

The Announcer

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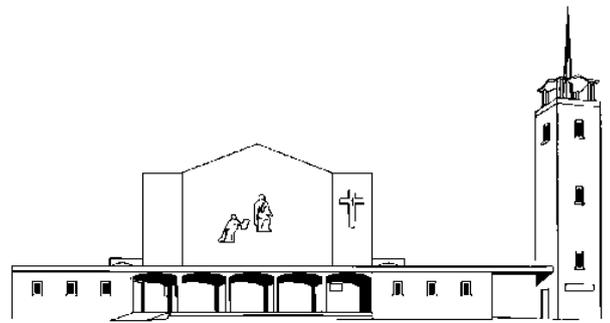
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Year B FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH JULY 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 7–13

He began to send them out.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY reminds us of the great mission that lay ahead of the disciples as they went out, two-by-two, into the world to preach. It speaks also to us of the mission that we have — the same mission — to spread the Good News to those around us. This is not just some task given to the bishops and priests of the Church, but is the duty of each one of us. On which note ...



OUR PARISH'S 'RCIA' PROGRAMME will resume in the autumn, and is the parish's group for teaching the faith to those adults who wish to receive the 'Sacraments of Initiation' — that is, Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. You may well know someone, even in your family, who wishes to be baptized, become a Catholic, and/or be confirmed. Now is the time to talk to them about this, and to invite them to come and see me to find out more. This is also the programme by which adult Catholics who are not confirmed are prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, so any and every adult Catholic who has not been confirmed should seriously think about this, since Confirmation is a vital and necessary part of Christian initiation.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU AT THE PARISH BARBECUE this Sunday afternoon, and I graciously thank Dawn Bates, parish secretary, for the co-ordination of the barbecue preparations, and all those many others who have assisted to get ready this lovely occasion.

RICHARD PYPER, PARISH ACCOUNTANT OVER MANY YEARS, attended his final Parish Finance Committee meeting this last week. I wish to put on record the enormous debt of gratitude that we owe him for his work with the parish accounts, and his membership of the Committee. Richard joined the Committee first in 1971 and, apart from a few years' break, he has been on the Committee right up till now; some 37–38 years' service to this parish. We had a little toast and presentation to him at the end of the meeting last week, and thanked him dearly for all he has done.

May this week ahead be filled with the joy and challenge of the Gospel!

Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 57:



When man develops the earth by the work of his hands or with the aid of technology, in order that it might bear fruit and become a dwelling worthy of the whole human family and when he consciously takes part in the life of social groups, he carries out the design of God manifested at the beginning of time, that he should subdue the earth, perfect creation and develop himself. At the same time he obeys the commandment of Christ that he place himself at the service of his brethren.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Ignazio Contato and Ava Fitzgerald who will be baptised this weekend.

ANTONIO ORLANDI RIP of New Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Wed 15th July at 11.00am** with Don Antonio.

MARY "CHRISSIE" KENNY RIP of Lord Street, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Monday 20th July at 10am.**

May they rest in peace.

SCHOOL MASSES: On Friday there will be Mass at 9.30am at St Augustine's School and 11am at St Cross School. All are welcome. **There will therefore be no 12 noon Mass in church.**

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting July 17th.** 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 19th July** with Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

FUNERALS: Fr Philip will now be 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 and Kitty O'Rourke.

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



Growing in Faith

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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.** An update on 'Growing in Faith' is included in this week's Newsletter.

Fr Philip is in discussion with another priest of the Diocese who already has plans for a part-time post and we look to share together a person to fill his post and our post for catechetical co-ordinator.

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: Fr Philip wishes to see each candidate (in *next year's* year 9 or above) and a parent for a short chat (20–30 minutes) before the summer. **Applications will close for this programme on 13th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30-6pm on the following days: 13th July.

"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.

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/prf4117200691341.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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S NURSERY still has some places available for Sept 2015. Please note that you do not need a priest's reference for the nursery. Please contact the school on 463549.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of the church this weekend.

CAFOD: The amount raised in June was £157.03. Thank you!

MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH BBQ: this **Sunday 12th July 2pm is now sold out.** Please remember to bring your own drink as there isn't a bar. Please note that the playgroup garden is closed, due to damage caused in previous years. **There is a bouncy castle available for the children, but parents must be responsible for their own children.** We look forward to seeing everyone in the garden for a really enjoyable day.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip hopes to make visits to parish homes this week on **Tuesday and Wednesday** afternoons in these areas: Lammamead, Buryholme, Silverfield, St Laurence Drive, Westlea Road, Church Lane, Wormleybury, Westlea Road, Wharf Road.

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN will be held at High Leigh Conference Centre on **17th-19th July.** Places are still available, so book now, at this not to be missed local event. Booking forms are at the back of the Church; please note meals and refreshments are included in the prices. For info go to www.harvesters.org.uk. Contact Tony Barrell on 442430

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to publish our annual magazine at the beginning of Sept. If you have an article, please either e-mail it or hand it into the presbytery by **20th July.**

ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL: Our sincere thanks to the Brownies who collected £157.55 on Saturday 27th June in the High Street. Also thanks to Kathy, Anne and Pauline for giving their time and making a total of £229.65 in two hours. Ellen Bartlett.

APF RED BOXES: Many thanks to all who are using the "brown envelopes". Donations using the church box totalled £75.38 in June, making a total to date of £697.27. Ellen Bartlett.

KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDION are giving a Concert of Classical and Ukrainian Music in St Pauls and St Catherine's Church on **Thursday 30th July 7-30pm.** This is a free concert but there will be a box for donations! This is in aid of UK-AID, Felsted Aid for Deprived Children in Ukraine affected by the Chernobyl disaster. Ring Margaret Byrne, 443351. for more info.

SPARE ROSARIES: The Catenian 'Rosary group' has been sending Rosaries to Aborigines in Australia and to third world countries in Africa, but many more are needed. If you have any spare rosaries at home, please do drop them off to the Presbytery — or through the letter box by St Anthony's statue — so that we can pass them on to the Catenians.

SUMMER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON: Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offer comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Rooms are from £50 per night (including breakfast). For further information please visit www.allenhall.org.uk allenhall@rcdow.org.uk Telephone : 020-7349-5600 (option 0).

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Our Lady of Mount Carmel – 16th July

NOVENA PRAYER: To you, Mother of Carmel, we entrust the whole of humanity, with its hopes and fears. Do not let us lack in the light of true wisdom. Guide us in the ways of peace. Enable us to meet Christ – the Way, the Truth and the Life. Sustain us, O Virgin Mary, on our journey of faith, and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, *pray for us!*

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy				
Sat 11th July ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe 10am Mass <i>Lisa O'Sullivan RIP Anniv</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 106 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Amos 7: 12–15 <i>Go, prophesy to my people.</i></p> <p>Psalms 84 — Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 3–14 <i>Before the world was made, God chose us.</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 6: 7–13 <i>He began to send them out.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1–6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 13–18 Gospel: Mark 6: 30–34</p>				
Sun 12th July 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Milly Yarwood RIP</i> 11.15am <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 <i>any other time.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY 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 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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>				
Mon 13th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>John Teeling RIP Anniv</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Tues 14th 1.30pm Ladies Guild, crypt</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Wed 15th 7.30pm All Saints, crypt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 5th 6pm Brownies, crypt</td> <td>Fri 17th 7.30pm Prayer group, church</td> </tr> </table>	Tues 14th 1.30pm Ladies Guild, crypt	Wed 15th 7.30pm All Saints, crypt	Wed 5th 6pm Brownies, crypt	Fri 17th 7.30pm Prayer group, church
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Wed 15th July ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DR 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ann Ruby RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt 11.00am Funeral <i>Antonio Orlandi RIP</i>					
Thurs 16th July OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Dennis Dempsey RIP</i>					
Fri 17th July <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 9.30am Mass at St Augustine's School 11am Mass at St Cross School					
Sat 18th July 10am Mass <i>Jimmy Griffin RIP</i>					
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Luciano & Rosalia Dilena RIP</i>					
Sun 19th July 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Rosaria Giardina Papa RIP</i> † 5.00pm Holy Hour					
<p style="text-align: right;">* 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>					