

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

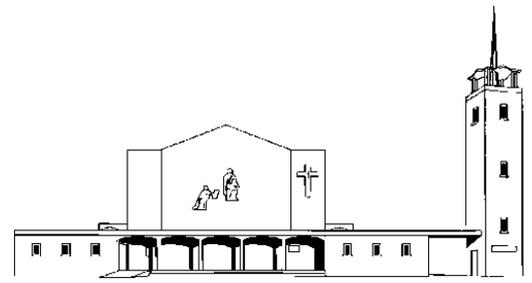
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Year A

CHRIST THE KING

23rd NOV 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 31–46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR — the feast of Christ the Universal King — is a great celebration of our love for the Lord: we bow down before Him and praise Him as King!

THIS WEEKEND WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO OUR PARISH MISSION. This will run from the 2nd Sunday of Advent (6th/7th Dec) and through the weekdays 8th-12th Dec. This promises to be a special week, in which, in our evening services (7.30pm Mon–Fri) we will get a chance to reflect on our faith and God-given mission as Catholics. PLEASE keep these evenings free to attend a prayerful and powerful event. It's always important to keep Advent as a proper preparation for Christmas — I urge you to make use of this Mission to do just that!



The mission evenings start at 7.30pm Monday to Friday.

Monday 8th : God's Love *The amazing story of John Pridmore*

Tuesday 9th : God's Mercy *A chance to meet Jesus personally*

Wednesday 10th : God's Healing *Healing service*

Thursday 11th : God's gift of Mary *The love of Mary for us*

Friday 12th : Mass of the Holy Spirit *The most powerful prayer of the Catholic Church*

The team will be at each of the morning Masses giving talks and music.

Masses: Mon – Thurs 9.15am

Mission Evenings: Mon – Fri 7.30pm

I really need your help to get the Mission information out into the parish! Thanks to a wonderful task-force on Wednesday after coffee, all the flyers are prepared for delivery and are in the porch. PLEASE, if you can help, take a bundle of flyers for delivery in your local area. Make sure that they are delivered at least by next weekend, and if for whatever reason you can't deliver any, return them here promptly please.

On this feast of Christ the King may the blessed Lord Jesus truly reign in our hearts! Fr Philip

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



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. But if the expression, "the independence of temporal affairs," is taken to mean that created things do not depend on

God, and that man can use them without any reference to their Creator, anyone who acknowledges God will see how false such a meaning is. For without the Creator the creature would disappear. For their part, however, all believers of whatever religion always hear His revealing voice in the discourse of creatures. When God is forgotten, however, the creature itself grows unintelligible.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Angel and Rocky Keenan, to be baptised this weekend.

MATHILDE KRAJEWSKI RIP of College Rd Farm, Hertford Heath, died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Wed 26th November at 10am; there will therefore be no 9.15am Mass.**

BENEDETTO CICCHIRILLO RIP of Middlefield Avenue died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Friday 5th December at 10am.** *May they rest in peace.*

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 18th Jan.** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **not meeting in Dec; next meeting January 16th.** 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 8th to Friday 12th December.** The team will include the famous speaker John Pridmore, author of "From Gangland to Promised Land."

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



Growing in Faith

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Fr Philip thanks all who have been continuing your Direct Debits and regular giving to *Growing in Faith!* There are still some parishioners who proposed to give at the 'Commitment Weekend' whom he has still to write to, to see if they are still in a position to honour those pledges. Apologies that this is rather delayed!

Prior to the summer we had received committed pledges of **£173,000** (leading to £42,000 for the parish project), but Fr Philip hopes that this can be edged up a bit.

Once we are clear on our actual 5-yr total, then we can move forward to advertising a post for a catechetical co-ordinator. **This local parish project is a very important one.** 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.

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CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held on **Monday 24th Nov** from 7–8.30pm in the crypt for **candidates only.** 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 26th Nov 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 29th 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.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – MASS OF ENROLMENT: **Next weekend** at all Masses, we will formally welcome onto the programme those children preparing for their First Holy Communion. We will pray for them and hear them commit themselves to their course.

"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 25th Nov at 7pm.

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Friday 28th November** from **7.30–9pm** in the church.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

BROXBOURNE 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 **27th, 28th, 29th Nov**. If you can help, please contact Elaine on 428926.

CAFOD *World Gifts* are alternative Christmas gifts that make a difference to someone living in poverty. You can help a child learn to read, or even help a community build a water supply, and in return CAFOD send you a certificate to give which illustrates the gift that has been given. Catalogues are at the back of the church.

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**. 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 AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL will be holding an open day for new reception and nursery Sep 2015 parents on **Thursday 4th 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 15th Dec 1.30–3.30pm** and **Mon 5th 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 Christmas Fayre on **Sunday 7th December** 11am–2pm. There will be Santa's Grotto, Christmas Stall, Bottle, Sweet & Toiletry Tombolas, refreshments and much more!

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S has a vacancy for a temporary playgroup assistant with a NVQ level 3 or equivalent. The position will be effective from Jan 2015 and will be reviewed in July 2015. The successful candidate will have previous experience of the EYFS and Learning Journals. Contact Lynn or Lorraine on 460614.

MISCELLANEOUS

"FIRE-WARDEN" TRAINING will be held at 7.30pm on **27th Nov** in the crypt. Thanks to the volunteers who will come to this!

MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND will be held on the **29th Nov/30th 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 raffle prizes please leave your donations at the presbytery. Thank you.**

ISABEL HOSPICE BOWS & BELLS Christmas appeal will be held at Sainsbury's on **13th December**. If you can help with the collection, please contact Ellen Bartlett on 464677.

AUXILIARY BISHOP JOHN ARNOLD will be leaving Westminster to take up his new post in Salford. A card is available for all parishioners to sign at the back of church after all Masses.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND: Thank you so much for raising £720.93. All of this money will be used to support sick and elderly priests.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes in Burford Street, Sussex Close, Duke Street, on Wednesday afternoon this week.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip 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: 14th & 21st Dec.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pele De Luca. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

*Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given us,
for all the pains and insults which you have borne
for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

Masses this week

Sat 22nd Nov ST CECILIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

10am Mass *Holy Souls*

4.00pm Italian Mass

6.30pm* *Monica Hunter RIP*

Sun 23rd Nov CHRIST THE KING

9.15am** *Bert Zwager RIP*

11.15am *For the Parish* ‡

Mon 24th Nov ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC, priest & martyr

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Holy Souls*

Tues 25th Nov ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Holy Souls*

Wed 26th Nov

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

10am Funeral *Mathilde Krajewski RIP*

Fri 28th Nov

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Holy Souls*

Sat 29th Nov

10am Mass *Holy Souls*

4.00pm Italian Mass

6.30pm* *For the Parish*

Sun 30th Nov FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.15am** *John Doyle RIP Anniv*

11.15am *Holy Souls* ‡

5.30pm Syro-Malabar-rite Mass (Fr Joseph)

***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: Ezekiel 34: 11–12, 15–17

As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.

Psalm 22 — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20–26, 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Accl: **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31–46

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PREFACE TODAY: Christ the King (p. 68)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: Isaiah 63: 16–17, 64: 1, 3–8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3–9

Gospel: Mark 13: 33–37

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

Mon 24th 7pm Confirmation, crypt

Tues 25th 1.30pm Guild, crypt

Tues 25th 7pm RCIA, presbytery

Wed 26th 6pm Brownies, crypt

Wed 26th 8pm Parents 1st HC

Thurs 27th 1.30pm Padre Pio, presb

Fri 28th 7.30pm Baptism course

Sat 29th 10am 1st HC class

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. —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.*