

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

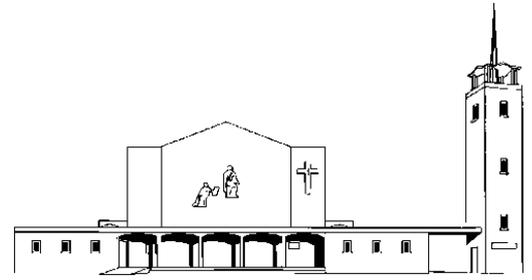
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Also in residence: Fr Joseph Thayil Mathew (chaplain to Syro-Malabar-rite Catholics)

**Year A**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**19<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2014**

GOSPEL: John 1: 29–34

*Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.*

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

**THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IS A CONTINUATION OF THE EVENTS OF JESUS'S BAPTISM** that we heard of last weekend. Whereas we hear mostly the Gospel of Matthew in 'Year A,' yet today's passage is from St John. John

the Baptist utters those words that we hear at every Mass: *Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.* His witness to Jesus after His Baptism was to point Him out as the Messiah, the One long-expected, and the world's Saviour. At Mass we have that same reminder: the Lord who has come to us truly on the altar in His Body & Blood is here to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. He is the innocent lamb, sacrificed on the altar of the Cross, as a mark of perfect obedience by the human race; and by this action of Christ we are reconciled to the Father. As St Peter says, in one of his letters, quoting Isaiah: *By His wounds, we are healed.*

**THANK YOU TO THOSE OF THE PARISH WHO HAVE ALREADY** come to listen to me about this parish's involvement with the diocese-wide *Growing in Faith* campaign. Thank you to all who have responded positively, and who have already chosen to commit to a 5-yr pledge to support our parish and our diocese. The season for our parish to engage with *Growing in Faith* is from now right up to Easter, so we each have plenty of time to hear more, and at some point in the next couple of months our auxiliary bishop, Bishop John Sherrington, will come to lead an evening of explaining the vision and the need for a renewed funding effort. There are more details inside the Newsletter today — and website links to learn more.

**WE CONGRATULATE OUR ARCHBISHOP** on the decision of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to make him a Cardinal at the next consistory, around the feast of the Chair of St Peter, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, in Rome. We pray for Cardinal-designate Vincent, and ask the Lord to bless him in the extra roles he will have to take on at the Vatican for the universal Church.

**May God bless us all in the living-out of our Baptism in the Lord!**

**Fr Philip**

**From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 10:**



Nevertheless, in the face of the modern development of the world, the number constantly swells of the people who raise the most basic questions or recognize them with a new sharpness: What is man? What is this sense of sorrow, of evil, of death, which continues to exist despite so much progress? What purpose have these victories purchased at so high a cost? What can man offer to society, what can he expect from it? What follows this earthly life?

## **PRAYER & LITURGY**

**ANTONIETTA CACCIATORE RIP** of Cranbourne Road Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **Her funeral will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 12.30pm** with Don Antonio.

**PHYLLIS LAWLOR RIP** of Brickendon Court, Chapel End, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **Her funeral will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10am.**  
*May they rest in peace.*

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR:** will next take place 5pm this **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan**, finishing early at 5.45pm to allow Fr Philip to get to the Christian Unity Service.

**ANNUAL CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE** will be held **this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at Hoddesdon Baptist Church at 6pm. This service is held on behalf of the Churches Together in Hoddesdon and all parishioners are welcome.

**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!

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READER ROTA:** The next rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for the period February 2014 - May 2014 is due to be drawn up shortly. Can you please let Pat Kavanagh know of any dates that you are **NOT** available during this period by **21<sup>st</sup> January** at the latest (final date). Please telephone 449282 or email patandcarolkav@btinternet.com. Thank you.

**WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES:** This year's Mass will take place at **2pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February.** 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 last weekend, with the letter from Archbishop Vincent. If you missed the letter, then further copies are available by the Newsletters (on yellow sheets).

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 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 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!

<http://rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith/>

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The second part of the course will be held on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January from 7.30-9pm** in the crypt. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged.

## JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**SPUC COFFEE MORNING** will be held in the crypt on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January** after the 10am Mass. All are welcome.

**TRAIDCRAFT:** The stall will be at the back of the church on the **25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January** after all Masses.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**LADIES’ GUILD:** A new Treasurer and Secretary are needed to help run the Ladies’ Guild. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Mary Briggs on 01992-534891.

**TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEW PARISH WEBSITE** ([www.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon), same address as before), if you have not yet done so. It is much more flexible than the old, with greater ease of adding information. Please think of *signing up for e-alerts* on the parish website, then you will get notified about any new information/event added to it.

**CYCLE OF HOMILIES:** if you missed any of Fr Philip’s ‘Year of Faith’ homilies on the *Catechism*, you can read them at: <http://yofhomilies.wordpress.com>.

**WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** in on **7<sup>th</sup> March**  
A new rep. is urgently required to join the committee which organises the services for the day. If you can help, please contact Janet Lampard on 428490.

**CENSUS CARDS:** If you have still not completed a census card, please do fill one in and hand it in to the presbytery. The cards are at the back of the church alongside the newsletters. Thank you.

**CRYPT:** The freezer & fridges in the crypt hall and kitchen are in need of defrosting/cleaning. They will therefore be switched off after 9.15am Mass on

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Anything that has not been removed from them by that date will be disposed of. At the same time we will be revamping the space under the stairs in the crypt: any non-crypt catering items that are not removed will be disposed of.

**PROPERTY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR:** An Administrator is needed to provide administrative and secretarial support to the Property Manager (and the team as a whole) in Hendon. Salary range: £23.5k-24.5k per annum (neg.) Hours of work: 35 hours per week (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, including a 1 hour unpaid lunch break on each day) Closing date: 24 January 2014 Interview date: w/c 3 February 2014 Please visit the jobs section of the website for further information, located under ‘Job vacancies’ on the home page [www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk)

**PASTORAL BOUNDARIES & CONFLICT MANAGEMENT:** There will be a study day for readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and volunteers and anyone who would like to learn more about healthy pastoral boundaries on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 10-3pm** at Vaughan House, SW1P 1QN. Places are limited and booking is required. For further info and registration contact [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or call 02079316078.

**LOST PROPERTY:** There are several glasses, gloves and hats in lost property which will be kept for a couple of weeks more, and if they are not collected, they will be disposed of.

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

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

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Prayer for Peace  
Sunday*



God of passion, you sent the one you love most to be wholly with us. To feel all we feel: joy, pain, hunger, thirst, desire, love, anger and a compassion that broke his heart again and again. And he, in turn, sends us – in partnership with the Holy Spirit – to do even greater things. Help us to give ourselves wholly to what you require: to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you. Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10am Mass <i>Pietro Dileto RIP &amp; Pasquale &amp; Saverio Sciarba</i>	<p align="center"><b>PAGE 125 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 49: 3, 5–6  <i>I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 39 — Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 1: 1–3  <i>May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> John 1: 29–34  <i>Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays II (p. 68)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 25)</p> <p align="center"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 8: 23–9:3  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 1: 10–13, 17  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 4: 12–23</p>
<b>6.30pm* Rosalia &amp; Giuseppe Dinoto RIP</b> <b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>ND</sup> SUN IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am** <i>Baby William O'Bryan</i> 11.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass † 5.00pm Holy Hour	
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Anne Smith Intention</i>	
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> January ST AGNES, VIRGIN &amp; MARTYR</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Dennis Dempsey RIP</i>	
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Frank &amp; Teresa Pyper RIP Anniv</i> followed by coffee in the crypt	
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Vera Brown RIP</i>	
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> January ST FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop &amp; Dr</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Arthur &amp; Ellen McCarten</i>	
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> January CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b> 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</i>	
<b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b> <b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Jan THIRD SUN IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am** <i>Johanna Doyle RIP</i> 11.15am** <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass †	
<p 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>	

<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 any other time.</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>

REGULAR EVENTS			
<b>Tues 21st</b>	1.30pm Ladies Guild, crypt	<b>Wed 22nd</b>	6pm Brownies, crypt
<b>Tues 21st</b>	7pm RCIA, presbytery	<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm Baptism course, 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.*