
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

29th SEPTEMBER 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 16: 19-31

Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

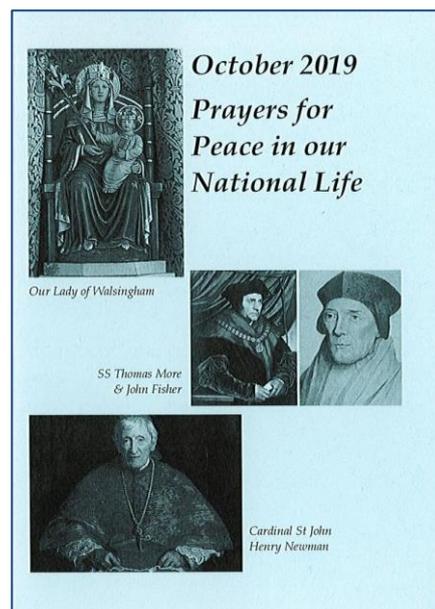
AS I PROMISED LAST WEEK DURING THE HOMILY, I have prepared a prayer-card for your use throughout the coming weeks as we enter this crucial month of October in regard to our exiting the European Union, with all the national turmoil that this debate has engendered. The prayer card is enclosed with your newsletter, and I urge you to make use of it in your daily prayer. We have seen another week of upset and rancour in political circles, and so let's implore the Lord to bring this all more calmly to its conclusion, allowing us to create a bit more peace in our nation's life. This very month will see the canonization of Cardinal John Henry Newman, a giant on the stage of British life and Christian ministry in Victorian times – and today our own Cardinal, Archbishop Vincent, addresses to us a pastoral letter on this theme. Let's ask the prayers of St J H Newman, and Our Blessed Mother too under her English title of 'Our Lady of Walsingham,' and all our nation's many saints, to pray for us at this time.

OUR 'COME & SEE' PROGRAMME began well last Monday, with a great atmosphere, and it continues through the autumn on most Mondays (dates inside newsletter and also on a yellow sheet alongside the newsletters). It is an informal exploration of the basics of our Christian faith – the idea being that you have the opportunity to grow in your own faith, but also be able to bring along anyone (non-Catholic, non-Christian) who wants to explore the Catholic faith and might consider coming into the Church through Baptism and Confirmation one day. PLEASE think of coming, even if you didn't last week, as it is still open to newcomers.

May the Lord strengthen us with grace for a holy week ahead! Fr Philip

St Augustine teaches: On Patience, 21

But if it be goaded on and inflamed with deceitful visions and unclean incentives by the devilish spirit, associated and conspiring therewith in malignant agreement, this spirit makes the will of the man either frantic with error, or burning with appetite of some worldly delight; and hence, it seems to show a marvellous endurance of intolerable evils: but yet it does not follow from this that an evil will without instigation of another and unclean spirit, like as a good will without aid of the Holy Spirit, cannot exist. For that there may be an evil will even without any spirit either seducing or inciting, is sufficiently clear in the instance of the devil himself, who is found to have become a devil, not through some other devil, but of his own proper will.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME IN TO THE CHURCH Alessio Donovan and Joseph Lassak who will be baptised this weekend.

JAMES MCGEE RIP of The Meadway, died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Mon 7th Oct at 12 noon.**

PROVIDENZA CICCHIRILLO RIP of Lord Street died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Monday 14th October at 12 noon.** *May they rest in peace.*

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER will not take place this Monday morning, but there will still be Mass at 9.15am.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 4th October.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 6th October.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: More leaders and helpers are needed for 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 18th October.** 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 20th October at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

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.

SOLEMN VESPERS for the canonisation of John Henry Cardinal Newman will be held in Westminster Cathedral on **Sat 19th October** at 3.30pm. All welcome, and no ticket required.

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.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Ian Witham, Bridget Newson, Rosa Augello & 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/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

"COME AND SEE" – we are going to be running a course through the autumn, starting **this week**, 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: Mondays 7.30-9pm, 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 to be held this **Tuesday 1st October** in the crypt at 7pm for parents and candidates. Forms available to apply for the course *one last weekend* from Fr Philip. Please return forms a.s.a.p. and certainly before the end of September.

The classes for the candidates will be held on: 15th Oct; 12th & 26th Nov; 10th Dec; 7th & 21st Jan; 4th & 25th Feb; 10th & 24th March; 7th and 21st April, generally 7-8.30pm in the crypt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: application forms for children in Yrs 3+ are now available to collect from Fr Philip after all Masses *for one last 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 has already commenced** (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 still 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

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL OPEN DAYS FOR NURSERY/RECEPTION Class 2020/21:

Mrs Blackwell will be holding Open Days for prospective Reception and Nursery Class Parents for the 2020/21 academic year on:

Monday 4th Nov: 9-10am - Reception parents; 2-3pm - Nursery parents. Thursday 21st Nov: 9-10am - Nursery Parents; 2-3pm - Reception parents. These sessions are open to anyone who is considering sending their child to our Nursery/Reception Class in September 2020. Mrs Blackwell will provide parents with a tour of the school, a power-point presentation and will also be available to answer any questions that you may have. If you would like

to come and look around, please phone the school office on 01992-463549 to book a place or e-mail admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk with your name and contact details.

JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

CAFOD HARVEST DAY is on **Friday 4th October** and the Fast-Day envelopes will be attached to next weekend's newsletter and will also be collected next weekend. CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a main meal – and to give the money we save to help people from a remote village in Uganda.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

2019 PARISH MAGAZINE in full colour, 60 pages, is now available to buy after all Masses this weekend. To cover the cost of printing the price is £5.50. You can also purchase it from the presbytery during the week.

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

'BEGINNING EXPERIENCE' WEEKEND: A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held **18th to 20th Oct** at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or e-mail johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

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: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Penny Bengé. 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: Oct 6th & 13th.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 28th Sept SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Philomena Robb RIP</i>	PAGE 143 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Amos 6: 1, 4-7 <i>Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled.</i> Psalm 145 — My soul, give praise to the Lord. 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16 <i>Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> Sun 29th Sept 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Gaetano Bondi RIP</i> †	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31 <i>Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 2 (p. 66) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)
Mon 30th September ST JEROME, Priest & Dr 9.15 Mass <i>Jimmie Doherty's intentions</i>	Next Week's Readings 27 th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14 Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10
Tues 1st October ST THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Private intention</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.
Wed 2nd October HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>James Cull RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Thurs 3rd October 9.15am Mass <i>Angela Doherty's intentions</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.
Fri 4th Oct ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI (CaFOD FAST DAY) <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Carmel O'Loughlin's intentions</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Private intention</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sat 5th October SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Private intention</i>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Guerino Santaniello RIP anniv</i> Sun 6th Oct 27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Richard Pyper RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</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>	

REGULAR EVENTS

Mon 30th	7.30pm Come & See, crypt	Tues 1st	7pm Confirmation, crypt
Tues 1st	12.30pm lunch club, crypt	Wed 2nd	6pm Brownies, 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.*