

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

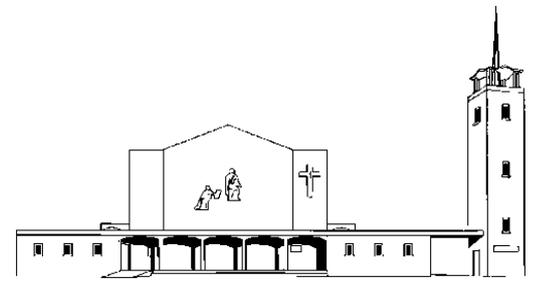
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Year A

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th JULY 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 24–43

Let them both grow till the harvest.

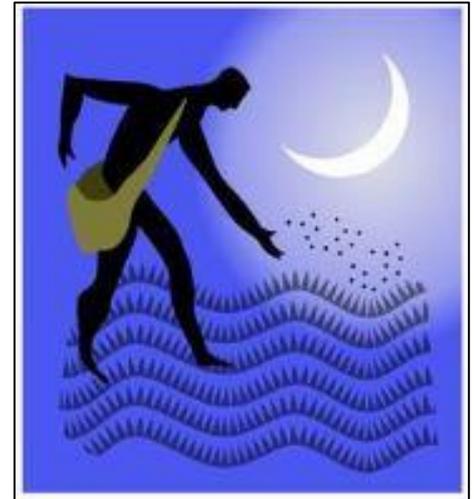
My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL PASSAGE continues the theme of last Sunday's — the parable of the Sower — with the image of the darnel sown in amongst the wheat by an enemy. Its interpretation — also given by Jesus Himself — is of the necessity to allow time for conversion. Those who are evil are still given time by the Lord to change their lives and bring about, instead, good things through a holy life. We must all be challenged by this parable, that we may reflect on the goodness, or otherwise, of our lives and actions. Are we living a life now in perfect conformity to getting to heaven, or are we, in whatever ways, risking our eternal salvation? God gives us time to change, and He gives us the graces to do so as well, especially in Confession. Our Lord wants us so much to be with Him in heaven. Let us resist the workings of the evil one — so insidious as they are — and be set on doing always the will of God our loving Father!

OUR PARISH BARBECUE WENT WELL LAST SUNDAY and I want to reiterate the thanks that are listed inside the Newsletter today. It was a splendid occasion, a beautiful atmosphere, and we defied the dodgy weather predictions for an afternoon of perfect summer sunshine and gentle relaxation. Thanks to all who worked hard to make it so enjoyable, and special thanks for the marvellous and efficient clear up afterwards!

I WILL BE AWAY, NOW, UNTIL MID-AUGUST as I attend the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage in the coming week, and then take some holiday time visiting Palazzola, the English College villa (which anyone can book to spend time at, on the outskirts of Rome: www.palazzola.it), and then seeing friends and family. Fr John Baptist Kisembo, who has happily ministered here over the past two summers, is once again here to spend the summer here and then in Hertford parish. Fr John Baptist is from the diocese of Hoima in Uganda, where he runs the minor seminary. Please welcome him once more, and help him in any ways possible over the next three and a half weeks.

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:



For this reason, love for God and neighbour is the first and greatest commandment. Sacred Scripture, however, teaches us that the love of God cannot be separated from love of neighbour: "If there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself ... Love therefore is the fulfilment of the Law." To

men growing daily more dependent on one another, and to a world becoming more unified every day, this truth proves to be of paramount importance.

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 19th September**. 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!

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: QEII, 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

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: The next session will be held on **Monday 15th September** from 7–8.30pm in the crypt for candidates and parents.

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.

“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 will begin on 9th September at 7pm** but if anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic who wishes to be confirmed), please contact Fr Philip soon. There are also some green leaflets outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

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).

PRO-LIFE PRISONER: You may recall that Fr Philip spoke about his friend Mary Wagner at Christmas and asked parishioners to send her Christmas cards as she was in prison after a peaceful protest. Mary has now been released from prison and would like to thank all her supporters for their prayers and other offerings. You can read Mary's letter at

MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH BBQ was another huge success this year. A lot of hard work goes into the organising beforehand, on the day, and after the event. It was great to have such a community spirit with help provided by so many people. A thank you to: Ian and Judy Livingstone, Dawn Bates, Tony & Vicky Forni, Marina Morris and Joy Ighade — for all your help before and during the event. Thank you to all those who turned up on Saturday morning to put up the gazebos and move chairs: Carl De Beer, Nick Johnson, Michel Jordan, Carlo Gattuso, Adam Carruth, Deji Akinsanmi, Guillaume Maurice, and Ben Ighade, Thank you to the band, The Marionettes, who provided the great music. Thank you to Louise Heekin-Lucas and Isabel Abrahams for manning the entrance and to those who donated raffle prizes and Michele De Luca for selling the tickets. Thank you to all those who provided salads on the day and to Britannia Salads who kindly donated the salad materials and to Pauline Rainey for organising all the meat. Thank you to everyone who helped put away tables and chairs afterwards. Apologies to anyone we have forgotten to mention but a big THANK YOU all round!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his visits after his summer holidays.

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.**

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.

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.

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN with Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa preacher to the Papal household, takes place **25th-27th July** at High Leigh Conference Centre. A unique opportunity to hear this most inspirational speaker, and relax in these peaceful surroundings. Eucharist, recreation, and a bar are included. Bishop John Sherrington will be celebrating Mass on the Sunday. **There are still a few spaces left.** For further information and booking form go to www.harvesters.org.uk

THE PASSAGE: David Dimbleby will be appealing on Radio 4 on behalf of The Passage — the Catholic homelessness charity based in Victoria. Do listen to hear more about the work of this Catholic Charity. The broadcasts are on Sunday 27th July at 7.55am & 21.26pm and Thursday 31st July at 15.27pm.

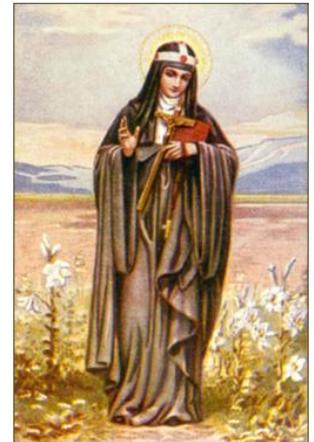
CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Dave & Kathy Greenall, Maria Ventura and Theresa Casbard. Thank you!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

Patron of Europe
23rd July

Birgitta Birgersdotter (1303 – 23 July 1373) of Sweden was a mystic and saint. She founded the Bridgettine Order after the death of her husband of



twenty years. She was also the mother of a saint, Saint Catherine of Vadstena. Saint Bridget prayed for a long time to know how many blows Jesus Christ suffered during His terrible Passion. Rewarding her patience, one day He appeared to her and said: "I received 5480 blows upon My Body. If you wish to honour them in some way, recite fifteen Our Fathers and fifteen Hail Marys with the following Prayers, which I Myself shall teach you, for an entire year. When the year is finished, you will have honoured each of My Wounds." The prayers became known as the Fifteen "O"s, because in the original Latin, each prayer began with the words 'O Jesu,' 'O Rex,' or 'O Domine Jesu Christe.' In 1999 Pope John Paul II named St Bridget as one of the patron saints of Europe. Her feast day is celebrated on 23rd July, the date of her death.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 19th July 10am Mass <i>Michael & Shirley Byrne Int</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 105 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16–19 <i>After sin you will grant repentance.</i></p> <p>Psalm 85 — O Lord, you are good and forgiving.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26–27 <i>The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 13: 24–43 <i>Let them both grow till the harvest.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: ad lib. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7–12 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28–30 Gospel: Matthew 13: 44–52</p>
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;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</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;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</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;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Mon 21st July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Mary Stickland RIP</i> Tues 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ida D'Onofrio RIP</i> Wed 23rd July ST BRIDGET, Religious, Patron of Europe 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Stuart Bott RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 24th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>John O'Driscoll RIP</i> Fri 25th July ST JAMES, Apostle <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Michael Stickland RIP Anniv</i> Sat 26th July Sts JOACHIM & ANNE, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary 10am Mass <i>Ida D'Onofrio RIP</i> 6.30pm* For the Parish Sun 27th July 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Patrick Fannell RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am** <i>Enrico Rega RIP</i> 3.30pm NO Italian Mass ‡	
<p style="text-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>	

REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 22nd	1.30pm Guild tea and chat, 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.*