

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

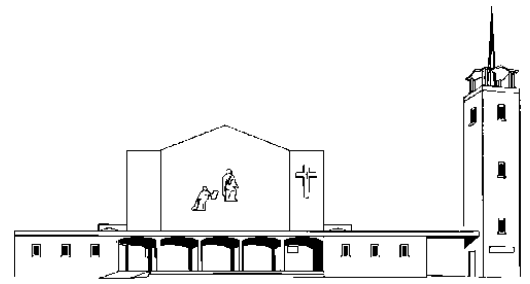
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Year A

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30TH NOV 2014

GOSPEL: Mark 13: 33–37

Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

WE BEGIN OUR NEW CHURCH YEAR TODAY — THE BEAUTIFUL SEASON OF ADVENT. This is a time of preparation and reflection for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. We should endeavour to keep Advent peacefully and prayerfully, truly *waiting* for the coming of Christmas, rather than pre-celebrating it and tired of Christmas before it even comes!



A WONDERFUL WAY OF KEEPING ADVENT THIS YEAR IS OUR PARISH MISSION. This will run from the 2nd Sunday of Advent and through the weekdays 8th–12th Dec. Hopefully you have all received your information delivered* through your door (presuming you are registered on the parish database). If not, then find the information available on flyers in the

church porch. (*THANKS to all who did deliveries!) Next weekend at Masses, the Mission Team will give you an introduction to the Mission, and then the week's programme is as here in the box:

PLEASE keep these evenings free to attend a prayerful and powerful event. **John Pridmore**, the main speaker, is a former gangland criminal, whose life was turned around by the Lord. Everyone, young and old, should come to hear him! Please get the word out there, and invite others along. Make sure that your older (teenage+) children get a chance to experience this Mission!

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

May Advent begin well for us, in fervent prayer that 'Christ will come'!

Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 37:



Sacred Scripture teaches the human family what the experience of the ages confirms: that while human progress is a great advantage to man, it brings with it a strong temptation. For when the order of values is jumbled and bad is mixed with the good, individuals and groups pay heed solely to their own interests, and not to those of others. Thus it happens that the world ceases to be a place of true brotherhood. In our own day, the magnified power of humanity threatens to destroy the race itself.

PRAYER & LITURGY

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.*

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 5th December.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 7th December.**

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." **If you need a lift to the Mission, give the Presbytery a ring.**

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!

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.

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

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held on **Monday 8th December at 7.30pm in the church for candidates and parents** to hear John Pridmore speak at the opening of Mission Week.

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The fourth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 10th Jan 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 7th Jan 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 on the blue list at the back of the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION — MASS OF ENROLMENT: **This 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 2nd Dec at 7pm.**

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD *World Gifts* are alternative Christmas gifts. 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.

BROXBORNE FOODBANK has a supermarket collection on **4th, 5th and 6th Dec** at Tesco Brookfield. If you can help, please contact Elaine Batten 428926 volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL 80TH ANNIVERSARY will be on **Thurs 11th December** and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington in church at 10.30am. All parishioners are welcome and are invited back to the school afterwards for the blessing of the new classrooms and some festive refreshments.

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.**

CAROL SERVICE: St Augustine's School will be holding their Carol Service in church on **Wed 3rd December at 6.30pm.** All are welcome.

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.**

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL Christmas Fayre on **Sunday 7th December 11am–2pm.**

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 UNDER 5'S has a vacancy for a temporary playgroup assistant with a NVQ

level 3 or equivalent. The position will be from Jan 2015 and reviewed in July 2015. The successful candidate will have previous experience of the EYFS and Learning Journals. Contact Lynn or Lorraine on 460614.

MISCELLANEOUS

MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND will be held **this weekend** after all Masses in the crypt

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes in Lampits on Wed afternoon this week.

AUXILIARY BISHOP JOHN ARNOLD is leaving Westminster soon 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.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2015 are now available for £4.50 from the back of the church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

THANK YOU: Anne Byrne and family wish to thank all for the love and support shown us following the recent death of Vincent; it has been a source of great comfort.

ISABEL HOSPICE BOWS & BELLS appeal will be held at Sainsbury's on **13th Dec.** If you can help please contact Ellen Bartlett on 464677.

THE NADIA MIRAGLIOTTA BRIGHTER FUTURE FUND: Thank you to everyone who attended the Zumba night. We raised an amazing £1,644.10! The fund has now raised £49,467.76 and has paid for the cost of the GIU Enteroscope at Great Ormond Street Hospital, which is now in place. Without everyone's support, we wouldn't have reached this amount so quickly, so thank you to you all. Mike & Stephanie.

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: 21st Dec.

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

PARISH MISSION PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray that our Parish Mission may be a time of grace and renewal for all. We ask you to bless all the families in our Parish, especially those who are experiencing difficulties. Bless the old, the young, the poor, the sick, the unemployed, and those in sorrow or despair. Help us dear Lord to grow in faith and love of you. Amen

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 29th Nov 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 82 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 63: 16–17, 64:1, 3–8 <i>Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.</i></p> <p>Psalms 79 — God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3–9 <i>We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help! Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Mark 13: 33–37 <i>Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Advent I (p. 51) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 25)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1–5, 9–11 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8–14 Gospel: Mark 1: 1–8</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish Sun 30th Nov FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.15am** <i>John Doyle RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY 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 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 Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Mon 1st December 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Monica Hunter RIP</i> Tues 2nd December 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Campbell RIP</i> Wed 3rd December ST FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Melanie Pinto RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 4th December 9.15am Mass <i>Redmond Family Ints</i> Fri 5th December <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 10am Funeral Benedetto Cicchirillo RIP 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Pat Castaldi RIP</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Gaetano Martorana RIP</i> Sat 6th December 10am Mass <i>Antonio Terranova RIP</i>	
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* Pasquale Ricotta RIP Sun 7th Dec SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.15am** <i>Mary & Michael Lawlor RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Private Intention</i> ‡ 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Tues 2nd 1.30pm Ascent, crypt Tues 2nd 7pm RCIA, presbytery</p> <p>Wed 3rd 6pm Brownies, crypt</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">*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)</p>	

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.*