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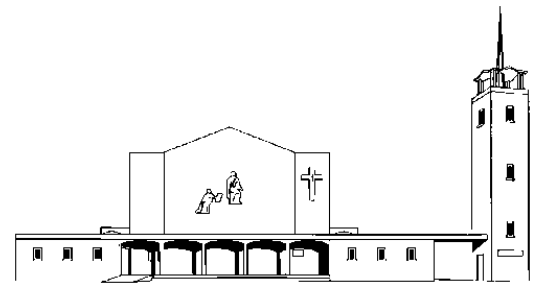
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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Gospel: *Luke 16: 1-13*

You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus addresses the so-called parable of the dishonest administrator and a series of related admonitions to his disciples. The said steward was accused of wasting his master's resources. Aware of the inevitability of rendering account to his master, he applies himself rather astutely. It is this and not his dishonesty that Jesus praises in the parable. He appears to see the unique way out of his troubles. This was informed by assessing as objectively as possible the reality of his situation. He knew he couldn't beg or dig and therefore, he

employed the most useful way out: making friends with his master's debtors in order that in the event of having been made redundant he could make a livelihood from these connections. The point here is that riches or the possession of them are not dishonest in themselves. The question is on how they are acquired or used. Jesus uses this parable to teach us the valuable lesson about discovering the unique path to salvation: God. It is God and not wealth which presents us with the only means and hope of salvation. The truth is that freedom does not mean the liberty to do whatever we like. It is rather the space to choose what is right, because in the end everyone is responsible to or for somebody or something which determines the direction of our lives. If one's life is consumed by the acquisition of wealth, then wealth becomes their master, determining what they desire and what the most important things in life are. However, if one's master is God, then God becomes the dominant principle and interpretive key of life showing the way to true happiness here on earth and assuring them of eternal bliss in the life hereafter. Every human being ought to make the choice of who or what is the dominant and determining principle in their life: God or wealth, since it cannot be both simultaneously. God as master teaches us to deal with wealth responsibly and maturely, but wealth cannot in itself teach us how to relate responsibly to God.

Fr Michael Quaiocoe.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Arthur Rogers who will be baptised this weekend.

MASS: Next **Saturday, 24th September** there will be **NO 10am Mass** and Mass in the evening will be at **8.30pm instead of 6.30pm**. This is due to the Pilgrimage to Walsingham on that day.

GIUSEPPA CUFFARO of Rodney Crescent, died recently aged 91. Her Requiem will be on **Tuesday 20th September at 11am** with Don Antonio.

PAULINE CALLANAN of Tunfield Road died recently, aged 81. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

JUBILEE MASS: The Cardinal will be here with us on **Sunday 23rd October, 11.15am Mass**, to celebrate our 60th-anniversary of the church. There will be a shared meal with refreshments in the crypt afterwards. Please do put the date in your diary.

WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Saturday 24th September: The



coach to Walsingham is now fully booked. The coach will leave the church at 8am to arrive in time for

the 12 noon Mass. Please do bring a picnic lunch, suitable clothing and items for all weathers (eg umbrella, sun-cream etc) as well as water to drink. Sensible shoes are also recommended. Please note there will be two collections during the day. One during the Mass which goes towards the upkeep and development of the Walsingham Shrine and a retiring collection after Benediction which also goes towards the cost of the day. We will be leaving Walsingham about 4.30pm.

ALTAR SERVERS: As well as the yr-6 Secondary school age servers who do a great job each and every week serving, we also need some Yr 3, 4 or 5 children to join the serving team, especially as we will need them to serve School Masses in the coming year. Please contact the presbytery if you are interested.

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. 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
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Account Number:	31264370

CONTACTLESS GIVING AT MASS: There is a device for giving your weekly offering to the parish for its upkeep contactlessly, by card. The device is at the LEFT-HAND exit door from church as you leave Mass.

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>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: 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

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Giuseppa Cuffaro and Pauline Callanan and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Providenza Cicchirillo, Isabel Abrahams, Pat Cookson, Genoveffa Milazzo, Serena Barone, Ryan Walsh, Eileen Linford and John Lumley. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CATECHETICS

RCIA: 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th September** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022/2023:

application forms for the Confirmation programme for young people in Year 9 or above are now available to collect from the presbytery either by email or in person. This is on the assumption that you regularly attend weekly Mass. Please complete the form and post it into the presbytery together with a photo of the candidate. More information about the programme will follow in due course.



JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, Broxbourne are holding a "Plastic Free" Brunch on **Sat 24th Sept** at 10.30am. All welcome. Please contact Judith Hyde at hydehaven@ntlworld.com.

SCHOOLS & UNDER 5'S

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's QUIZ NIGHT will be held in the crypt to raise funds for the Under 5's on **Saturday 8th October, 7.30pm for 8pm** start. £5 per head. Please contact the Under 5s on 460614 to book your table. Please bring your own drink & nibbles with you.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm**. All are welcome.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE are holding their Open Evening on **Tuesday 20th September** from 5.30pm. Headteacher's address is at 6.30pm.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL are having their Open Evening on **Wed 21st Sept from 6-8.30pm**. The Open Evening is a ticketed event so please log onto www.stmarys.net to book your ticket.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL in Cheshunt will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on **Wednesday 28th September** with a special Mass said by Bishop Paul followed by a picnic lunch. Past and present pupils, families and friends of the school are welcome. Please contact the school office: [01992 63560](tel:0199263560) admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

WARM COATS: B3 Living are collecting warm coats to help people in the winter. These need to be in good condition and clean. The coats can be taken to reception at B3 Living, opposite Morrisons in Hoddesdon, FAO Helen Wright.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday 7th October 7.30pm** in the church crypt. £5 per head, payable on the night. Welcome to bring your own refreshments, nibbles and brains! Please contact Luisa on 07968 332274 to reserve a table. It would be great to see many of you there to support a local charity.

CHURCH CLEANERS are urgently needed to join the Wednesday morning cleaning team.



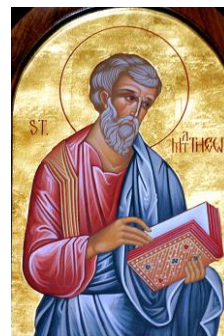
One volunteer has come forward, but we do still need one more person. If you can help clean for just 1 hour per month, please contact the presbytery.

SUNDAY COFFEE is being served in the crypt, after the 9.15am Mass. Please do pop down for a coffee and a chat.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé & Antonia Di Piano. Thank you for your help.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

*ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist.
21st September*



Matthew the Apostle, also called Levi, was sitting at his tax-collector's desk in Capernaum when he was called by Christ.

He followed Him at once, and also gave a feast for Him and the other disciples. After the resurrection of Christ, while Matthew was still in Judaea before going to the district which it had fallen to his lot to evangelize, he wrote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Hebrew for the sake of the Jews who had become believers. Then he went – tradition says – to Ethiopia and preached the Gospel, confirming his teaching with many miracles. St Matthew's apostolic work was crowned with the glory of martyrdom. His body was taken to Salerno, and later, under Pope Gregory VII, it was transferred to the church there dedicated to St. Matthew.

