

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

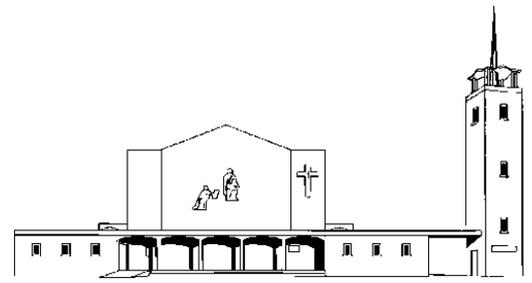
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Also in residence: Fr Joseph Thayil Mathew (chaplain to Syro-Malabar-rite Catholics)

Year A TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th AUGUST 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 13–20

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEK SEES OUR PATRONAL FEASTDAY — ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO — on Thursday. It's a shame that our great feast falls in the summer, as it is hard to be able to celebrate it in a very full fashion, many of our parishioners being away on holiday at this time. St Augustine is a fascinating figure, a brilliant scholar and orator, and yet also someone who lived a life far from the faith for a good portion of his early life. Coming to Baptism only at the age of 32 in the year 387AD, and with no intention of entering Holy Orders, yet by the time he was 42 he was consecrated the Bishop of Hippo Regius (in modern-day Algeria, today's coastal city of Annaba). His influence in the history of the Church, and in its study of theology and pastoral care has been enormous, and despite the antiquity — he lived during the time of the Roman Empire! — yet his life and teaching are very much still relevant.

Arrangements for the feastday — **Thursday 28th August:**

9.30am Morning Prayer — 10am FESTAL MASS

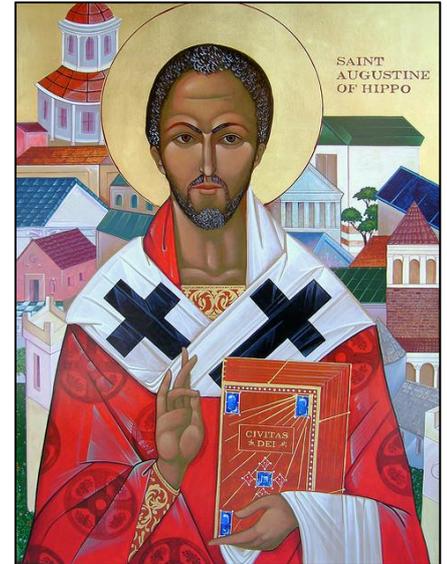
11am Coffee & Cakes in Presbytery Garden

We will take the opportunity of this feastday celebration to say a 'thank you' and a 'farewell' to Fr Joseph, who will move on 4th September to take up his new residence at Brook Green parish (Hammersmith) from where he will continue his ministry amongst the Syro-Malabar-rite Catholic community and also assist in Holy Trinity parish.

Please do make a special effort to come along for 10am Mass on Thursday, if you are at all able!

May our parish be blessed at the intercession of St Augustine our patron.

Fr Philip Miller



From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 27:



Whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia or wilful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practise them than those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are supreme dishonour to the Creator.

PRAYER & LITURGY

PATRICIA GUDGIN RIP of Bell Lane, Broxbourne, has died, and her funeral will take place on Wednesday 27th August at 2pm. Our sympathies to her family at this time. *May she rest in peace.*

MASS ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 25th August will be at 10am. After this the church will be closed for the rest of the day.

ST AUGUSTINE'S DAY is this Thursday. Morning Prayer at 9.30pm, Mass at 10am, Garden reception at 11am. Please come and celebrate our patronal feastday!

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 19th September.** A semi-formal quiet hour in the Lady Chapel once a month to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm on **Sunday 21st September.** (There will be no Holy Hour in July). Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: Please note there will be no meeting in July or August, but the group will resume again on **Thursday 25th September** at 1.30pm in the presbytery. All are welcome to join.

ITALIAN MASS: Please note that there will be NO Italian Mass now until **Sunday 21st September.**

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Porto, Christopher Browne, John Askew, Alan Dolan, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Mark Reason, Hilda Andrews, Joanne Sheridan, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Bohita Fanor, Jill Logsdail, Joe Barr, Jenny Miller, Joseph Penheiro, Peter Tanner and Sylvia Mullick.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain, as this information is now systematically withheld from Chaplains. 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.

The Chaplains are: QEll, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Sławek Jedrych 01279-426017



Our parish's **Growing in Faith** season has run from January–Easter, giving us the chance, along with all Westminster Catholics, to support the needs of the local Church.

So far we have received committed pledges of **£173,000** (£42,000 for parish), but there are still parishioners who have indicated that they wish to give, but have not yet filled in pledge forms. I urge that they do so at the earliest opportunity in order for us to be sure of reaching our target, so we can move on to seeking an employee with confidence.

Our local parish project is a very important one: to employ a part-time parish catechist to add to the great work already going on at St Augustine's in First Holy Communion and Confirmation, RCIA etc. by wonderful volunteers. There are so many other opportunities for catechesis and work amongst the youth & young adults of our parish which we could begin through a new employee. **PLEASE PRAY that the right person can now be sought.**

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held on **Monday 15th September** from 7–8.30pm in the crypt for candidates and parents.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015: application forms for preparation for the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion (for children in Yr 3 and above) will be available after Saturday evening/Sunday Mass in September.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 10th and 17th September** from **7.30pm-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

"RCIA" – The 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for

adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion). **The course will begin on 9th September at 7pm** but if anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic who wishes to be confirmed), please contact Fr Philip soon. There are also some green leaflets outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit parish families in the following roads this week on **Tuesday** afternoon: Tovey Ave, Thurgood Rd, Middlefield Ave, Southfield Rd, Manor Rd.

FR JOSEPH THAYIL MATHEW has been appointed Assistant Priest to the Brook Green parish alongside continuing his ministry among the Syro-Malabar-rite community. He will move to his new residence at the beginning of September. **On St Augustine's Day (28th August) we will have a reception in the garden after 10am Mass, and wish Fr Joseph all the best in his new posting.**

200 CLUB: Congratulations to Mr DB Greenall who wins £40 in this month's draw. If anyone else would like to join please contact Theresa Casbard on t.casbard@ntlworld.com or 301551.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund has now been changed to **Friday 26th September** due to holidays. It will be held in the crypt and please join us for a night of fun, £5 per head – payable on the night – bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table. If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation either cash or a bottle for the winning team then please drop that in at the presbytery.

WALSINGHAM WALK, 4–12 OCTOBER 2014: We urgently need a male driver for our support vehicle (a minibus). You only need to have category 'D1' noted on your driver's licence (which should include anyone who qualified to drive before 1992). This is a unique and historic pilgrimage that provides a real opportunity for spiritual renewal in good company. If you can help, please contact Peter Walters, the Walk administrator, on: 01799 550398 or: jpw33@live.co.uk.

CHURCH CLEANING: Judy Livingstone and Eddie & Eileen Linford. Thank you!

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST AUGUSTINE

August 28th

Great Augustine, our father and teacher, knowledgeable in the luminous ways of God and also in the tortuous paths of men; we admire the wonders that divine grace wrought in you, making you a passionate witness of truth and goodness, at the service of brothers.

At the beginning of the new millennium marked by the cross of Christ, teach us to read history in the light of Divine Providence, which guides events toward the definitive encounter with the Father. Direct us toward peaceful ends, nourishing in our hearts your own longing for those values on which it is possible to build, with the strength that comes from God, the 'city' made to the measure of man.

May the profound doctrine, that with loving and patient study you drew from the ever living sources of Scripture, enlighten all those tempted today by alienating illusions.

Give them the courage to undertake the path toward that 'interior man' where the One awaits who alone can give peace to our restless hearts.

Many of our contemporaries seem to have lost the hope of being able to reach – amid the numerous opposing ideologies – the truth, of which their innermost being still keeps a burning nostalgia.

Teach them to never cease in their search, in the certainty that, in the end, their effort will be rewarded by the satisfying encounter with the supreme Truth who is source of all created truth.

Finally, St. Augustine, transmit to us also a spark of that ardent love for the Church, the Catholic Mother of the Saints, which sustained and animated the toils of your long ministry.

Have us, walking together under the guidance of legitimate Pastors, reach the glory of the heavenly Homeland, where, with all the Saints, we will be able to join the new canticle of the everlasting alleluia.

Amen.

Pope John Paul II Nov 2004



Masses this week

Sat 23rd August

10am Mass *Mary & Crystal O'Driscoll Int*

6.30pm* For the Parish

Sun 24th August 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.15am** *Baby Owen Ingram*

11.15am** *Gaetana Conti RIP*

3.30pm NO Italian Mass ‡

Mon 25th August

10am Mass *Annette Fitzgerald RIP*

Tues 26th August BL. DOMINIC BARBERI

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Eric Gould RIP & Askew & Arathoon*

Families

Wed 27th August ST MONICA

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Giuseppe DiStefano RIP* — followed by coffee in the crypt

2pm **Funeral** *Patricia Gudgin RIP*

Thurs 28th August ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DR

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Mass *Giuseppe Palminteri RIP*

Fri 29th August THE BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Jim O'Brien RIP*

Sat 30th August SS MARGERT CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD

10am Mass *Eileen Morrissey & Siobhan Fiorentini Ints*

6.30pm* For the Parish

Sun 31st August 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.15am** *Justina Ogbodu RIP*

11.15am** *Fred Dale RIP*

3.30pm NO Italian Mass ‡

5.00pm Syro-Malabar-rite Mass (Fr Joseph)

***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)

Today's Liturgy

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1st Reading: Isaiah 22: 19–23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Psalms 137 — Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 33–36

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.

Gospel Accl: *Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13–20

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PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 5 (p. 67)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Euch. Pr. no. 3 (p. 27)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7–9

2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1–2

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21–27

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.

ROSARY

Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.

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.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — THANK YOU. **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.*