

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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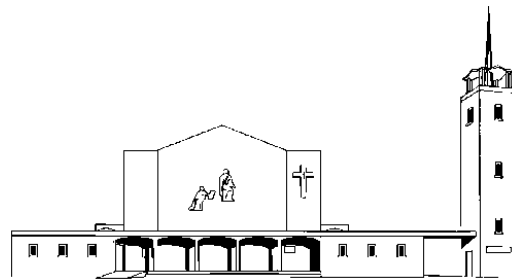
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Year B

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

**28th DEC 2014**

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22–40

*The child grew, filled with wisdom.*

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

**A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU!** I pray that, whether you were here in the parish for Christmas, or at sacred celebrations elsewhere, you had a lovely Christmas week; and that many of you were able to enjoy time with family, perhaps with some family that you are able to see rarely through the year.

**I WANT TO EXPRESS A VERY BIG 'THANK YOU'** to all those who have helped make our Christmas so beautiful, and have put in much hard work at this time. In particular I would like to thank our Parish Secretary, Dawn Bates; our sacristan Ellen Bartlett; our flower-ladies' team, led by Gemma Castle; our team for erecting the Crib, led by Ian & Judy Livingstone; our altar servers; our musicians — organists and Folk Group and singers — who led us in our Carol Service and who played at the Christmas Masses ... For your contributions through the year, as well as all the extras at Christmastime, I am most grateful.

**I INVITE ONE AND ALL TO OUR PARISH EPIPHANY CELEBRATION NEXT SATURDAY EVENING — 7.30pm, 3rd January, after Saturday evening Mass of the Epiphany.** Please come and celebrate together as a parish, bringing some food to share; and I will provide the drinks for the evening. Whether you have been in the parish for years, or are a newcomer to St Augustine's, I urge you to come on Saturday and to spend some social time together in enjoyment of the Christmas season.

I shall be away Monday–Wednesday on a Catholic student conference, and Mgr Peter Wilson will kindly supply for the weekday Masses in those days. A Happy New Year to you all!

**May our Christmas season be filled with blessings and a true love of neighbour! Fr Philip**



**From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 38:**



Undergoing death itself for all of us sinners, [Jesus] taught us by example that we too must shoulder that cross which the world and the flesh inflict upon those who search after peace and justice. Appointed Lord by His resurrection and given plenary power in heaven and on earth, Christ is now at work in the hearts of men through the energy of His Holy Spirit, arousing not only a desire for the age to come, but by that very fact

animating, purifying and strengthening those noble longings too by which the human family makes its life more human and strives to render the whole earth submissive to this goal. ... He frees all [men] so that by putting aside love of self and bringing all earthly resources into the service of human life they can devote themselves to that future when humanity itself will become an offering accepted by God. The Lord left behind a pledge of this hope and strength for life's journey in that Sacrament of faith where natural elements refined by man are gloriously changed into His Body and Blood, providing a meal of brotherly solidarity and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> December ST JOHN, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> 10am Mass <i>Onofria Maniscalco RIP Anniv</i>	<p align="center"><b>PAGE 105 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiasticus 3: 2–6, 12–14  <i>Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 127 — O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 3: 12–21  <i>Family life in the Lord</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 2: 22–40  <i>The child grew, filled with wisdom.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Nativity II (p. 52)  <b>EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p align="center"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 60: 1–6  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Ephesians 3: 2–3, 5–6  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 2: 1–12</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	<p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p align="center">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am            or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i></p> <p align="center"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p>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 align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p align="center"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec HOLY FAMILY: JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b> 9.15am <i>Edward &amp; Richard Mates RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Woolsgrove Family Intentions †</i>	
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Dec ST THOMAS BECKET, Bishop</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Thomas &amp; Avis Korytko RIP</i>	
<b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY IN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Danuta Patterson RIP</i>	
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY IN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</b> 9.15 Mass <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i>	
<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> January SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b> 10am Mass <i>For Blessings in 2015 for all Parishioners</i> <b>PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</b>	
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> December STS BASIL THE GREAT &amp; GREGORY NAZIANZEN, Bishops</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Neville Yarwood RIP</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Vincent Byrne RIP</i>	
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b> 10am Mass <i>Michael Dolan's ints.</i>	
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Calogero Amico RIP &amp; Franco Martorana RIP</i>	
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> January EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> 9.15am <i>Edward McGrath RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP Anniv</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish †</i>	
<p align="center">*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)</p>	

**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 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.*