

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

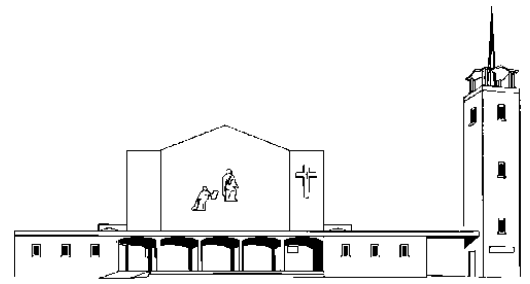
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Year A

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

5TH OCT 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 33–43

He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO THE MOST HOLY ROSARY. As well as offering a decade of the Rosary prior to each of the Sunday Masses, we will sing a Marian hymn at the end of those Masses too. This brings to our attention the power and importance of the intercession of Our Blessed Lady. She who was chosen above all others to be the Mother of the Lord, is undeniably a great aid for us each in our Christian journey. She who knows and loves God better than any one of us, can be the most blessed guide for us. With her maternal instinct, she cares for us and protects us, urging us constantly to keep to the path that Christ has mapped out for us. Sharing in the venerable prayer of the Rosary is a way of tuning into the blessed example of Mary in the life of Christ. Reflecting on the 20 Mysteries of the Holy Rosary allow us to be enveloped in the sacred events of our salvation. We need this continued return to enshrine life's events and decisions in the context of our faith. Praying the Rosary helps us to do that. Our life should mirror that of Our Lady's: loving God, offering our lives to Him, striving to be holy. As wife and mother she can help us daily to be better Christians.

If you need to be reminded of the prayers and structure of the Rosary, then purchase a copy of the rosary card (30p) available in the CTS racks at each end of the church porch. It is important that, as Catholics, we take up our rosaries and make use of them. They are not for decoration, but for prayer! The Rosary is an ideal prayer also for the home, so I do urge families to consider a return to this devout practice. Even a single decade at a time is a powerful opportunity to offer that sacrifice of time to God in union with His Blessed Mother.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary — Mother of God — pray for our parish!

Fr Philip



From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 32:



As God did not create man for life in isolation, but for the formation of social unity, so also "it has pleased God to make men holy and save them not merely as individuals, without bond or link between them, but by making them into a single people, a people which acknowledges Him in truth and serves Him in holiness." So from the beginning of salvation history He has chosen men not just as individuals but as members of a certain community. Revealing His mind to them, God called these chosen ones "His people," and even made a covenant with them on Sinai.

This communitarian character is developed and consummated in the work of Jesus Christ. For the very Word made flesh willed to share in the human fellowship. He was present at the wedding of Cana, visited the house of Zacchaeus, ate with publicans and sinners. He revealed the love of the Father and the sublime vocation of man in terms of the most common of social realities and by making use of the speech and the imagery of plain everyday life. Willingly obeying the laws of His country He sanctified those human ties, especially family ones, which are the source of social structures. He chose to lead the life proper to an artisan of His time and place.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Alessio Cioffi baptised this weekend.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at **5pm this Sunday 5th October.**

THE ROSARY: In October, the month of the Rosary, Fr Philip will lead one decade of the Rosary five minutes before each Saturday evening and Sunday Mass.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least received their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery so that training can be arranged.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 17th October.** 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!

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR: third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm **Sunday 19th October.** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

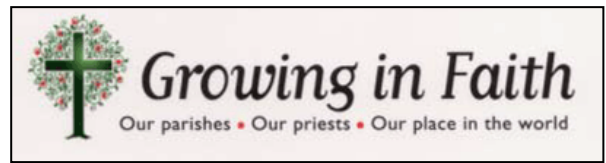
HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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, Joseph Penheiro, Peter Tanner 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, 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 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.

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.

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

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held on **Monday 6th October** from 7–8.30pm in the crypt for candidates only. The candidates will need to have **read chapters two and three of the Gospel of Mark** (from the book they were given) before the meeting.

FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The second meeting for parents will be on **Wed 5th Nov 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 8th Nov 10–12 noon.**

"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 7th Oct at 7pm.**

JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

FAMILY FAST DAY for CaFOD was last Friday. CaFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. **The envelopes will be collected after Mass this weekend.**

BROXBORNE FOODBANK A.G.M. takes place on **Wed 8th Oct** at St James's church, Goffs Oak at 10am. All welcome, to hear about its work and think about getting more involved.

BROXBORNE FOODBANK: From next week there will be a crate in the church porch to receive **non-perishable** food. The Foodbank

serves those in desperate need in our community. Any donations will be gratefully received. Suggestions of types of food can be found in the parish magazine or listed by the collection crate. Thank you.

CAFOD: The amount raised in September was £150.42. Thank you!

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS to our Catholic Primary & Secondary 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. 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 and year 6 in 2014/15.**

SECONDARY SCHOOL PRIEST'S REFERENCE: Form signing for secondary schools will take place on **Friday 10th Oct 5.30–7pm and Monday 13th Oct 1–3pm** in the presbytery. No appointment times, please just attend. **NOTE: there is ONLY any need to attend if you are applying under criterion '3'.**

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S will be holding an annual charity coffee morning in aid of *Jeans for Genes* on **Wed 8th October** from 10–12 noon and 1.30–3pm. All are welcome.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes in the following streets this coming Wednesday afternoon: High Leigh, Langton Road, Foxton Road, Winterscroft Road, Norris Rise.

PLEASE! THINK OF HELPING TRICIA! Tricia Grant, a severely disabled parishioner in a wheelchair with very poor manual dexterity and severely sight-impaired needs help on **Saturday afternoons.** This would be from 2–6pm and essentially would be to be Tricia's "eyes" for the afternoon, just to give her full-time carer some time off. If you can help, please speak to Tricia after the 9.15am Mass or phone her on 462574.

THANK YOU to family, friends and parishioners who attended the Quiz night last Friday. It was a great success and over £600 was raised for

The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund. Special thanks to Vicky and Charlee Lee-Lozone for organising the whole event and for keeping everyone in order. Events like this will help to keep Daniela's memory alive and the community support makes them all possible to take place. Thank you — Tony, Maria and Luisa Ruggiero.

A STAR DANCE in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Saturday 25th October** at the Broxbourne Civic Hall, 7.30pm – 12midnight, adults £20, children 12 and under £10. This will be a dance dedicated to a beautiful dancing star. There will be a Grand raffle with great prizes. Dress to impress. Tickets are available from Maria Ruggiero 07813-335703. All funds raised will go towards The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported and helped in the MacMillian Coffee morning last Friday. A total of £250.78 was made.

PARISH MAGAZINE is now available to buy for £3 after weekend Masses or from the presbytery during the week.

FLOWER TEAM needs more help for about 1½ hours each Friday afternoon. No experience is necessary and if you can help, please contact Gemma on 462215.

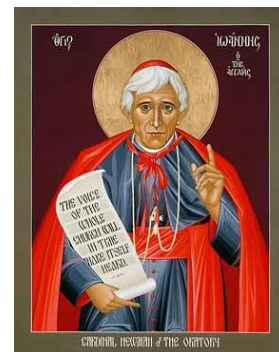
SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip thanks all the parish households to which he has been invited, and would like to meet further parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 26th October, 16th November.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer of Cardinal Newman
Feast day 9th October

May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last.
Amen.



Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 4th Oct ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI 10am Mass <i>Marion Forte RIP</i>		PAGE 137 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1–7 <i>The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel.</i> Psalm 79 — The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel. 2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6–9 <i>The God of peace will be with you.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Matthew 21: 33–43 <i>He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 3 (p. 66) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24) <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> 1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6–10 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20 Gospel: Matthew 22: 1–14	
6.30pm* John & Frances Woolsgrove RIP Sun 5th Oct 27th SUN IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am** <i>Nicola Barone RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Frederick & Doris Dale & Maurice Cooper RIP</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass † 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i>			
Mon 6th Oct 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i> Tues 7th Oct OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Phyllis Lawlor RIP</i> Wed 8th Oct 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Marion Forte RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 9th Oct BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN 9.15am Mass <i>Intentions of the Synod on the Family</i> Fri 10th Oct <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon <i>Mary Pettett RIP</i> Sat 11th Oct 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Mula RIP</i>		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. <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> 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. <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>	
6.30pm* For the Parish Sun 12th Oct 28th SUN IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am** <i>Annie Doyle RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP 1st Anniv</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass †			
<p style="text-align: right;">*Vigil Mass of Sunday</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)			
REGULAR EVENTS			
Mon 6th Tues 7th	7pm Confirmation, crypt 2-3.30pm Ascent, crypt	Tues 7th Wed 8th	7pm RCIA, presbytery 6pm Brownies, 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.*