

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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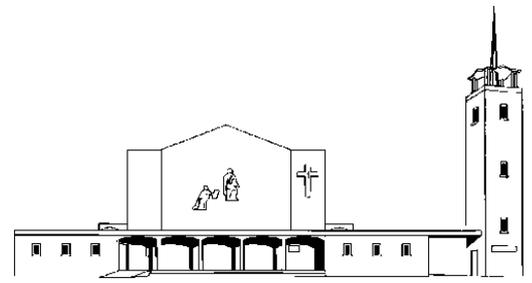
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Year B

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

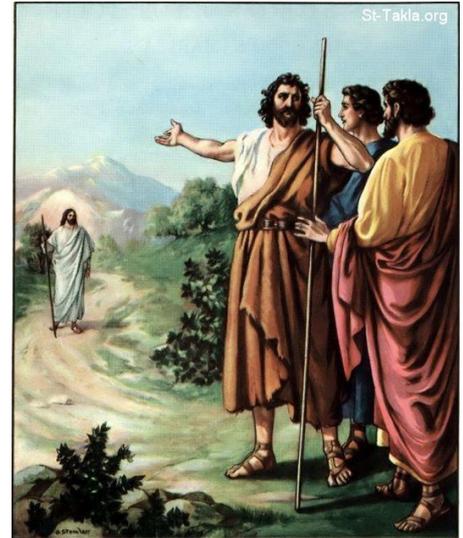
18<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2015

GOSPEL: John 1: 35–42

*They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.*

**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

**AFTER THE CLOSE OF OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON** we now embark on these weeks of 'Ordinary Time' — weeks in which we put into practice the lessons of our Lord's wonderful incarnation and birth, His manifestation to the world, and glorious Baptism. The Gospel passage today follows on directly from Jesus's Baptism, as John the Baptist points Jesus out to Andrew and another of his followers. Just as they moved on from that moment, and became avid followers of Our Lord — His apostles, in fact — so we need to move on from the celebrations of Christmastide to take our place in the everyday ("ordinary time") discipleship of Jesus. To be a faithful Christian is to be people of active faith day-in, day-out. It is in the daily routine of prayer and charity that we truly show ourselves to be the people of Christ. It's in the everyday pattern of Christian living — and in the faithful, without-fail, Sunday-Mass attendance — that we live out our Catholic faith to perfection. This is what God calls us to: to be His followers in the day-to-day events of life, the "ordinary time." Jesus said to Andrew and his companion, "Come and see," and they spent the rest of that day with Him. We, too, want to "stay with Him" all the days of our life, having every single day in His company. Let's make sure of this as 2015 gets underway.



**I WOULD LIKE US TO THINK AS A PARISH** about our volunteering in various capacities across the life of the parish, and to this end, in a few weeks' time, I invite you to take part in a little exercise with me, carried out during the Sunday Mass. I will be offering you a chance to volunteer your time and talents to re-invigorating many of the tasks — some larger, some smaller — that help our parish live its life, on many levels. I want to highlight this as an event of these weeks of 'ordinary time,' and will be speaking about this a bit more in the weeks to come. In the meantime, do please pray about your contribution to the life of this parish, and whether God is calling you to be a bit more active for Him.

**I hope Christmastide has been a sacred time for you. May 2015 be greatly blessed! Fr Philip**

**From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 40:**



Coming forth from the eternal Father's love, founded in time by Christ the Redeemer and made one in the Holy Spirit, the Church has a saving and an eschatological purpose which can be fully attained only in the future world. But she is already present in this world, and is composed of men, that is, of members of the earthly city who have a call to form the family of God's children during the present history of the human race, and to keep increasing it until the Lord returns. United on behalf of heavenly values and enriched by them, this family has been "constituted and structured as a society in this world" by Christ, and is equipped "by appropriate means for visible and social union." Thus the Church, at once "a visible association and a spiritual community," goes forward together with humanity and experiences the same earthly lot which the world does. She serves as a leaven and as a kind of soul for human society as it is to be renewed in Christ and transformed into God's family.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**BIAGIO CICCHIRILLO RIP** of Lord Street, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will take place on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am.**

*May he rest in peace.*

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan.** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection. Holy Hour (just this month) will end at 5.45 to allow Fr Philip to get to the Christian Unity Service.

**ANNUAL CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE** will be held **this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January** at Riverside Church, Rye Road at 6pm. This service is held on behalf of the Churches Together in Hoddesdon and all parishioners are welcome.

**MONDAY MORNING:** Please note that just this **Monday** there will only be Mass and no Adoration or Morning Prayer.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READER ROTA:** The next rota for Readers and Ministers of Communion for the period February - May is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Jan** at the latest of any weekends that you are NOT available and also of any changes in personal details (telephone number etc.). You can contact Pat Kavanagh by email [patandcarolkav@btinternet.com](mailto:patandcarolkav@btinternet.com) or on 449282. The last date for notification is Wednesday 28th January.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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!

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 7<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> FEB:** A time to celebrate, focus and give thanks for couple relationships. The 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February** will be dedicated to all married couples. Please come along whether you are married, widowed or single to celebrate together. Afterwards we'll have a bring-and-share table in the Crypt. For more info please contact Michel and Jacky Jordan 303794.

**CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE:** The Cardinal invites all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015 to a Mass on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3pm** at Westminster Cathedral. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please communicate

to the Presbytery the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and e-mail (or telephone number, if no e-mail) by the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## 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**



Fr Philip thanks all who have been continuing 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.

Fr Philip has been having some exploratory discussions with an advisor from the diocese about the post of 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith)

## CATECHETICS

**CONFIRMATION:** The next session will be held on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7.00pm for candidates and parents.** Chapter 11 of St Mark's Gospel needs to have been read in preparation for this

session. If you haven't yet paid the £10 to cover materials, please drop it off to the presbytery as soon as possible. Thank you.

**FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The fifth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 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 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The second part of the course will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** from **7.30pm–9pm** in the church.

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** The amount collected was £298.96. Thank you!

**HELP AT FOODBANK:** the Foodbank distribution centre at the Baptist church foyer (Essex Road, Hoddesdon) runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays 4–5pm. More volunteers are needed to help and if you can assist please contact [revjlavery@gmail.com](mailto:revjlavery@gmail.com).

**FOODBANK BOX:** Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute regularly to our Food Bank collection box in the church porch. It was very heartening indeed to see how much it was used over the Christmas period, when obviously many parishioners were thinking of those in need as they were doing their Christmas-food shopping. Many thanks!

**CAFOD:** There are dozens of ways to get involved with CAFOD, from using public speaking skills to deliver CAFOD's Fast Day talks to your fellow parishioners, or to inspire young people in schools or Confirmation groups, to adding your voice to campaigns such as 'One Climate, One World'. If you would like more info or to support in any way in the parish, please ask Anne Byrne (467097) for details.

**CAFOD:** Looking for something new in 2015? CAFOD needs your help in ending poverty and injustice overseas. Find out how you can live your faith and put your skills to good use at Understanding CAFOD Day on **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> January**, in London SE1, 10am to 4pm. Book at [understandingcafod.eventbrite.co.uk](http://understandingcafod.eventbrite.co.uk), or call 020-8449-6970.

**JUSTICE & PEACE ANNUAL OPEN EVENING** will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 6-9pm**

at 4 Vincent Road, London N15 3QH. Soup, bread and cheese from 6pm and talk and discussion from 7pm. All are welcome.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip intends to make house visits to parishioners in these streets this Wednesday: Meadway, Admirals Walk,

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February.

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

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Pope Francis,  
Prayer for Peace,  
Holy Land, May  
2014*



Open our eyes  
and our hearts,  
and give us the  
courage to say:

“Never again war!”

With war everything is lost.

Instil in our hearts the courage to take  
concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham,

God of the Prophets, God of love,

You created us and you call us to live as  
brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength daily to  
be instruments of peace.

Enable us to see everyone who crosses  
our path as our brother or sister.



<b>Masses this week</b>		<b>Today's Liturgy</b>	
<b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> January ST ANTHONY, Abbot</b> 10am Mass <i>Monica Hunter RIP</i>		<b>PAGE 127 in the Mass books</b>	
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Samuel 3: 3–10, 19 <i>Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.</i>	
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> SUN IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am** <i>Baby William O'Bryan</i> 11.15am <i>Vincenzo Giardina Papa RIP</i> ‡		<b>Psalm 39 — Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 6: 13–15, 17–20 <i>Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ.</i>	
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Elizabeth McManus RIP</i>		Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>	
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Giorgio Azzopardi RIP</i>		<b>Gospel:</b> John 1: 35–42 <i>They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.</i>	
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> January ST AGNES, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Vincent Byrne RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		<b>Gospel:</b> John 1: 35–42 <i>They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.</i>	
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> 8.30am Mass <i>Helen O'Neill Ints.</i>		<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. 2 (p. 24) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 25)	
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Angelo Pinto Ints.</i>		<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> January ST FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop</b> 10am Mass <i>Dermot O'Donoghue RIP</i>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jonah 3: 1–5, 10 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 7: 29–31 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 1: 14–20	
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>		<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> 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>	
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 3<sup>RD</sup> SUN IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am** <i>Pietro DiLeto RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Ian &amp; John Laydon RIP</i> ‡		<b>ROSARY</b> Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
<b>*Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> <b>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</b> ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)		<b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> 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.	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>		<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>	
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup></b> 1.30pm Ascent, crypt <b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery	<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b> 6.00pm Brownies, crypt <b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b> 7.30pm Baptism course		

**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.*