

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

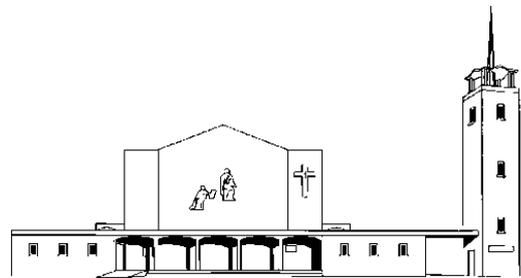
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Year A

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th JULY 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 1–23

A sower went out to sow.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEK SEES YET ANOTHER MOTION TO INTRODUCE EUTHANASIA into our country, and is another attempt to dismantle the Christian backbone of our country's laws. A spiritual understanding of human life is that it is God-given, and that we should accompany our fellow men and women to



the end of their lives with love and compassion, as well as with the very best that medicine can bring. We are not obliged to sustain life in an artificially long fashion, but we are forbidden to end life deliberately through the prescription of lethal drugs. This killing of patients who are frail or even terminally ill goes against all moral principles of human care and Christian salvation. We need to respond robustly to these repeated attempts to reduce our society to one that kills, not cares for, its vulnerable elderly, lonely and sick. PLEASE read the enclosed leaflet, and write to a Peer, or several Peers, prior to the debate on Friday. I have given you an example of my own letter to help you, but please just write in your own words, simply, to urge them to vote against assisted suicide.

I WISH US TO BID A 'FOND FAREWELL' TO OUR PARISHIONER MOYRA O'NEILL. Moyra moves this week to live near her daughter, after c. 30 years in the parish, and 50+ years in the Borough. Moyra served as a local councillor for many years, was deputy Mayor of Broxbourne twice, and Mayor 2005–6. Moyra served faithfully on the Governing Body of St Augustine's School, as well as taking on many other roles. We wish her well in her new home, and give thanks to God for all she has given to our parish and the local community; and I thank her for all her personal kindness to me as Parish Priest.

OUR PARISH BARBECUE IS THIS SUNDAY, 13TH JULY, AT 2PM. I look forward to seeing many of you there! Please note that if you have not already applied for tickets, you cannot, sadly, just turn up on the door, as catering has been arranged only for the numbers who have applied. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who have made the event possible in all sorts of ways! Let's hope the weather stays fine for us!

May the Lord bless us as we come to summer's break, filling us with His gladness! Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 24:



God, who has fatherly concern for everyone, has willed that all men should constitute one family and treat one another in a spirit of brotherhood. For having been created in the image of God, who "from one man has created the whole human race and made them live all over the face of the earth," all men are called to one and the same goal, namely

God Himself. For this reason, love for God and neighbour is the first and greatest commandment. Sacred Scripture teaches us that the love of God cannot be separated from love of neighbour.

PRAYER & LITURGY

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm **Sunday 17th August** (There will be no Holy Hour in July). Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 18th July**. 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!

SCHOOL MASSES: On Friday, there will be Mass at 9.30am in church with St Augustine's School, and at 11am at St Cross School. All are welcome. **12 noon Mass will still take place in church.**

ITALIAN MASS: Please note that there will be NO Italian Mass now until **Sunday 21st 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, 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, 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: QEil, 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

CATECHETICS

CATHOLICISM DVDs: Fr Robert Barron's acclaimed series "CATHOLICISM," about the Catholic faith on Wednesdays in the crypt. Please arrive at 10am (coffee is available) to **begin watching at 10.25am. 16th July "World Without End: The Last Things."**
www.catholicismseries.com

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The photos are now available to view online at Amwell Studios at www.amwellstudios.co.uk. Click on online galleries and then St Augustine's First Holy Communion. The user name is *staugustine* and the password is either 220614 or 290614.

CONFIRMATION 2015. Fr Philip wishes to see each prospective candidate (in *next year's* year 9 or above) and a parent for a short chat (20–30 minutes) before the summer. **Applications will close for this programme on 14th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE

ST AUGUSTINE'S NURSERY: If your child was born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 and would like a place in the nursery, please contact the school on 463549 **this week** as some places are still available. Please note that you do not need a priest's reference for the nursery.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL: An opportunity has arisen for a new play leader to assist with Breakfast Club every morning from September, 7:30am–8:40am. If you are interested in this vacancy please contact Mrs Francis via the school office on 463549 for further information.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

COMBATting EUTHANASIA: the Bill introduced to Parliament by Lord Falconer comes to the House of

Lords again **this Friday 18th July**. Please make your voice heard against the newly re-introduced Bill to legalize euthanasia/assisted suicide. 1. By signing the online petition at: www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/david-cameron-follow-through-on-your-declared-support-for-the-idea-that-assisted-dying-should-not-be-legalised. 2. By writing to our MP, Mr Charles Walker at his Westminster e-mail address: charles.walker.mp@parliament.uk. 3. By writing to some member(s) of the House of Lords (see today's insert sheet on yellow paper).

MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH BBQ: this **Sunday 13th July begins at 2pm and is sold out**. Please remember to bring your own drink as there isn't a bar. Please note that the BBQ committee have decided to close the playgroup garden due to damage caused in previous years. **There is a bouncy castle available for the children, but parents must be responsible for their own children.** We look forward to seeing everyone in the garden for a really enjoyable day.

HOUSE VISITS: this week, Fr Philip will make Wednesday-afternoon visits to parish homes in Rodney Crescent and Ware Road.

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 at the beginning of September. **On St Augustine's Day (28th August) we will have a reception in the garden after 10am Mass, and wish Fr Joseph all the best in his new posting.**

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to publish another edition of the magazine at the beginning of September. If you do have an article, please either email it or hand it in to the presbytery by **Thursday 17th July** at the very latest. Thank you.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund has now been changed to **Friday 26th 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.

200 CLUB WINNER: The winner for July was No 172 - Mrs M De Luca. Congratulations!

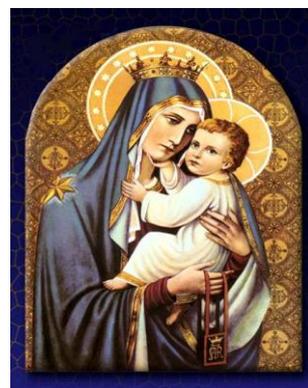
KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDION are giving a Concert of Classical and Ukrainian Music in St Pauls and St Catherine's Church on **Thursday 24th July 7-30pm**. This is a free concert but there will be a box for donations.! This is in aid of UK-AID, Felsted Aid

for Deprived Children in Ukraine affected by the Chernobyl disaster. Ring Margaret Byrne, 443351. for more info.

ASSISTANT TO THE SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR: The Diocese of Westminster are currently seeking to appoint an Assistant to the Safeguarding Co-ordinator to help in the implementation of National Safeguarding Policies of the Catholic Church on behalf of the Bishop and Trustees of the Diocese of Westminster. It is important that all applicants possess a relevant experience, are self-motivated, organised, can multi task and that s/he is able to work to their own initiative. Hours of work: 4 days per week Salary: £25-27k pro rata per annum. Closing date: 22 July

CHURCH CLEANING: Joanne Dawes, Lena Tona, Carmela Tona and Giuseppina Tuzzeo. Thank you!

SAINT OF THE WEEK OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 16TH JULY



Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian

hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th centuries. They built a chapel in the midst of their hermitages which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the place." The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is known to many Catholic faithful as the "scapular feast," associated with the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a devotional sacramental signifying the wearer's consecration to Mary and affiliation with the Carmelite Order. A tradition first attested to in the late 14th century says that Saint Simon Stock, an early prior general of the Carmelite Order, had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in which she gave him the Brown Scapular which formed part of the Carmelite habit, promising that those who died wearing the scapular would be saved.

NOVENA PRAYER: To you, Mother of Carmel, we entrust the whole of humanity, with its hopes and fears. Do not let us lack in the light of true wisdom. Guide us in the ways of peace. Enable us to meet Christ – the Way, the Truth and the Life. Sustain us, O Virgin Mary, on our journey of faith, and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, *pray for us!*

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 12th July 10am Mass <i>Mary Stickland RIP</i>	PAGE 102 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10–11 <i>The rain makes the earth give growth.</i> Psalm 64 — Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop. 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 18–23 <i>The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
6.30pm* Mario & Giuseppina Vaccaro RIP Sun 13th July 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Mary & Barbara Connelly RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 3.30pm NO Italian Mass ‡	Gospel: Matthew 13: 1–23 <i>A sower went out to sow.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 27)
Mon 14th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Moyra O'Neill</i>	Next Week's Readings 16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16–19 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26–27 Gospel: Matthew 13: 24–43
Tues 15th July ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DR 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Deceased members of Lee-Lozone Family</i>	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.
Wed 16th July OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Philomena Cox RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
Thurs 17th July 9.15am Mass <i>Mary Stickland RIP</i>	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.
Fri 18th July (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 9.30am Mass in church with St Augustine's School 11am Mass at St Cross School 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Michael McNicholas RIP Anniv</i>	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sat 19th July 10am Mass <i>Michael & Shirley Byrne Int</i>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
6.30pm* Dennis Dempsey RIP Sun 20th July 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am** <i>Patricia Nastri RIP</i> 3.30pm NO Italian Mass ‡	
<p style="text-align: center;">*Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	

REGULAR EVENTS			
Tues 15th	2-3.30pm Ascent, crypt	Wed 16th	7.30pm All Saints
Wed 16th	6.00pm Brownies, crypt	Fri 18th	7.30pm Prayer Group, church

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.*