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Year A

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

4th OCTOBER 2020

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

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My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

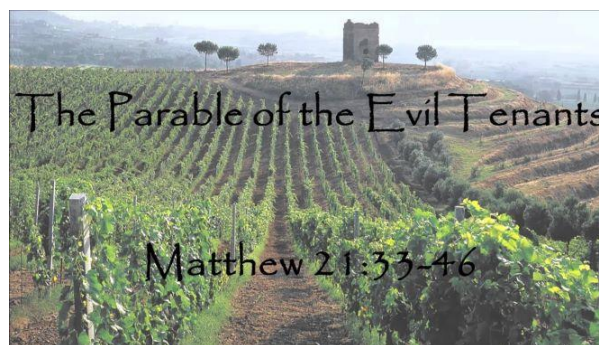
THIS NEXT PARABLE IN THE CYCLE FROM ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL that we have heard over several weeks, now, is a particularly poignant one, as Jesus expresses the fact that the Son & Heir – by which He means Himself – will be killed and thrown out of what is rightly His own domain. It is a powerful prediction on His part that He will be abused and put to death by those who should be the very guardians of the earthly praise of God. Yet He gives His life willingly.

This parable also reminds us of the much-needed balance between our care for the environment and the economic needs of feeding the world's precious people. This coming Friday (9th) marks our **harvest CaFOD Fast Day** – we'll be giving you the chance to make your contribution to CaFOD's great work next Sunday, with the envelopes attached to the newsletters. Naturally, the coronavirus pandemic hits many of the poorest communities the hardest, as they have limited resources with which to fight and control the outbreak. So, whilst we also may each have our financial challenges, let's not forget our Christian duty to feed the hungry and clothe the naked ... CaFOD is our Catholic agency for carrying out such sacred work on our behalf – let's play our part in funding their life-saving and life-giving mission. www.caford.org.uk/fastday

WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE AT SUNDAY MASS – we had only 210 last weekend across all the Masses including the Italian Mass, so, by a long way, we have not reached the safe capacity: we can easily fit 70-90 in the church. Saturday evening (6.30pm Mass) and Sunday evening (5pm) Mass are open to all, whilst Sunday-morning Masses are restricted by surname, on an alternating (fortnightly) basis:

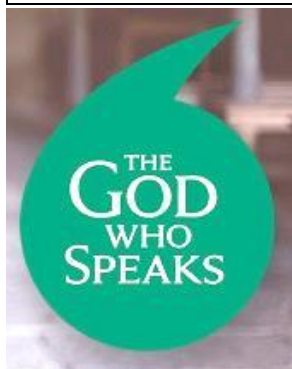
9.15 & 11.15am Sundays ONLY: surnames L-Z for 4th Oct.; surnames A-K for 11th Oct.

Let's honour our Lord as we show our care for all humanity created in His image! Fr Philip



2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 43

Saint Paul also uses the lovely image of the olive tree to describe the very close relationship between Christians and Jews: the Church of the Gentiles is like a wild olive shoot, grafted onto the good olive tree that is the people of the Covenant. In other words, we draw our nourishment from the same spiritual roots. We encounter one another as brothers and sisters who at certain moments in their history have had a tense relationship, but are now firmly committed to building bridges of lasting friendship. As Pope John Paul II said on another occasion: "We have much in common. Together we can do much for peace, justice and for a more fraternal and more humane world."



PRAYER & LITURGY

A DECADE OF THE ROSARY will be recited before each Sunday Mass in the month of October, month of the holy rosary.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS:

- **SURNAMES FOR Sun 4th Oct: 9.15/11.15am Masses: L-Z only.** Surnames A-K on 11th Oct, but *this restriction is under review*. Attendance at Sat 6.30/Sun 5pm NOT restricted by surname.
- **Extra Sunday Mass: 5pm Sunday afternoon.**
- Parish volunteer stewards will ensure that those arriving at Mass adhere to the protocols regarding hygiene and distancing.
- *Please note that the toilets will remain CLOSED.*
- *Sunday Mass is shortened*, to give time for sanitizing the church between Masses. There is no congregational singing, no Offertory Procession and no Sign of Peace. Holy Communion will be distributed carefully and slowly. You can give your usual weekly donation as you *exit* the church, rather than in the middle of Mass.
- *The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended*, so those whose health is compromised may still feel it necessary to avoid coming to Mass for the time being.
- *Confessions* – available again in the usual confessional, but only *kneeling at the grille/curtain*, not face to face. Alternatively, ring Fr Philip for an appointment for confession in the open in the parish garden.

MASS INTENTIONS: there are many spare *weekday & some weekend dates* for intentions for you to request Mass in the coming weeks. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. Intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.

PARISH TIMETABLE: the church is open daily (c. 8am – 7pm) with Mass times and Adoration at the usual times. Additionally, **Adoration at the end of the day (6-7pm) will continue, Monday-Friday.** Low-level supervision operates throughout each day, to ensure that all is safe: Fr Philip or Fr Joshy, or volunteer parishioners, will be available in church/porch. There are hygienic facilities in place, and distancing (2m from any person other than from one's own household) is to be maintained.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY on Sundays is suspended for the time being.

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE. The parish is grateful for the new Standing Orders that have helped parish finances during the pandemic. It is good to report that the parish now receives twice per month in SOs what it was receiving in January. However, the covering of parish costs is still a big problem. The parish bank a/c has decreased by about £17k since the start of the year.

Outgoings were cut enormously during the past 6 months, but many costs are ongoing, such as the safe upkeep of our buildings and grounds. We do those of you whose finances are stable at present to consider your parish giving, to help the parish out at a difficult time. Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

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/bishopsstortford>

<p>IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an <i>automatic</i> 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</p>
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CATECHETICS

"RCIA" / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION: classes suspended for now. Thought will be given to how these catechetics courses can be safely resumed. But participants do now need to return to Sunday Mass in order for this to be possible.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is this **Friday 9th October** and the envelopes will be attached to the newsletter and also **collected next weekend**. You can also donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give> or give easily via text (text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10). This is to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. You are invited to join CAFOD for a Family Fast Day Online Mass on Friday 9th October at 6pm for those affected by COVID 19 in developing countries and in thanksgiving for our supporters here in the UK. For further information see the web page <http://cafod.org.uk/fastday>

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: Hundreds of people rely on generous donations to the local FoodBank from our parishioners and other local people. The need is for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc., as well as sealed packages of NON-PERISHABLE foods: dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. The FoodBank collection boxes are in the church porch.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL Governing Body has vacancies for Foundation Governors, ideally with experience in: Risk, Health & Safety, Business Management or HR. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, please contact Chair of Governors, Cate Campany, on ccampany@stcross.herts.sch.uk .

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL Governing Body has vacancies for Foundation Governors, ideally with skills in these fields: Legal, Health & Safety and Marketing. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs. Napier, via her PA on: cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

THE CATHOLIC HERALD is now back on sale in the church porch. No longer a weekly magazine, it is now *monthly*, price £5. October issue now available.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will begin a new round of house visits (door-step visits) this week (**Wednesday afternoon**) at the top end of the parish: St Margaret's Road.

BUDGETING COURSE: A 3-week course to help you set a household budget, manage your money, and save for the future is available locally. Daytime & evening courses are available at Rosedale Community Church, Andrews Lane, Cheshunt EN7 6LB. The first 3-week course will begin **Monday 5th October** at 7.30pm and Wednesday 7th October at 10.30am. The second set of courses will start the first week of November. The course is suitable for all adults and support will be provided from our volunteers for those who do not find reading/writing/maths easy. Please contact Bethany to book your place on 623835 or e-mail bethanyb2000@yahoo.com.

CHURCH CLEANING – a special rota will be devised now that the church is open again.

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

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO OUR LADY at this time of the virus outbreak

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part

in Jesus's pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 3rd October SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Witold Kozak RIP rec. dec.</i>	PAGE 137 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1–7 <i>The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel.</i>
4pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Arnulfo Castilar RIP</i> Sun 4th Oct TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YR 9.15am Mass <i>Richard Pyper RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 5pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	Ps 79 — The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel. 2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6–9 <i>The God of peace will be with you.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</i>
Mon 5th October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Askew RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	Gospel: Matthew 21: 33–43 <i>He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 3 (p. 66) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)
Tues 6th October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Joseph Glavey RIP anniv</i> 6pm Adoration	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Wed 7th October OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Margaret Whelehan RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6–10 2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12–14, 19–20 Gospel: Matthew 21: 1–14
Thurs 8th October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Monica Hunter RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	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 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration / 11.45am Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Colm O'Shea RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 10th October ST PAULINUS OF YORK 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Maureen O'Neill 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.
4pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Helen & Michael Sherman RIP</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 11th Oct TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YR 9.15am Mass <i>Jackie, Mary, Ted, Bella, Tom & Richard McGrath</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm Mass <i>Richard & Maureen Norman RIP</i>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	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 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.*