

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

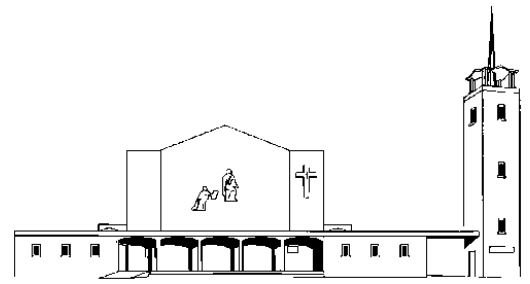
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Year A

TRINITY SUNDAY

15TH JUNE 2014

GOSPEL: John 3: 16–18

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WE KEEP AS TRINITY SUNDAY, acknowledging the divine mystery that lies at the heart of the Christian faith, namely, that God is one God in three persons. The earthly ministry of the Son, Jesus, especially His Resurrection, and His sending the divine person of the Holy Spirit upon us at Pentecost, leads us to know that this is so. We worship God as He truly is, a community of loving relationships, Father–Son–Holy Spirit, and this makes sense of St John's beautiful affirmation in his letters, that "God is love."



I NEED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE BILL ON ASSISTED SUICIDE that has been introduced into Parliament recently, and which is likely to have its debate (its Second Reading) on 18th July. This is yet another attack on the God-given reality of the human person, and the sanctity of life, and we must oppose it firmly. I urge you to read the enclosed paper which I have prepared for you, and to act on it, to make our voice be heard and to protect the people of our country from the tragedy of deliberate killings.

ON THE BLUE BOARDS IN THE CHURCH PORCH are details of two forthcoming events:

(i) The 'Forty Hours' Adoration which we have each year in early July, and which gives us a chance to spend as a parish a time of extended prayer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. PLEASE sign up for some time of prayer in the church (half-hour slots) over that weekend (Fri 4th to Sun 6th July), so that Our Lord can be adored and praised with an outpouring of peaceful prayer from us.

(ii) The parish barbecue, Sunday 13th July at 2pm. Please apply for your tickets a.s.a.p. using the forms available in the porch. In order for it to be a success, we need volunteers to assist with lots of little tasks — these are detailed on the blue board in the porch: PLEASE sign up! We cannot leave it just to one or two to organise this: let's pull together and enjoy this community event.

May the Most Holy Trinity send us His blessings this week as we bask in His love! Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 22:



As an innocent lamb [Christ] merited for us life by the free shedding of His own blood. In Him God reconciled us to Himself and among ourselves; from bondage to the devil and sin He delivered us, so that each one of us can say with the Apostle: the Son of God "loved me and gave Himself up for me." By suffering for us He not only provided us with an

example for our imitation, He blazed a trail, and if we follow it, life and death are made holy and take on a new meaning.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Enzo Misuraca & Felicia Castiglione married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Eleni Castiglione baptised this weekend.

GIUSEPPINA CONTI RIP of Old Highway, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be Monday 16th June at 1.30pm** with Don Antonio. *May she rest in peace.*

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm **this Sunday 15th June**. Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 20th June**. 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!

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION/SERVERS are needed to assist at First Holy Communion Masses on **22nd and 29th June 1.30pm**. If you can help, please sign your name on the list at the back of church.

THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION will be held in the church **Fri 4th July to Sun 6th July, 7/8am–9pm**. PLEASE, WE NEED MANY PARISHIONERS to sign up to come and pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: sign your name on lists on the blue board in the porch (half-hr slots).

FRIDAY: 7am Adoration begins
12 noon Mass
12.30pm Adoration resumes
7.30pm Mass; 8.45pm Benediction

SATURDAY: 8am Adoration begins
10am Mass; Adoration resumes
6.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes
8.45pm Benediction

SUNDAY: 8am Adoration begins
9.15am & 11.15am Masses
12.30pm Corpus Christi Procession
1.30pm Adoration resumes
3.30pm Italian Mass
5.00pm Latin Mass
8.45pm Closing Benediction

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 Slawek 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.

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**

If there are still families who are intending to give a gift/pledge to the *Growing in Faith* campaign, please drop the pledge form into the Presbytery, or send it directly to Westminster. If you are need of a pledge form, please ask at the Presbytery.

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

CATECHETICS

CATHOLICISM DVDs: This is another chance to see Fr Robert Barron's acclaimed series "CATHOLICISM," about the Catholic faith on Wednesdays in the crypt. Please arrive at 10.15am (coffee is available) to **begin watching at 10.30am. 18th June "The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church."** Remaining episodes: 25th June; 2nd, 9th and 16th July.
www.catholicismseries.com

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The practice will be held on **Saturday 21st June** at 11.30am for the First Holy Communion on Sunday 22nd June. All children must attend this, so that they know what to do. The **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on **Sunday 6th July** at 11.15am Mass when all

First Communicants from both weeks return in their First Communion outfits for the Mass.

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. In general these will be between 4–6pm on the following remaining date: 14th July.

YOUNG PEOPLE

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S will be holding their annual Summer Fete on **Saturday 21st June** from 11-1.00pm. There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, tombolas, arts and crafts and much more. Entry £1 per person, children free. All are welcome!

BROWNIES: There will be Cream Teas served in the presbytery garden on **Wednesday 25th June** from 1-4pm. Tickets are £5 and a selection of teas and freshly baked cakes and scones will be served. This is a Brownie fundraising event and we would love to see you there! To purchase tickets, please contact Maria on 449209 or Mary on 534891.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

HELP AT FOODBANK: The Broxbourne Foodbank will have a collection at Tesco Cheshunt (The Pond) and Tesco Brookfield centre on **3rd, 4th and 5th July.** Collectors are needed at each store, drivers to transport food and volunteers to sort the food. If you can help, even an hour will make a difference, please contact Elaine Batten on 01992-428926 or e-mail volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com.

COMBATting EUTHANASIA: 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

MISCELLANEOUS

THE MEDICAL MISSION SISTERS: Thank you to everyone who gave to the appeal last weekend. The total raised was an impressive £913.26.

HOUSE VISITS: this week, Fr Philip will make Wednesday-afternoon visits to parish homes in Ditchfield Road, Tregelles Road, and Kingsfield.

APF will be holding their Annual Mission Mass on **Sunday 22nd June** at the Holy Apostles Church, London SW1V 4LY at 3pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Ellen Bartlett on 464677 by the **16th June.**

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 **13th July.**

ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL: A round of applause for my collectors who gave their time over 2 days at Sainsbury's. The final total was £1,186.90 which shows how much the local community appreciate our services across the Borough. Well done David G, Cheryl J, Michele D, Mary K, Claire M, Teresa Mc, Diana from St Cross and Dawn B. The next Sunflower appeal is at Tesco, Brookfield on 27th & 28th June. If you can spare an hour, please ring Ellen Bartlett on 464677.

PARISH BBQ: The BBQ will be held on **Sunday 13th July 2pm** with live music. This year, there won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. **Application forms are now available from the back of the church and must be returned to the presbytery with your money by Monday 7th July.** Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE volunteer to assist with the many jobs — setting out chairs/tables before, putting up gazebos, pre-cooking chicken and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen.** Raffle prizes are also needed for the day, so you can donate something, please hand it in at the presbytery. Thank you for your support.

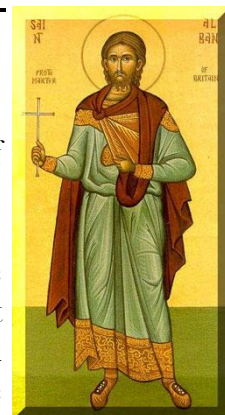
CHURCH CLEANING: Joanne Dawes, Lena Tona, Carmela Tona and Giuseppina Tuzzeo. Thank you!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST ALBAN

20th June

St. Alban was the first martyr of England. During a persecution of Christians, Alban, though a pagan, hid a priest in his house. The priest made such a great impression on him that Alban became a Christian himself. The governor had been told that the priest was hiding in Alban's house, and he sent his soldiers to capture him. But Alban changed clothes with his guest, and gave himself up instead. The judge was furious when he found out that the priest had escaped so, the judge had Alban whipped. He commanded him to be beheaded. On the way to the place of execution, the soldier who was to kill the saint was converted himself, and he too, became a martyr. St Alban's shrine can still be visited in the sacred precincts of St Albans Abbey.



Masses this week

Sat 14th June

10am Mass *Rorry Kelly RIP*

6.30pm* Rosa & Giovanni Scibelli

Sun 15th June MOST HOLY TRINITY

9.15am** *For the Parish*

11.15am** *John Woolsgrove*

3.00pm Italian St Anthony's Procession

3.30pm Italian Mass †

5.00pm Holy Hour

Mon 16th June

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Michael Nainthy RIP*

1.30pm **Funeral Giuseppina Conti RIP**

Tues 17th June

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Willie McElhinney RIP*

Wed 18th June

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Yvette Cautious RIP* — followed by coffee in the crypt

Thurs 19th June

9.15am Mass *Fr Michael Markey RIP*

Fri 20th June ST ALBAN, Martyr

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *PJ Guinnane RIP*

Sat 21st June ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, Religious

10am Mass *Mary & Seamus Timmons RIP Anniv*

6.30pm* Assunta & Henryk Nolewajka RIP

Sun 22nd June CORPUS CHRISTI

9.15am** *John Teeling RIP Anniv*

11.15am** *For the Parish*

1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass

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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1st Reading: Exodus 34: 4–6, 8–9

Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion.

Psalm 3 — To you glory and praise for evermore.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11–13

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Accl: **Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 3: 16–18

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

PREFACE TODAY: Trinity (p. 64)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

CORPUS CHRISTI

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2–3, 14–16

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16–17

Gospel: John 6: 51–58

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.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

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REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 17th 2-3.30pm Ascent, crypt

Wed 18th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt

Fri 20th 7.30pm Prayer Group, church

Sat 21st 11.30am 1st HC practice, 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.*