

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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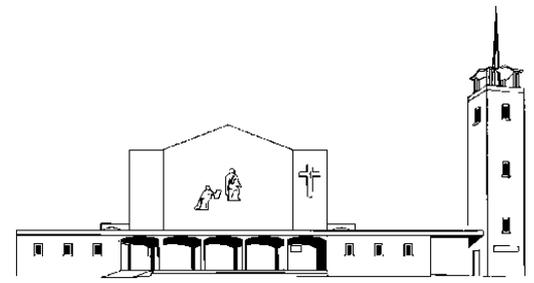
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Year B

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2014

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 1–8 *Make his paths straight.*

You are warmly invited to the events of our  
**PARISH MISSION**

**John Pridmore & St Patrick's Community**

Mon – Fri 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm



My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE BEAUTIFUL SEASON OF ADVENT CONTINUES WITH THE CALL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST to repent and "prepare the way for the Lord!" It is therefore an ideal week in which to put this spiritual call into practice, and respond in love and faith to our Parish Mission. The Mission is laid on for all of us to deepen our love of Christ, to increase our awareness of His mercy, and truly to prepare our hearts for His coming.

This weekend we will hear the Mission Team provide an introduction to the coming days. I am indebted to Niall Slattery and Catherine Leigh for their presence here this weekend to lead us into the prayer of the Mission. **John Pridmore**, the main speaker, is a former gangland criminal, whose life was turned around by the Lord. He will provide his outstanding testimony, beginning Monday evening. The Mission will run through the coming weekdays

8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Dec, culminating in a final evening Mass on Friday (NOTE: NO noon Mass this Friday). PLEASE come to the Mission evenings, and experience a prayerful and powerful event. Everyone, young and old, should come, so please get the word out there, and invite others along. Make sure that your older (teenage+) children also get this chance to experience the Mission!

**The mission evenings start at 7.30pm Monday to Friday.**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> : God's Love** *The amazing story of John Pridmore.*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> : God's Mercy** *A chance to meet Jesus personally.*

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> : God's Healing** *Healing service.*

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> : God's gift of Mary** *The love of Mary for us.*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> : Mass of the Holy Spirit** *The most powerful prayer of the Catholic Church.*

The team will be at each of the morning Masses giving talks and music.

Masses: Mon – Thurs 9.15am

Mission Evenings: Mon – Fri 7.30pm

**May our Mission week be blessed with great attendance and many graces!**

**Fr Philip**

**From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 37:**



A monumental struggle against the powers of darkness pervades the whole history of man. The battle was joined from the very origins of the world and will continue until the last day, as the Lord has attested. Caught in this conflict, man is obliged to wrestle constantly if he is to cling to what is good, nor can he achieve his own integrity without great efforts and the help of God's grace. Christ's Church, trusting in the design

of the Creator, acknowledges that human progress can serve man's true happiness, yet she cannot help echoing the Apostle's warning: "Be not conformed to this world." Here by the world is meant that spirit of vanity and malice which transforms into an instrument of sin those human energies intended for the service of God and man.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**MARINA SCRIVENER RIP** formerly of Great Meadow, Broxbourne, died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am. There will be no 9.15am Mass that day. May she rest in peace.**

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Joseph Birmingham who will be baptised this weekend.

**PARISH MISSION:** St Patrick's Community Mission team will lead us in a parish mission in Advent from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.** The team will include the famous speaker **John Pridmore**, author of "From Gangland to Promised Land." **If you need a lift to the Mission, give the Presbytery a ring.**

**FRIDAY MASS:** Please note that on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, there will be **no noon Mass**, as a result of the Mission evening Mass at 7.30pm but there will be 11am–12 Adoration as usual.

### ADVENT

**CAROL SERVICE:** Our parish carol service will be held on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 5.30pm which will be followed by mince pies and refreshments in the crypt.** Adult and young readers are needed, so if you are able to assist, please sign the list at the back of the church.

**RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS:** There will be an opportunity for confession during the Parish Mission. Fr Philip will also hear confessions as much as possible after Sunday Masses in Advent.

Penitential Services in other local parishes are:

WARE: Adults: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

WALTHAM CROSS: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 8pm.

HERTFORD parish (tel. 582019) has extra confessions in the week before Christmas.

**SCHOOL CAROLS:** St Cross School are holding their Carol Service in church on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm.** All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** If you are a Minister of Holy Communion, Reader or Altar Server and can assist at the Christmas Masses, please do sign your name on the lists at the back of church.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan.** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **not meeting in Dec; next meeting January 16<sup>th</sup>.** A semi-formal quiet hour

in the Lady Chapel to reflect on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

### 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, Jenny Miller, Joseph Penheiro, Peter Tanner, John Lumley 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. 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, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017**



Fr Philip thanks all who have been continuing your Direct Debits and regular giving to *Growing in Faith!* There are still some parishioners who proposed to give at the 'Commitment Weekend' whom he has still to write to, to see if they are still in a position to honour those pledges. Apologies that this is rather delayed!

Prior to the summer we had received committed pledges of **£173,000** (leading to £42,000 for the parish project), but Fr Philip hopes that this can be edged up a bit.

Once we are clear on our actual 5-yr total, then we can move forward to advertising a post for a catechetical co-ordinator. **This local parish project is a very important one.** 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.

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### CATECHETICS

**CONFIRMATION:** The next session will be held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm in church for**

**candidates and parents** to attend the opening of Mission Week and hear John Pridmore speak.

**FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The fourth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 10th Jan 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 7th Jan 10–12 noon**.

**"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 continues on 16th Dec at 7pm.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Friday 9th and Wednesday 21st January 2015** 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.

### **SCHOOLS**

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIV. MASS** will be on **Thurs 11th December**, celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington in church at 10.30am. All parishioners are welcome and are invited back to the school afterwards for the blessing of the new classrooms and some festive refreshments.

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS** to our Catholic Primary schools requires the Parish Priest to provide a priest's reference as testimony of **Catholic practice, i.e attendance, every week, at Sunday (or Saturday-evening) Mass**. In order to help him be just and fair to the practising Catholics of our parish, Fr Philip will continue to adopt the pattern of occasionally in the next few months asking those who will require a priest's form to be signed to come and see him briefly (each and every time he asks) after Sunday Mass. **This concerns those whose children are now in nursery-year in 2014/15.**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL: PRIEST'S REFERENCE FORM:** Fr Philip will hold two sessions for those looking to gain admission to reception, for the signing of priest's reference forms. These will be on **Mon 15th Dec 1.30–3.30pm** and **Mon 5th Jan 10.30am–12.30pm**. There is no need to make an appointment, please just attend at the allocated times. If you cannot make either of these times, please ring to make an appointment.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** has a vacancy for a temporary playgroup assistant with a NVQ level 3 or equivalent. The position will be from Jan 2015 and reviewed in July 2015. The successful candidate will have previous

experience of the EYFS and Learning Journals. Contact Lynn or Lorraine on 460614.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND:** A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the weekend such a success; Maria Cattini, Donna Phelan, Callum Scott, Catriona Briggs and especially Maria Scott and Mary Briggs for organising the event. The following amounts were raised: Save The Children £207.36 (including raffle), Traidcraft £284.05 incl orders, The Brownies raised £341.64, The Nadia Miragliotta Brighter Future Fund £450.70, The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund £314.65, Shiv's 3 Wishes £77, World Challenge £78. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the event.

**EPIPHANY PARTY** will be held on **Saturday 3rd January** after the 6.30pm Mass in the crypt. We will have a shared meal and if you can bring either a sweet or savoury dish, please do sign your name on the list at the back of the church. Drinks provided by parish.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip apologizes for having had to defer his intended house visits last week. This week he intends to visit parish homes in Lampits on Wed afternoon.

**WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2015** are now available for £4.50 from the back of the church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

**ISABEL HOSPICE BOWS & BELLS** appeal will be held at Sainsbury's on **13th Dec**. If you can help please contact Ellen Bartlett on 464677.

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** Fr Philip would like to meet further parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 21st Dec, 4thm 11th and 18th Jan.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Filomena Mezzullo, Dave & Kathy Greenall, Maria & Carmela Ventura and Theresa Casbard. Thank you!

### **PARISH MISSION PRAYER**

*HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray that our Parish Mission may be a time of grace and renewal for all. We ask you to bless all the families in our Parish, especially those who are experiencing difficulties. Bless the old, the young, the poor, the sick, the unemployed, and those in sorrow or despair. Help us dear Lord to grow in faith and love of you. Amen*

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy								
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 10am Mass <i>Antonio Terranova RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 85 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 40: 1–5, 9–11  <i>Prepare a way for the Lord.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 84 — Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Peter 3: 8–14  <i>We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 11–8  <i>Make his paths straight.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Advent I (p. 51)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 28)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p><b>1st Reading:</b> Isaiah 61: 1–2, 10–11  <b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 5: 16–24  <b>Gospel:</b> John 1: 6–8, 19–28</p>								
4.00pm NO Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> <b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 9.15am** <i>Mary &amp; Michael Lawlor RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Private Intention</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p style="text-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 style="text-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 style="text-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 style="text-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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>								
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> MISSION DAY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Andrea &amp; Lina Cattini RIP</i> <b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> December</b> MISSION DAY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Domenico &amp; Antonio Ermini RIP</i> <b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> December</b> MISSION DAY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Henryk &amp; Assunta Nolewajka RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt <b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> MISSION DAY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Elizabeth McManus RIP</i> 10.30am Mass in church with Bishop John Sherrington & St Augustine's School — 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass <b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> MISSION DAY (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction NO MIDDAY MASS THIS WEEK 7.30pm Mass <i>Fr William Rose RIP</i> <b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> December ST LUCY, VIRGIN &amp; MARTYR</b> 10am Mass <i>Teresa Maria Lucia Martorana</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>*Vigil Mass of Sunday</b>  <b>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</b>            ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>								
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**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.*