

The Announcer

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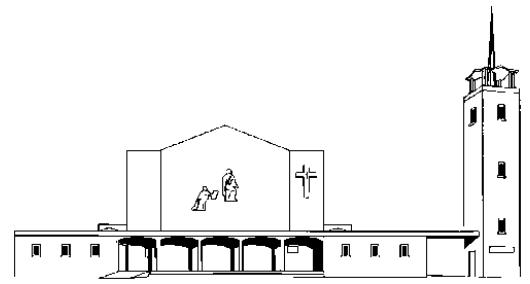
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Year B

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25TH JAN 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 14–20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

AS WE CONTINUE, NOW, OUR WEEKS OF ORDINARY TIME, we start to hear of the beginning of Our Lord's public ministry. In these early verses of St Mark's Gospel, Jesus calls to His service the first apostles, Simon and Andrew, James and John, from their fishing. It is an important reflection for us, to realise that even the Son of God thought it necessary — indeed, best — to involve others in His work of evangelization. Our Lord did not 'go it alone' and work His wonders and miracles, and our salvation, in isolation. He deliberately and specifically called others to His side to assist and promote, and witness to, His divine work. As we live the life of the Church together, as the apostles did, we need to see ourselves as co-operating in this same work of Christ, for the salvation of the world. Think of the words of St Teresa of Avila:

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now but yours.

SO ... I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE MY NOTICE OF LAST WEEK regarding our *volunteering* in various ways in the life of the parish. To this end, in a couple of 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-invigorate many of the tasks — some larger, some smaller — that help our parish live its life, on many levels. I want to highlight this as a *key event* of these weeks of 'ordinary time,' and will be speaking about this a bit more next Sunday in the homily. In the meantime, do please pray about your contribution to the life of this parish, and whether God is calling you to be more active for Him and His people.

I hope that we can make a prayerful reflection on this, together, as a parish.

Fr Philip



From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 41:



[The Catholic Church] knows that man is constantly worked upon by God's spirit, and hence can never be altogether indifferent to the problems of religion. The experience of past ages proves this, as do numerous indications in our own times. For man will always yearn to know, at least in an obscure way, what is the meaning of his life, of his activity, of his death. The very presence of the Church recalls these

problems to his mind. But only God, Who created man to His own image and ransomed him from sin, provides the most adequate answer to the questions, and this He does through what He has revealed in Christ His Son, Who became man. Whoever follows after Christ, the perfect man, becomes himself more of a man. For by His incarnation the Father's Word assumed, and sanctified through His cross and resurrection, the whole of man, body and soul, and through that totality the whole of nature created by God for man's use.

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 26th January at 10.30am.**

JILL LOGSDAIL RIP formerly of Ditchfield Road, died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be next **Sunday 1st Feb 5.00pm.**

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 15th Feb** 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.

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 28th Jan** — THIS WEEK — 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 on 449282 or e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Feb 20th.** 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 7th–14th FEB: A time to celebrate, focus and give thanks for couple relationships. The 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday 7th 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 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015 to a Mass on **Saturday 23rd 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 8th March.

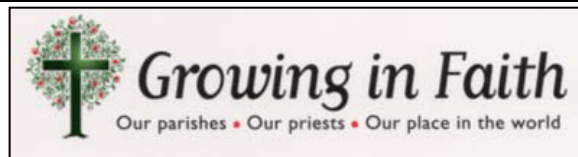
HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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, Jenny Miller, Peter Tanner, John Lumley, Anne Smith 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

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held on **Monday 26th Jan at 7.00pm for CANDIDATES ONLY.** 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 or the £18 retreat money, 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 4th Feb 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 7th 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 27th January at 7pm.**

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

SEX-SELECTIVE ABORTION: please visit the website www.stopgendercide.org and take two minutes to use the function on the website that allows you to send an e-mail to our MP, Charles Walker, encouraging him to take action on gender-selective abortion and support the Abortion (Sex-Selection) Amendment. Voting may come up on this in the next few days, so please act NOW!

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of the church **this weekend** after all Masses.

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.

FOODBANK BOX: Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute regularly to our Food Bank collection box in the church porch. During 2014 — just in the latter months, since we have had our collection box! — our parish has donated 598kg of food to the FoodBank. These donations make a big difference to local people in crisis so thank you!

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL will be holding a 'First Holy Communion Fayre' on **Tuesday 3rd February** from 3.30-5.30pm. There will be dresses and suits on sale together with many other stalls. All are welcome.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to make house visits to parishioners **ON MONDAY AFTERNOON** this week in Stanstead Road.

THANK YOU: I would like to thank all the parishioners for their prayers, cards and enquiries over the last few months whilst I have undergone two operations. I am now making a

good recovery and hope to see you all again in the not too distant future. John Lumley.

TEN-TEN THEATRE COMPANY are currently recruiting for professional actors to join their 2015 team (March to December). Professional Equity rates and an exciting and enriching experience! Anyone interested should take a look at <http://bit.ly/1KPOej7>.

THE RETROUVAILLE PROGRAMME is a lifeline for married couples facing difficulties or crises in their married life. It has offered hope and help to hundreds of couples looking to renew and heal their marriages. The next programme will run from March 20th-22nd 2015 in Hatfield, North London. For more information please call 0788 729 6983 in confidence or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk. More information on the Retrouvaille programme can be found at www.retrouvaille.co.uk.

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: 1st & 15th February.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK STS TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOPS 26th JANUARY



Timothy and Titus were traveling companions of St. Paul and they shared in his work of bringing Jesus to others. Both these men were Paul's representatives. Paul often sent them ahead to prepare the people for his arrival in a new town. After establishing a new Christian community, Paul would move on to a new area to share the Gospel. He often asked Timothy or Titus to stay behind to support and encourage the new community in living their faith. Timothy and Titus were both appointed as bishops. This was a sign of their leadership and faithfulness to the early Church. We can pray to these two saints, asking them to help us to become more patient and considerate in our daily lives, as they were.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy						
Sat 24th January ST FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop 10am Mass <i>Dermot O'Donoghue RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 129 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Jonah 3: 1–5, 10 <i>The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.</i></p> <p>Psalm 24 — Lord, make me know your ways.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29–31 <i>The world as we know it is passing away.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Mark 1: 14–20 <i>Repent, and believe the Good News.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 32) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15–20 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32–25 Gospel: Mark 1: 21–28</p>						
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>						
Sun 25th January 3rd SUN IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am** <i>Pietro DiLeto RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Ian & John Laydon RIP</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>						
Mon 26th January STS TIMOTHY & TITUS, Bishops 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Elsie & John Kelly RIP</i> 10.30am Funeral <i>Biagio Cicchirillo RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Mon 26th 7pm Confirmation, crypt</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Wed 28th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues 27th 1.30pm Guild, tea & chat crypt</td> <td>Thurs 29th 1.30pm Padre Pio, presbytery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues 27th 7pm RCIA, presbytery</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Mon 26th 7pm Confirmation, crypt	Wed 28th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt	Tues 27th 1.30pm Guild, tea & chat crypt	Thurs 29th 1.30pm Padre Pio, presbytery	Tues 27th 7pm RCIA, presbytery	
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Wed 28th January ST THOMAS AQUINAS, Priest & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Maria Di Stefano RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	<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: <i>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.</i></p>						
Thurs 29th January NO MASS							
Fri 30th January <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Dec'd members of Lampard Family</i>							
Sat 31st January ST JOHN BOSCO, Priest 10am Mass <i>Vincent Byrne RIP</i>							
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Bridget & Martin Moriarty RIP</i>							
Sun 1st Feb 4th SUN IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am** <i>Kathleen McCarthy</i> 11.15am <i>Maria & Onofrio Panepinto RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡							
<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>							