

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

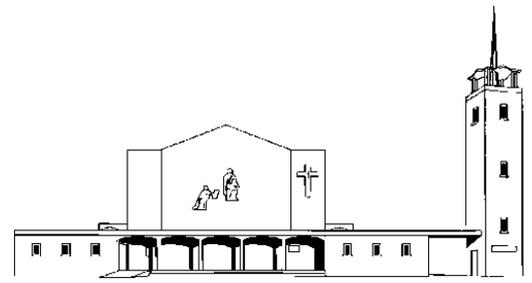
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**Parish Priest: Fr Philip Miller.**

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

**Year A TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 31<sup>st</sup> AUG 2014**

GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 21–27

*If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.*

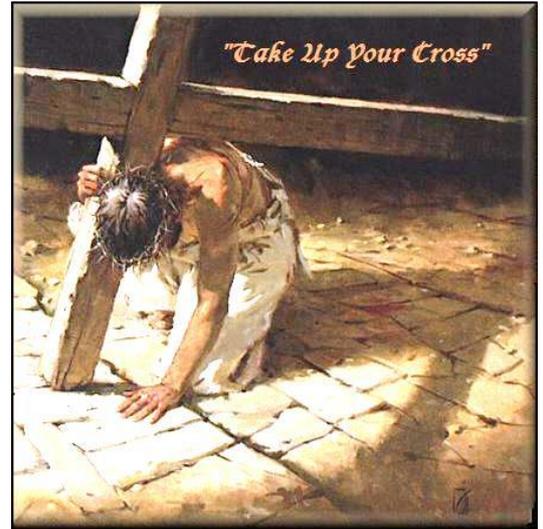
**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

**OUR LORD'S WORDS IN THE GOSPEL TODAY** — about taking up the Cross and following Him — remind us that where He has gone, into the mystery of suffering and the Cross, is also likely to be a part of our own Christian experience. Jesus spoke of this often, preparing His apostles for the challenge of spreading the Gospel. Some of our Christian brothers and sisters in various Middle-East countries at the present are experiencing just this mystery of the Cross, suffering just for being Christian. In our own nation, perhaps we are dispirited by the erosion of Christian values — such as marriage — even by state

legislation, such that it is sometimes hard to speak up for the truths of the faith without being accused, wrongly, of bigotry or intolerance. Our Lord knows that when we truly seek to follow Him in the fullness of faith, we will encounter opposition. With the love and compassion for all which was His hallmark, we too can “take up our Cross each day” and follow Him, by His grace. He will help us to be faithful if we want it with all our heart. Let's not flee from the Cross, but be prepared to follow our Lord to the very end of our lives, faithful and true, even if we meet acute opposition from family or friends. Ultimately, He will give us spiritual peace, even in hardship.

**WE BID FAREWELL TO FR JOSEPH** as he moves to his new residence in central London — Holy Trinity parish in Brook Green — later this week. Fr Joseph will be saying Mass this Thursday morning, and then will depart for his new home. I am sincerely grateful to Fr Joseph for all the many weekday Masses he has said in the past 2 years, helping me out on days when I was unavailable, or had two Masses to say. We wish him all the best in his ongoing ministry to the Syro-Malabar-Catholic community in the diocese, and also in his assistance to the parish priest of Brook Green.

**May summer's end and schools' resumption be a time blessed anew by the Lord! Fr Philip**



**From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 28:**

VATICAN II,  
50 YEARS ON:  
THE NEW  
EVANGELIZATION

Respect and love ought to be extended also to those who think or act differently than we do in social, political and even religious matters. In fact, the more deeply we come to understand their ways of thinking through such courtesy and love, the more easily will we be able to enter into dialogue with them. This love and good will, to be sure, must in no way render us indifferent to truth and goodness. Indeed love itself impels the disciples of Christ to speak the saving truth to all men. But it is necessary to distinguish between error, which always merits repudiation, and the person in error, who never loses the dignity of being a person even when he is flawed by false or inadequate religious notions. God alone is the judge and searcher of hearts, for that reason He forbids us to make judgments about the internal guilt of anyone.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to Salvatore Verde and Daniela Ingraio married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Sean Kember, Santino Di Chiara and Concettina & Antonino Morreale, baptised this weekend.

**VINCENZO GENUARDI RIP** of Aylesbury (originally of Middlefield Road, Hoddesdon) has died, and his funeral will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon. Our sympathies to his family at this time. *May he rest in peace.*

**FIRST FRIDAY:** The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

**LATIN MASS:** The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September.** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:** the group will resume again on **Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** at 1.30pm in the presbytery. All are welcome to join.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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: 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith)

### CATECHETICS

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

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**“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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 AND PRO-LIFE

**BROXBORNE FOODBANK A.G.M.** takes place on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct at St James’s church, Goffs Oak at 10am. All welcome, to hear about its work and think about getting more involved.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes in the following streets this coming Wednesday afternoon: Manor Road, Briscoe Road, College Road, Appleford Close.

**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 on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund has now been changed to **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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:** Michele and Pele De Luca. Thank you!

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

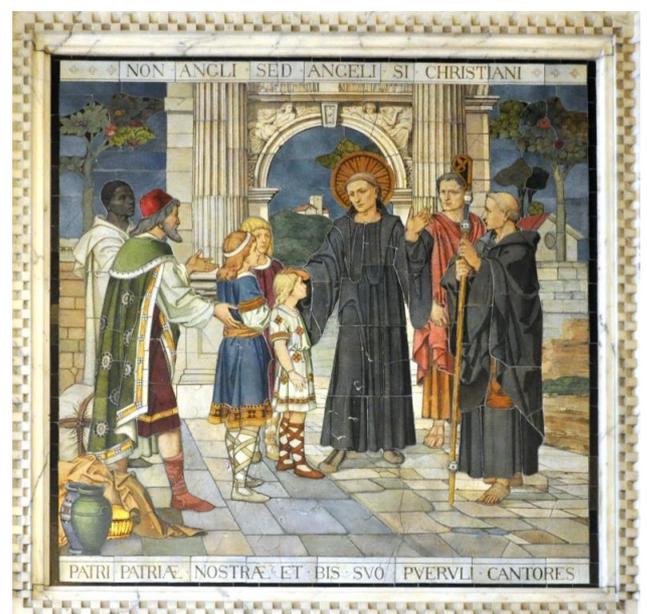
St Gregory the Great

Pope & Doctor

Pope St Gregory I was pope from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 590 until his death in 604. Gregory is well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as pope. He was the first of the popes to come from a monastic background. He is considered a saint in the Catholic Church and also in the Eastern Orthodox Church. Immediately after his death, Gregory was canonized by popular acclaim. It was he who sent St Augustine (“of Canterbury”) from the monastery in Rome to evangelize southern England in 597, and so we have much to be grateful for from this wise and saintly Pope.



*Here also is an image – from Westminster Cathedral’s chapel of the Benedictine saints – showing St Gregory the Great discovering blond English slaves in the market place, and uttering those famous words, “Non Angli sed angeli, si Christiani” – “Not Angles, but angels, if Christians.” It was this that prompted him to work towards a mission of monks to take the faith to southern England.*



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10am Mass <i>Eileen Morrissey &amp; Siobhan Fiorentini Int</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 122 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 20: 7–9  <i>The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.</i></p> <p><b>Psalms 62 — For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 12: 1–2  <i>Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 16: 21–27  <i>If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 6 (p. 67)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezekiel 33: 7–9  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 13: 8–10  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 18: 15–20</p>
<b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b> <b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Fred Dale RIP</i> 3.30pm NO Italian Mass ‡ 5.00pm Syro-Malabar-rite Mass (Fr Joseph)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b>            Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am            or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b>            Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b>            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;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b>            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;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Wilfred Maciel RIP</i> <b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Rosaria Giardina Papa RIP</i> <b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> September ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Pat Walsh (sick)</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt <b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Stanley Almeida RIP</i> <b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon <b>Funeral Vincenzo Genuardi RIP</b> 7.30pm Mass <i>Winifred Mannion</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour <b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> 10am Mass <i>Decimo Castronovo RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 1.30pm Guild Tea &amp; Chat, crypt</p>
<b>6.30pm* Kath &amp; John Jones RIP</b> <b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> September 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Vincenzina &amp; Giovanni D'Ambrosio RIP</i> 11.15am** <i>Carolina Cuffaro RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv</i> 3.30pm NO Italian Mass ‡ 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	
<p style="text-align: right;">*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>	

**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.*