

The Announcer

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8th SEPTEMBER 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 14: 25-33

None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE, CONTINUING OUR READINGS FROM ST LUKE, speaks of the challenges of discipleship, and the fact that we need to give our 'all' to following Christ. We cannot be a half-hearted Christian; it just doesn't work like that. Our Lord speaks of "taking up our Cross every day and following Him." In particular, He tells us that we should not rely on *possessions* as the answer to a happy life. Let's really take Jesus's words to heart as we hear them this Sunday.

I CELEBRATED LAST WEEK MY 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, and I look forward to a further marking of that occasion with the 11.15 Mass this Sunday and the Parish Barbecue for 180 parishioners to follow. I am grateful to both the parish Primary Schools for supplying the music for this special Mass.

MANY THANKS TO OUR PARISH SECRETARY, DAWN BATES, for all the co-ordination of our Parish Barbecue! I know that there are many others who have contributed to its success, and I will thank them on Sunday. Those of you who are coming, I look forward to greeting you on the day, and to sharing a relaxing afternoon together in the parish garden! (Please note that to attend the Barbecue you will already have had to request attendance, as food has been ordered according to pre-booked numbers.)

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME are now available after Sunday Mass from me personally. *Please read carefully the item inside the Newsletter*, as the bulk of the programme dates (children's classes etc. from January 2020) are published there, and *you will need to keep these dates free* in order to take part in the programme.



May the Lord bless us with His holy grace for the week ahead. Fr Philip.

St Augustine teaches: On Patience, 18

Whence also the just of old, before the Incarnation of the Word, in this faith of Christ, and in this true righteousness, (which thing Christ is unto us,) were justified; believing this to come which we believe come: and they themselves by grace were saved through faith, not of themselves, but by the gift of God, not of works, lest haply they should be lifted up. For their good works did not come before God's mercy, but followed it. For to them was it said, and by them written, long ere Christ had come in the flesh, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will show compassion on whom I will have compassion."



PRAYER & LITURGY

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

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.

*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 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 next 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 immediately (from Sunday 15th Sept.) 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.

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Friday 13th September, 7.30–9.00pm in church.**

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/ser-ving-as-a-governor.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE will be holding an Open Evening on **Tuesday 17th September 5.30-8pm**. The Headteacher's address will be at 7.15pm. Open Mornings will also be held on Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th Sept 9-10am.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH BBQ is this Sunday at 1pm and is now sold out. Please remember to bring your own drink as there isn't a bar. Please note that the playgroup garden is closed, due to damage caused in previous years. There is a bouncy castle available for children, but parents must be responsible for their own children. We look forward to seeing everyone in the garden for a really enjoyable day.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes on **Wednesday** afternoon this week in Murchison Road & Whitley Road.

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

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.

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>.

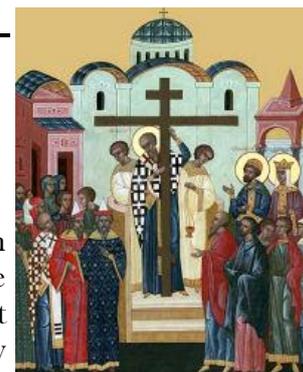
CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Tony & Linda Barrell. Thanks for your help.

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.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 14TH SEPTEMBER

This feast was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mt. Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629. This day is also called the Exaltation of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross & Holy Cross Day. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. It is also, of course, the patronal feast of St Cross school.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 7th September 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Elena Maria de Aguilon RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 133 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Wisdom 9: 13–18 <i>Who can divine the will of the Lord?</i></p> <p>Psalm 89 — O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Philemon 9–10, 12–17 <i>Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 14: 25–33 <i>None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 67) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7–11, 13–14 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12–17 Gospel: Luke 15: 1–32</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Antonino Cicchirillo RIP</i> Sun 8th Sept 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</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 9th September 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass <i>Mary Foley RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer Tues 10th Sept 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass <i>Justin Ighade's intentions</i> 9am Morning Prayer Wed 11th September 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Mary Beary RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt 9am Morning Prayer Thurs 12th September 9.15am Mass <i>Jim McGee RIP rec. dec.</i> Fri 13th September ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Justina & Pius Ogbodu RIP</i> Sat 14th Sept THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Ken Parker 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>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <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 ‡	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 10th 12.30pm lunch club, crypt Wed 11th 6pm Brownies, crypt	Wed 11th 7.30pm All Saints Fri 13th 7.30pm Baptism course

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.*