

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

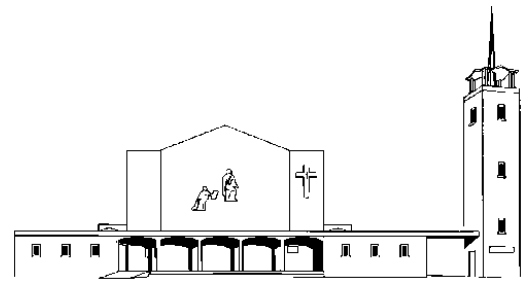
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Also in residence: Fr Joseph Thayil Mathew (chaplain to Syro-Malabar-rite Catholics)

Year A EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3RD AUGUST 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 13-21

They all ate as much as they wanted.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

This Sunday's Gospel emphasizes God's compassion for His people.

God cares for both our spiritual and material needs.

The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and His great kindness towards us. When God gives, He gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. God will always provide for our needs, we only need to trust in His providence.

Jesus took the little they had – five loaves and two fish – and giving thanks to His heavenly Father, distributed to all until all were satisfied of their hunger. Twelve baskets full of fish and loaves that were leftover show the overflowing generosity of God's gifts to us – gifts that bring blessing, healing, strength and refreshment.

Above all, the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves is a sign that prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper which sustains us on our journey to the kingdom of heaven.

My brothers and sisters, as long as we faithfully continue to receive the Sacraments through the love of Jesus, we will continue to benefit from God's compassion for us. In the end, we will win the spiritual race that will lead us to our Father who awaits us in Heaven.

Fr John Baptist.



From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 26:



Every day human interdependence grows more tightly drawn and spreads by degrees over the whole world. As a result the common good, that is, the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfilment, today takes on an increasingly universal complexion and consequently involves rights and duties with respect to the whole human race. Every social group must take account of the needs and legitimate aspirations of other groups, and even of the general welfare of the entire human family.

PRAYER & LITURGY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION is on **Friday 15th August** for the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be Mass at 9.15am, 12 noon and 8pm. If you are a reader, Minister of Holy Communion or altar server and can assist at the Masses, please do sign your name on the lists at the back of the church.

SUNDAY MASS ON HOLIDAY: Even when on holiday we are bound to attend Sunday Mass every weekend, whether we are in this country or abroad. If you need help in locating a church in another part of this country, please feel free to phone the Presbytery and we'll happily look it up for you in the Catholic directory.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm **Sunday 17th August** (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.

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!

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 and Peter Tanner.

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: QEII, 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.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD: The amount collected in July was £253.96. Thank you for all the donations.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his visits after his summer holidays.

CHURCH WINDOWS: If you do open any windows in the church, can you please ensure that you shut them before leaving the church as the rain and birds can cause a lot of damage. Thank you.

CHURCH: Please note that the church may be closed at various times due to the holidays.

CHURCH TOILET: If you do need to change your baby's nappy in the church toilet, could you please ensure that you take the soiled nappies home with you. Thank you.

CHARITY CONCERT: I would like to thank everyone who supported the KYIV Classic Accordion concert. It was a big success and we raised £400 in aid of the children and families affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Thank you! Margaret Byrne.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank Pauline and Michael Rainey for donating all the food for our parish BBQ this year. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

BROXBORNE FOODBANK will be collecting food at Morrisons in Hoddesdon on **Friday 15th and Saturday 16th August**. Please email volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com or phone Elaine Batten on 01992 428926 if you can help.

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.**

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 – 4TH TO 12TH 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.

SHELTER PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR: Housing Justice is looking for a new Shelter Project Coordinator to take forward our work with Night Shelters nationally. Amongst other things the post holder will support the development of new Church and Community Night Shelters, and manage the roll out of the HJ Quality Mark (HJQM) to new and existing Night Shelters across England and Wales, including SWEP and year round shelters. The role may be divided as a job share. For further details and an application pack see <http://www.housingjustice.org.uk/pages/jobs-jobs-at-housing-justice-92.html> Closing date: Tuesday 02/09 5pm. Interviews: Friday 05/09

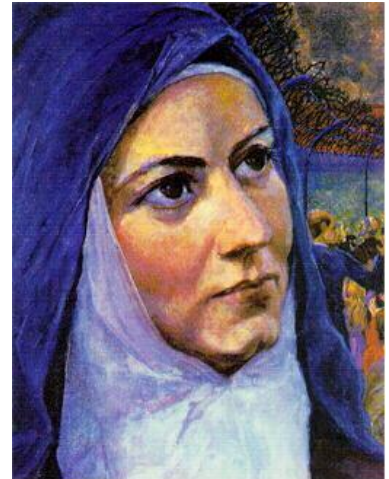
BOARD MEMBERS – WESTMINSTER DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION: We are currently seeking to appoint new Board members to provide additional capacity and specialist knowledge to further assist the important work of the Commission. Please note, the role is unremunerated but out of pocket expenses will be paid. The initial term of the appointment is 4 years. For a full role description please see <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele and Pele De Luca. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY 9TH
AUGUST

ST TERESA
BENEDICTA OF
THE CROSS



Lord, God of our fathers,

You brought Saint Teresa Benedicta to the fullness of the science of the cross at the hour of her martyrdom.

Fill us with that same knowledge;

and, through her intercession,

allow us always to seek after you, the supreme truth, and to remain faithful until death to the covenant of love ratified in the blood of your Son for the salvation of all men and women.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 2nd August 10am Mass <i>Silvestro Filocco RIP</i>	PAGE 111 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3 <i>Come and eat.</i> Psalm 144 — You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires. 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37-39 <i>No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia! Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21 <i>They all ate as much as they wanted.</i> PREFACE TODAY: ad lib. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.
6.30pm* <i>James McGahern Snr, James McGahern Jnr, Rosie Ann & Philomena McGahern & Michael Page RIP</i>	
Sun 3rd August 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Maria & Salvatore Insalaco RIP</i> 11.15am** <i>Teresa Maria Lucia Martorana</i> 3.30pm NO Italian Mass ‡	
Mon 4th August ST JOHN VIANNEY, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Pat Finley</i>	
Tues 5th August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>John Driscoll RIP</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33
Wed 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe Distefano RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	
Thurs 7th August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Mrs P O'Malley RIP</i>	
Fri 8th August ST DOMINIC, Priest <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Deirdre Carter Int</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.
Sat 9th August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS 10am Mass <i>Emmie Kavanagh RIP</i>	ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	
Sun 10th August 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Mr Dileto RIP</i> 11.15am** <i>Frederick Dale RIP</i> 3.30pm NO Italian 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">*Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** 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>	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699

REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 5th	1.30pm Guild Tea and Chat, crypt

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.*