

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

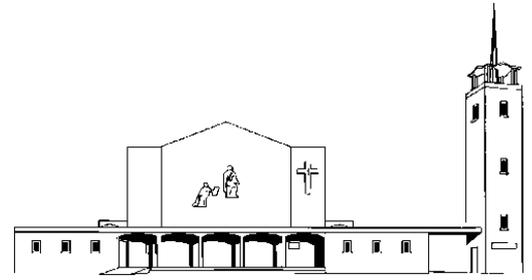
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**Parish Priest: Fr Philip Miller.**

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**Year A**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**16<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2014**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14–30**

*You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.*

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

Francesco Acquisto

Giuseppe Augello

Vera Brown

Vincent Byrne

Antonietta Cacciatore

Gaetano Chiazza

Antonio Campaniello

Giuseppina Conti

Antonino Cuffaro

Carlo Gaudiano

Vincenzo Genuardi

Rosaria Giardina Papa

Vincenzo Giardina Papa

Peter Gillow

Patricia Gudgin

Monica Hunter

Antonio Insalaco

Phyllis Lawlor

Terence McIntyre

Richard Norman

John O'Driscoll

Danuta Patterson

Mary Perllman

Antonino Quintile

Salvatore Russo

Carmela Scaffidi

Antonio Terranova

Francesco Tona

Delia Virgo

**THIS WEEKEND — AT SATURDAY EVENING MASS —** we are remembering in a special way the deceased of the past 12 months in our parish. Twenty-nine members of our parish have gone to the Lord in the past year, and we offer this Saturday evening Mass for the repose of their souls. It is both a sadness, to make this remembrance, but also a strength, that in our prayer for one another and for the deceased, and in our solidarity as a parish with one another, we truly express our faith in Jesus Christ. There is nothing more central to the Catholic faith than to know that our hope in the life of the world to come has the solid foundation of Jesus's own rising. Through our Baptism, Confirmation and the regular use of Confession and participation in the Eucharist, we have the promise of the Lord that He has gone to "prepare for us a place," and that "where He is, we may be too." With the comfort of this spiritual reality, we pray with hope for the faithful departed, that He forgive their sins and bring them to rest.



**In this month of November we pray in remembrance: may the departed rest in peace. Fr Philip**

### From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 36:



Many of our contemporaries seem to fear that a closer bond between human activity and religion will work against the independence of men, of societies, or of the sciences. If by the autonomy of earthly affairs we mean that created things and societies themselves enjoy their own laws and values which must be gradually deciphered, put to use, and regulated by men, then it is entirely right to demand that autonomy. Such is not

merely required by modern man, but harmonizes also with the will of the Creator. ... Indeed whoever labours to penetrate the secrets of reality with a humble and steady mind, even though he is unaware of the fact, is nevertheless being led by the hand of God, who holds all things in existence, and gives them their identity. Consequently, we cannot but deplore certain habits of mind, which are sometimes found too among Christians, which do not sufficiently attend to the rightful independence of science and which, from the arguments and controversies they spark, lead many minds to conclude that faith and science are mutually opposed.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Logan Heekin-Lucas who will be baptised this weekend.

**MONDAY:** Please note there will be no Adoration or Morning Prayer on Monday.

**MATHILDE KRAJEWSKI RIP** of College Rd Farm, Hertford Heath, died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **Details of the funeral will follow.** *May she rest in peace.*

**NOVEMBER LISTS OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED** will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day offered for the Holy Souls.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November.** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 21st November.** A semi-formal quiet hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

**PARISH MISSION:** St Patrick's Community Mission team will lead us in a parish mission in Advent from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.** The team will include the famous speaker John Pridmore, author of "From Gangland to Promised Land." **We need more volunteers to help put flyers in envelopes THIS Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am** in the crypt and tea/coffee will be provided. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

### 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, Jenny Miller, Joseph Penheiro, Peter Tanner, John Lumley and Sylvia Mullick.*

**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. 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.

**Chaplains are: Lister, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017**



Prior to the summer we had received committed pledges of **£173,000** (leading to £42,000 for the parish project). It is still important and necessary that we top up this amount, and Fr Philip asks those who are able to, especially those who committed to pledging back at the 'commitment weekend' but have not yet returned their official pledge form, to do so soon. Pledge forms are still available in the porch, alongside the Newsletters.

**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.

**[www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith)**

### CATECHETICS

**CONFIRMATION:** The next session will be held on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** from 7–8.30pm in the crypt for **candidates.** The candidates will need to have **read chapters 7 & 8 of the Gospel of Mark** before the meeting.

**FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The third meeting for parents will be on **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 10–12 noon.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – PRAYER PARTNERS** are needed for all the children on the First Holy Communion programme. A prayer partner prays for a child whilst they are preparing to make their Communion. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name in capital letters on the blue list at the back of the church. **Could parents please ensure that the children do not sign the blue prayer-partner list instead of the register.**

**"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 18<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** from **7.30–9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism is arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**TRADCRAFT CHRISTMAS ORDERS:** I am happy to include any orders from parishioners. Please email, or ring me with the details, by **Mon Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**. The goods will be ready for collection at Milly's Charity Fair. The catalogues can be found at the entrance of the church. Maria Hunt (01992 421048/ 07790453378) maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com

**BROXBORNE FOODBANK:** There is now a crate in the church porch to receive non-perishable food. The Foodbank serves those in desperate need in our locality. Any donations will be gratefully received. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help the Foodbank at Tesco, Cheshunt on **27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov**. If you can help, please contact Elaine on 428926.

### SCHOOLS

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS** to our Catholic Primary schools requires the Parish Priest to provide a priest's reference as testimony of **Catholic practice, i.e attendance, every week, at Sunday (or Saturday-evening) Mass**. This accords with the diocesan guidance for priests, [http://www.rcdow.org.uk/fileupload/upload/prf\\_4117200691341.pdf](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/fileupload/upload/prf_4117200691341.pdf). In order to help him be just and fair to the practising Catholics of our parish, Fr Philip will continue to adopt the pattern of occasionally in the next few months asking those who will require a priest's form to be signed to come and see him briefly (each and every time he asks) after Sunday Mass. **This concerns those whose children are now in nursery-year in 2014/15.**

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** will be holding an open day on **19<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.30am & 27<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2pm**. All new parents are very welcome.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** will be holding an open day for new reception and nursery Sep 2015 parents on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 10–11.30am or 1.30–2.30pm**.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL: PRIEST'S REFERENCE FORM:** Fr Philip will hold two sessions for those looking to gain admission to reception, for the signing of priest's reference forms. These will be on **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30–3.30pm** and **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am–12.30pm**. There is no need to

make an appointment, please just attend at the allocated times. If you cannot make either of these times, please ring to make an appointment.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** are holding their annual Christmas Fayre on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** 11am–2pm. There will be Santa's Grotto, Christmas Stall, Bottle, Sweet & Toiletry Tombolas, refreshments, Raffle and much more. All parishioners are welcome.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION** takes place **this weekend**. There are now 80 sick and retired priests in the diocese and many of them need support as they get older. Please give as much as you can afford as the Fund relies on donations. If you already give to the *Growing in Faith* campaign, you are not expected to give to the fund again.

**MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND** will be held on the **29<sup>th</sup> Nov/30<sup>th</sup> Nov** in the crypt. There will be Christmas cards on sale and many other stalls together with Santa's grotto, a raffle and refreshments. Volunteers are needed to help with the raffle on Sat evening and if you can help, please contact Judy Livingstone 469172. **We would be grateful for bottles for the tombola and please leave your donations at the presbytery. Thank you.**

**"FIRE-WARDEN" TRAINING** — to ensure our parishioners' safety in the unlikely event of a fire — will be held at 7.30pm on **27<sup>th</sup> Nov** in the crypt. **A couple of volunteers are needed for the 11.15am Mass**. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes in Park Road, Sheredes Drive, The Knowle on Wednesday afternoon this week.

**ZUMBA MASTERCLASS** will be held on **Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** 6-7.30pm at the Sports Hall, Wodson Park in aid of *The Nadia Miragliotta Brighter Future Fund*. Tickets £10 adult or £5 per child. Please contact Steph on 07958-951214.

**200 CLUB WINNER** for Nov: Mrs A Gattuso

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** Fr Philip thanks all the parish households to which he has been invited, and would like to meet 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: 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Judy Livingstone, Eddie & Eileen Linford and Cheryl Holbourn. Thank you!

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		<b>PAGE 155 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 <i>A perfect wife – who can find her?</i>  <b>Psalm 127 — O blessed are those who fear the Lord.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6 <i>Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.</i>  Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!</i>  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 25: 14-30 <i>You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 31) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> CHRIST THE KING</p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezekiel 34: 11–12, 15–17 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 15: 20–26, 28 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 25: 31–46	
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Deceased of the Past Year</i>			
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME</b> 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> ‡ 5pm Holy Hr: Adoration, Eve Prayer, Benediction			
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>			
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>			
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt			
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>			
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov PRESENTATION OF BL. VIRGIN MARY</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>			
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov ST CECILIA, VIRGIN &amp; MARTYR</b> 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>			
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Monica Hunter RIP</i>			
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov CHRIST THE KING</b> 9.15am** <i>Bert Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡			
<b>*Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> <b>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</b> ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)			
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>			
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b> 1.30pm Ascent, crypt <b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery	<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt <b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Baptism Course <b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup></b> 7.30pm Prayer Group		

**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.*