

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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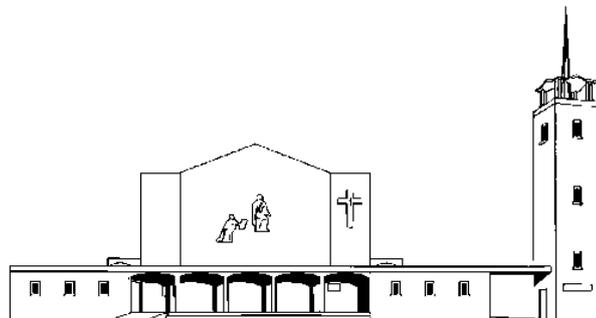
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Year B THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 16th AUG 2015

GOSPEL: Luke 1 39-56

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My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

This year's Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on 16th August instead of the 15th August, because this time around it is close to a Sunday.

This Marian Doctrine was defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950. Through this Doctrine, the Catholic Church proclaimed that, revealed by God, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into Heavenly glory. In the Gospel, read on this great feast, Mary's cousin Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, she called Mary the "Mother of my Lord." This passage has led the Church to proclaim the dogma of Mary as the Mother of God. The Doctrine of the Assumption of Mary has its foundation on the traditional knowledge of the Church that Mary, as the Mother of God, had to be free of all traces of original sin, in order to be the perfect child-bearing Temple of Jesus.

On this great feast, let us come to the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Mother to intercede for us, so that where she is in heaven, we can also be there and join her in that everlasting glorious life. This can be possible by following what our Mother Mary has recommended over the centuries and that is praying the Rosary. We learn from her many apparitions that she is depending on our Rosaries. On July 13th 1917 in Fatima, Our Lady said "Continue to say the Rosary every day in honour of Our Lady in order to obtain peace for the world." No wonder then, that in so many apparitions in so many places, she has asked us to pray the Rosary every day. So, as we celebrate the Assumption, let us continue praying the Rosary every day. Like any good Mother, Our Lady is concerned for us, her family. So, after her Assumption in heaven, she continues to help us from heaven, but she needs your Rosaries to help her achieve her plans.

I am leaving this Sunday, to go to Hertford until the 2nd September and then I return to Uganda. Farewell to all of you. Thank you for always welcoming me and showing me your love. I am grateful to Fr Philip for the many times he has invited me to cover him whilst he is away on holiday and to all of you for your kindness and generosity. May God reward you abundantly.

Fr John Baptist Kisembo.

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 59:

VATICAN II,
50 YEARS ON:
THE NEW
EVANGELIZATION

This Sacred Synod, therefore, recalling the teaching of the First Vatican Council, declares that there are "two orders of knowledge" which are distinct, namely faith and reason; and that the Church does not forbid that "the human arts and disciplines use their own principles and their proper method, each in its own domain"; therefore "acknowledging this just liberty," this Sacred Synod affirms the legitimate autonomy of human culture and especially of the sciences. All this supposes that, within the limits of morality and the common utility, man can freely search for the truth, express his opinion and publish it; that he can practice any art he chooses; that finally, he can avail himself of true information concerning events of a public nature.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Remi Witham who will be baptised this weekend.

ST AUGUSTINE'S DAY is on **Friday 28th August** and Mass will be at 12 noon followed by refreshments in the garden. Please come and celebrate our patronal feastday!

ITALIAN MASS: Please note that there will be **NO Italian Mass until Saturday 12th September.**

SUNDAY MASS ON HOLIDAY: Even when on holiday we are bound to attend Sunday Mass every weekend, whether we are in this country or abroad. If you need help in locating a church in another part of this country, please feel free to phone the Presbytery and we'll happily look it up for you in the Catholic directory.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Sept 18th.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 20th September** with Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

FUNERALS: Fr Philip is now adopting a new routine at funerals. Any family tributes etc. will now take place *before* the beginning of the funeral Mass, immediately after the deceased's body has been brought in to church. This will help the Mass and funeral ceremonies flow better as liturgy, and also take away the drawn-out anxiety of those intending to speak.

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, Jenny Miller, Peter Tanner, Anne Smith, Maureen Fallon, Siobhan Fiorentini, Kitty O'Rourke & Michael Foley.

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



Fr Philip thanks those who have donated to our 'Growing in Faith' initiative, to benefit both the diocese, and our own parish's project of employing a part-time catechetical co-ordinator. **We have raised pledges of c. £190k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £55k.**

On the parish noticeboard in the porch is a breakdown of how much we have already raised for the various diocesan and parish projects, with data up to the end of 2014.

As for our own project of a parish catechist, Fr Philip is in discussion with the diocesan agencies, to try and locate a suitably qualified person for the post.

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

CATECHETICS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

photos now available to view online at Amwell Studios at www.amwellstudios.co.uk. Click on online galleries and then St Augustine's First Holy Communion. The username is 'staugustine' and the password is either '210615' or '280615.'

CONFIRMATION 2016: The next session will be held on **Monday 7th September** from 7.15-8.45pm in the crypt for parents and candidates.

"RCIA" – '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 will begin 8th September at 7pm** but if anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed), please contact Fr Philip as soon as possible. There are green leaflets outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 9th September** from 7.30-9pm in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

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 will be in nursery-year and year 6 in 2015/16.** When Fr Philip last asked, there were 8 requests for references for Secondary School, and 3 requests for references for Primary School.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

ASSISTED-SUICIDE BILL: "On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church. Even better, you could ask to see your MP and express your concerns directly." (Cardinal Vincent Nichols)

CAFOD thanks everyone who donated towards Lent Fast Day; over £5m was raised. Nepal earthquake - On 25th April a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal with a second earthquake following only 2 weeks later. These 2 earthquakes claimed 8,691 lives, destroyed hospitals, schools and homes. With your generosity, enabled CARITAS family to support 140,095 people to date with shelter supplies (tarps, mats and blankets), food and kits for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). A further 2,601 people have been reached with medical and psychosocial care.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip has now finished his second complete visitation of the homes within the bounds of the parish. He is grateful for all the welcome he has received, and all the opportunity to chat to parishioners at their

homes. He will initiate a third round of visits, starting in the north of the parish, in September.

LADIES GUILD has now finished for the summer and will resume again on **Tuesday 8th September.**

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to meet parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 6th and 13th September.

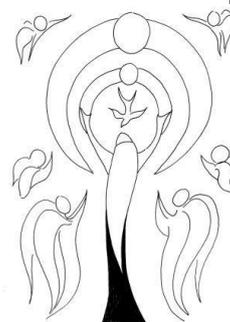
CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Dave & Kathy Greenall, Maria & Carmela Ventura and Theresa Casbard. Thank you!

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Assumption of Our Lady

– 16th August

In 1950, when Pope Pius XII formally defined the dogma of the Assumption, he declared:



"After We have poured forth prayers of supplication again and again to God, and have invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth, for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honour of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by Our own authority, We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 15th August 10am Mass <i>Bernadette Munday RIP</i>	PAGE 180 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10 <i>A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.</i> Psalm 44 — On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26 <i>Christ as the first-fruits and then, those who belong to him.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!</i>
4.00pm*NO Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>James McGahern Snr, James McGahern Jnr, Rosie Ann & Philomena McGahern & Michael Page RIP</i>	Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56 <i>The Almighty has gone great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.</i> PREFACE TODAY: ad lib. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.
Sun 16th August ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Sheila Smith</i> †	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 21-32 Gospel: John 6: 60-69
Mon 17th August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Arthur & Ellen McCarten</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.
Tues 18th August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i>	ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
Wed 19th August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Gaetano Tambuzzo RIP, Maria Cusumano RIP, Francesco DiStefano RIP and Maria-Rosa Tambuzzo RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	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.
Thurs 20th Aug ST BERNARD, Abbot & Doctor NO Mass	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Fri 21st August ST PIUS X, Pope (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Bernadette Munday RIP</i>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
Sat 22nd August THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 10am Mass <i>Stanley Abrahams RIP</i>	
4.00pm* NO Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Gaetana Conti RIP</i> Sun 23rd August 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †	
* 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)	

REGULAR EVENTS

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 parrocciani 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.