

# The Announcer

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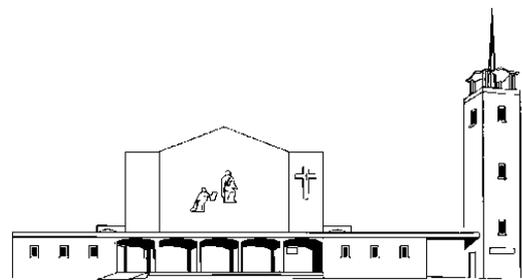
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**Year A**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

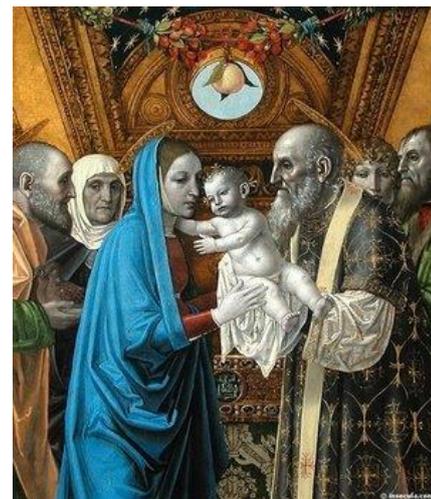
**2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22–40

*My eyes have seen your salvation.*

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

**THIS SUNDAY WE KEEP THE FEASTDAY OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** — commonly known as Candlemas. The feast is the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, but when it falls on a Sunday it replaces the usual 'ordinary Sunday of the year.' Candlemas is the '40<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas,' so to speak, and we recall the occasion of Our Lord's being presented in the Temple at 40 days old. In this place, the aged Simeon and Anna, devout Jews, rejoiced to sense that this child was indeed the longed-for Messiah. In Simeon's canticle, his song of joy expressed in the Gospel, the *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now let Your Servant depart ..."), he speaks of this child as "the light of revelation to the Gentiles" — hence our traditional use of candles today at the start of Mass. The rite for this is on p. 297 of the Mass books.



**FOUR WEEKS IN TO OUR GROWING IN FAITH CAMPAIGN**, and we continue to see a very encouraging participation in the scheme. Little by little I will be explaining it to more parishioners. So far, I have seen about 50 individuals/couples, and I am very grateful for their time and openness to hearing about our priorities as a diocese and as a parish, and what we can achieve with extra funding. I am grateful for the generous 5-yr pledges and gifts already received, which have got us off to a good start, and everyone in the parish will be able to make their own contribution in due course. Many have kindly requested a form to enter their gift/pledge — so please return those forms in the next few days, if at all possible, so that we can have a feel for where we stand relative to our 5-yr goal. Thank you! There are more details inside the Newsletter — and website links to learn more. Please note a date for your diary: **\*\*\* evening of March 12<sup>th</sup> \*\*\* when Bp John Sherrington** will come and explain further about the campaign, and will give us all the opportunity to ask questions and consider giving to the scheme. Drinks and nibbles will be provided so we can mingle and chat with the bishop afterwards.

**May God bless us as we work as His disciples in spreading the Gospel by our lives. Fr Philip**

**From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 11:**



The People of God believes that it is led by the Lord's Spirit, who fills the earth. Motivated by this faith, it labours to decipher authentic signs of God's presence and purpose in the happenings, needs and desires in which this People has a part along with other men of our age. For faith throws a new light on everything, manifests God's design for man's total vocation, and thus directs the mind to solutions which are fully human. ... What does the Church think of man? What needs to be recommended for the upbuilding of contemporary society? What is the ultimate significance of human activity throughout the world? People are waiting for an answer to these questions. From the answers it will be increasingly clear that the People of God and the human race in whose midst it lives render service to each other. Thus the mission of the Church will show its religious, and by that very fact, its supremely human character.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Babamayowa and Babaseyitan Morafa, Danny Harding and Ella Munroe who will be baptised this weekend.

**LATIN MASS:** The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm **this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.**

**FIRST FRIDAY:** The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 7<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> February:** As Marriage Week is approaching, at the 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday 8 Feb** couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows during the Mass and there will be prayers of thanksgiving for the sacrament of Matrimony. After this, there will be a shared table supper for all in the crypt. Please come along if you are free; bring a plate or two of food and something to drink – everyone is welcome. Bring along a copy of a wedding photo, so we can have a go at guessing “Who’s who?” For more details please do not hesitate to contact Michel & Jacky 01992-303794.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place 5pm on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February.** This is an evening of Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February.** 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!

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY:** More helpers are needed to assist at the 11.15am Mass. If you can help please contact Claire Hay 07971-063520.

**WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES:** This year’s Mass will take place at **2pm on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.** Archbishop Vincent Nichols will preside, and as in previous years, the Mass will include the Sacrament of the Sick. All are welcome and there are no seat reservations or tickets. If you are bringing a wheelchair, please advise Fr Philip so that he can arrange a reserved space for those in wheelchairs and their carers.

**ARCHBISHOP’S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE:** The Archbishop invites all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 60<sup>th</sup>+ wedding anniversary to a Mass on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm.** If you qualify, please contact the presbytery with the following details: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 28<sup>th</sup> February.

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our parishioners and friends who are sick: 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, Margaret Johns, Jenny Miller, and Joseph Penheiro.

**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, 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 and John Paul Lyttle 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Slawek Jedrych 01279-426017**



We began our **Growing in Faith** season recently, with the letter from Archbishop Vincent. If you missed the letter, then further copies are available by the Newsletters (on yellow sheets). We will focus on **Growing in Faith** up to Easter here in Hoddesdon.

The aim of *Growing in Faith* is to provide three-fold support for the work of the Catholic Church in our diocese and parishes:

1. To build up parish life.\*
2. To support priests’ welfare, in particular the funding of priestly training for our nearly-40 seminarians; and the care for those priests in retirement and sickness.
3. To further the work of our diocesan *Caritas* (<http://rcdow.org.uk/caritas/>) which work for the poor, needy and vulnerable in our diocese.

**\* 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 many other opportunities for catechesis and work amongst the youth & young adults of our parish which we could begin through a new employee.**

Fr Philip is gradually sharing this vision with more

parishioners, but please contact him if you would like to know more sooner!

\*\*\* BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON WILL VISIT US  
RE **GROWING IN FAITH** ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH \*\*\*

<http://rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith/> — has more information and a video message from the Archbishop.

### CATECHETICS

**FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The fifth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> February** from 8–9pm in the crypt. The fifth meeting for the children will be on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 10am.**

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME:** The next meeting will be on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7-9pm** for candidates only.

**“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 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.**

### SCHOOLS

**ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL** will be holding a ‘First Holy Communion Fayre’ on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** from 3.30-5.30pm. There will be dresses and suits on sale together with many other stalls. Entry is free and all are welcome.

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** will this year be celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To mark this great milestone the school want to develop a Jubilee Peace Garden within their grounds. In order to achieve this, the school will be relying on voluntary contributions for the materials, seating, plants and a commemorative focus. If you would like to help by making a donation, please do contact the school on 467309.

**ST AUGUSTINE’S UNDER 5’S** are collecting Sainsbury’s Active Kids vouchers and have a box at the back of the church and would be grateful for any spare vouchers.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**STANDING ORDER:** If you are currently using the offertory envelopes, to make life easier, you may wish to consider changing over to standing order instead. If you wish to do so, please collect a form from the back of the church, the presbytery or alternatively you can email the parish office [hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk), or download one from the parish website under ‘Donate to Our Parish.’

**WEEKEND RETREAT** for men will be held from **25<sup>th</sup>**

**27<sup>th</sup> July** at High Leigh Conference Centre. The retreat will be led by Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, the Preacher to the Papal Household. Booking forms should be sent off as soon as possible and can be found at the back of the church. For further details visit <http://www.harvesters.org.uk>. Fr Cantalamessa is an *outstanding* preacher, and even gives the retreats to the Pope at the Vatican! Really worth being there to hear him!

**LADIES’ GUILD:** Sadly after more than 70 years in the Parish as 1st UCM then the Ladies Guild we have had to close. But there will be in its place Afternoon Tea and Chat. This will be every other Tuesday from 1-30 pm – 3 pm. Starting this **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.** The idea is that anyone is welcome to come in for a cup of tea, piece of cake and a chat. There will be a small charge for this. This will be known as “The Guild Tea and Chat.”

**SPONSORED 10KM WALK** will be held on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** to raise funds for the **Nadia Miragliotta** Brighter Future Fund and the **Daniela Ruggiero** Scholarship Fund. Entrance is £5 (payable before the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb). You will need to meet at 9.30am for 10am start. The route will be from Hoddesdon Clock Tower to Ware Powells Funeral Parlour then back into Hoddesdon, stopping off at the cemetery and finishing at Hoddesdon Clock Tower. The walk is open to all however, children will have to be with an adult. For further info, or if you would like to sponsor/make a contribution, please e-mail [mruggiero@playfairpartnerships.com](mailto:mruggiero@playfairpartnerships.com). At the evening Mass the night before (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> March, 6.30pm) there will be a little blessing at the end of Mass for those taking part in the walk.

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** Fr Philip would like to continue meeting 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: 16<sup>th</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

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

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### *Prayer to Saint Agatha*

O Heavenly Father, who raised Agatha to the dignity of Sainthood, we implore Your Divine Majesty by her intercession to give us health of mind, body and soul. Free us from all those things which hold us bound to this earth, and let our spirit, like hers, rise to your heavenly courts. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, forever. Amen



## Masses this week

### Sat 1<sup>st</sup> February

10am Mass *Antonio Terranova RIP*

6.30pm\* *Giovannina Minichiello RIP*

### Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> FEB PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.15am\*\* *Elaine Heathley Int*

11.15am \*\* *Russell Radford RIP*

3.30pm Italian Mass †

5.00pm Latin Mass *For the Parish*

### Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb STS LAURENCE, DUNSTAN & THEODORE

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Gerard Kelly RIP*

### Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Feb

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Richard Cowley-Freeman RIP Anniv*

### Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb ST AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Phyllis Lawlor RIP* followed by coffee in the crypt

### Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

9.15am Mass *Emma Cattini RIP*

### Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Ann Smith's Intentions*

7.30pm Mass *Joseph & Mary Murphy RIP*

8.00pm Holy Hour

### Sat 8<sup>th</sup> February

10am Mass *Phyllis Lawlor RIP*

6.30pm\* *Bridget & Martin Moriarty RIP*

### Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.15am\*\* *For the Parish*

11.15am\*\* *Maria & Onofrio Panepinto RIP Anniv*

3.30pm Italian Mass †

\*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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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

*The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple.*

**Psalm 23 — Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

*It was essential that we should in this way become completely like his brother.*

Gospel Accl: *Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

*My eyes have seen your salvation.*

**PREFACE TODAY:** Presentation (p. 76)

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:** no. 1 (p. 18)

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

### 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.

## REGULAR EVENTS

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm Confirmation, crypt

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Guild Tea & Chat, crypt

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm RCIA, presbytery

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm Brownies, crypt

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 8pm Parents 1<sup>st</sup> HC, crypt

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 10am 1<sup>st</sup> HC session

**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.*