

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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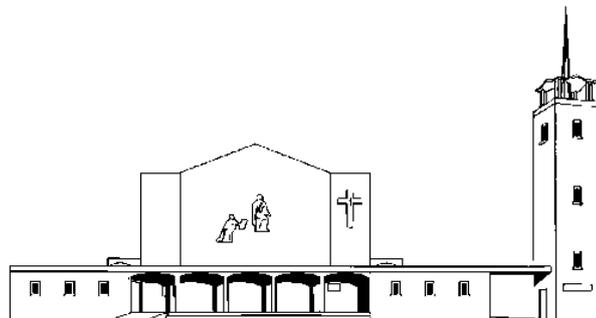
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Year B TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 30TH AUG 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 1–8, 14–15, 21–23

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS HEARING FROM CHAPTER 6 OF ST JOHN, we return this Sunday to the cycle of Gospel readings from St Mark. Jesus urges us today to take care of our inner life — not to live hypocritically, professing one thing but doing another — but to be inwardly *and* outwardly saintly.

THE RCIA COURSE — FOR THOSE WISHING TO BECOME CATHOLICS, or those adult Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed — is going to begin in a week or so (Tuesday 8th September), so I ask again if there are others in the parish, or associated with the parish already, who wish to come forward. It's a wonderful programme, in which the participants/enquirers are accompanied by myself and a number of committed parishioners, to help discover more about the Faith, and to discern whether God is



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

calling them to Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. Anyone wishing to find out more should contact me *this week* so that they can be fully informed about what it entails. Green sheets with a fuller explanation can be found by the Newsletters.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: with the imminent approach of the Commons debate on the Rob Marris Bill ('assisted dying'), on Friday 11th September, I urge you, please, if you have not done so already, to express our deeply held Catholic faith in the inadmissibility of killing our fellow human beings who are suffering terminal illnesses. We all have compassion for those who are sick and have diseases that are incurable, but assisting them to die by a positive action such as a lethal injection is immoral, and this latest attempt to legislate for it must be fought strongly. Our democratic right — and our Christian duty — is to appeal to our legislators to oppose this Bill. You can contact our MP, Mr Charles Walker, either by writing a letter to him (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA), or by an electronic message via the websites <http://www.carenokilling.org.uk/marris-bill/> or <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide>.

May the week ahead be blessed for you all, and for the schools as they return.

Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 62:



Although the Church has contributed much to the development of culture, experience shows that, for circumstantial reasons, it is sometimes difficult to harmonize culture with Christian teaching. These difficulties do not necessarily harm the life of faith, rather they can stimulate the mind to a deeper and more accurate understanding of the faith. The recent studies and findings of science, history and philosophy raise new questions which affect life and which demand new theological investigations. Furthermore, theologians, within the requirements and methods proper to theology, are invited to seek continually for more suitable ways of communicating doctrine to the men of their times; for the deposit of Faith or the truths are one thing and the manner in which they are enunciated, in the same meaning and understanding, is another.

PRAYER & LITURGY

BANK HOLIDAY MASS on Monday will be at **10am**. After Mass the church will then be closed.

PATRICK CASEY RIP of Rosevale Care Home, Hoddesdon, died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **His funeral will be on Tuesday 1st September at 10.45am.**

May he rest in peace.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 4th September**. 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 6th September**.

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

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: application forms for the new First-Holy-Communion programme (for practising Catholic children in Yr3 or above) will be available from the first Sunday of September after Mass (and not available from the Presbytery).

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 of both evenings must be completed before a

Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

SCHOOLS

WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL COSTS in the coming year? There is a Christian-based local grant-giving body, managed by the URC, the 'Broxbourne Educational Trust' that you can apply to for assistance (max. £500) with costs for educational activities for young people under 25 — so this would include university students. Pick up a flyer from the church porch, or go to visit their website: <http://broxbourne.unc.org.uk/index.php/projects/broxbourne-educational-charity> .

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS to our Catholic Primary & Secondary schools require 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)

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to initiate a third round of visits, starting in the north of the parish — St Margaret's Road — in the week following this one.

LADIES' GUILD will resume again after the summer on **Tuesday 8th September.**

PARISH MAGAZINE for 2015, in full colour, 44 pages, will be available for sale from next weekend, priced £3.

MEMORY WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY: I will be taking part in a sponsored walk with all my family on the 26th September around Leeds Castle in Kent. We are hoping to raise funds for research, cure and prevention of dementia as our Mum was diagnosed with dementia in January. If you would like to sponsor us, please pop in at the presbytery or please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/MW15dawnbates>. Thank you. Dawn Bates.

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: Michele & Pelle De Luca and Mary Dineen. Thank you!

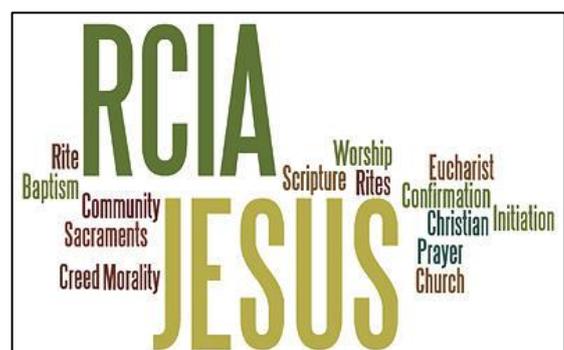
SAINT OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 3rd September

St Gregory the Great
Pope & Doctor



Pope St Gregory I was pope from 3rd September 590 until his death in 604. Gregory is well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as pope. He was the first of the popes to come from a monastic background. He is considered a saint in the Catholic Church and also in the Eastern Orthodox Church. Immediately after his death, Gregory was canonized by popular acclaim. It was he who sent St Augustine ("of Canterbury") from the monastery in Rome to evangelize southern England in 597, and so we have much to be grateful for from this wise and saintly Pope.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 29th Aug THE BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Genuardi RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 126 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1–2, 6–8 <i>Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.</i></p> <p>Psalms 14 — The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</p> <p>2nd Reading: James 1: 17–18, 21–22, 27 <i>You must do what the word tells you.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Mark 7: 1–8, 14–15, 21–23 <i>You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 4–7 2nd Reading: James 2: 1–5 Gospel: Mark 7: 31–37</p>
4.00pm* NO Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</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 any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
Sun 30th August 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Baby Owen Ingram</i> 11.15am <i>Vincenzo & Grazia Castronovo & Calogera & Maria Castronovo RIP</i> †	<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.</p>
Mon 31st August 10am Mass <i>Philip Leddy RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Tues 1st September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Joseph & Doris Penheiro RIP</i> 10.45am Funeral <i>Thomas Patrick Casey RIP</i>	
Wed 2nd September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Martin Kearns RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	
Thurs 3rd September ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope NO Mass	
Fri 4th September <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Maria Vasile RIP</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Bernadette Munday RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	
Sat 5th September 10am Mass <i>Charles Peteranna RIP</i>	
4.00pm* NO Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Pasquale Re RIP</i>	
Sun 6th September 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Alan & Margaret Lawlor RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Francesco, Pierina & Antonino Cannatella RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	

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 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.*