

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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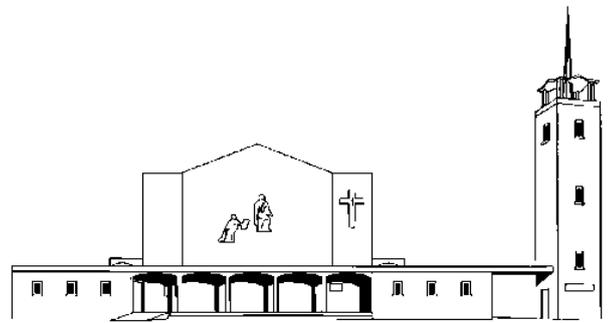
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Year B SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH JULY 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 30–34

They were like sheep without a shepherd.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

AROUND THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART LAST MONTH I promised to find copies of the Sacred Heart image, for distribution in our parish homes. I have bought 100 copies, and they are available (price 75p) in the porch, above the Mass-book racks. The 9th of the 12 Promises made by Our Lord to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in His apparitions to her in the 1670s runs: *"I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honoured."* So, please take a copy of the Sacred Heart image, frame it if possible, and place it in a worthy and prominent spot in your home, where it can inspire you to pray and make your home a holy place.

CARDINAL VINCENT HAS WRITTEN TO ALL THE PARISHES OF WESTMINSTER, urging us to act — this week, if at all possible, before the Parliamentary summer recess — and make our voice heard against yet another Bill aimed at introducing Assisted Suicide (i.e. the deliberate killing of sick and vulnerable members of our society). The pink insert page with the Newsletter today gives you the Cardinal's letter, plus two sides of information, and also a model letter to send to our MP, Charles Walker. PLEASE take a few minutes to act on this, either by e-mail or by post, as it is our Christian duty to speak up when immoral legislation is proposed in our Parliament. For more information, visit: www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide.



INSIDE THE NEWSLETTER THERE IS A LITANY OF THANKS for all who helped at the Barbecue last Sunday, and I wish to re-iterate those thanks myself. Parishioners from 4 months old, to 94 years old, enjoyed the occasion, and the brief rain shower was soon forgotten about in all the lovely sunshine which followed. I especially thank Dawn Bates, parish secretary, for the co-ordination of the barbecue preparations, which came together so smoothly.

NEXT WEEKEND, FR JOHN BAPTIST KISEMBO ARRIVES once again, from Uganda, to spend three weeks in our parish. I am immensely grateful to him for coming, and for looking after the parish whilst I am away in Lourdes on the diocesan pilgrimage, and on holiday.

May this week ahead be filled with the blessings of Christ in our daily life!

Fr Philip

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



Furthermore, when man gives himself to the various disciplines of philosophy, history and of mathematical and natural science, and when he cultivates the arts, he can do very much to elevate the human family to a more sublime understanding of truth, goodness, and beauty, and to the formation of considered opinions which have universal value. Thus mankind may be more clearly enlightened by that marvelous Wisdom which was with God from all eternity, composing all things with him, rejoicing in the earth, delighting in the sons of men.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Katie-Rose Luton and Ryan Dobson who will be baptised this weekend.

MARY "CHRISSE" 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. There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass.**

May she rest in peace.

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 **this 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



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)

BROXBOURNE FOODBANK would like to thank everyone who donated food at Tesco supermarkets in July. A grand total of 5792.87kg was collected which will provide 13,792 meals. Every item of food will be distributed to individuals and families in crisis in Broxbourne and Waltham Abbey.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip hopes to complete his year-long visits to parish homes on **Tuesday and Wednesday** afternoons in these areas: Wormleybury, Rowan Drive, Macers Lane, The Canadas, and adjoining roads in Turnford.

PARISH BBQ: We've had some lovely feedback from parishioners about how much they enjoyed last Sunday and what a great success it was! A lot of hard work goes into organising beforehand, during and after the event. It was a really lovely day, despite a few rain showers and there was a great community spirit with a lot of help provided by so many people. A big thank you to Carl De Beer, Stefano Moruzzi, Eliza Redlich, Vito, Carmel & Robert Graffato for helping put up the gazebos and moving all the tables and chairs. Thank you to Guillaume Maurice, Richard Hurley, Nick & Pina Johnson who helped put out chairs on Sunday morning.

Thank you to Marie Fry for manning the entrance single-handedly and to the band, *The Marionettes*, for providing the great music. Thank you to Gemma Castle for providing the beautiful flowers for the tables, and to all who provided salads and food on the day. Thank you also to the 3rd Hoddesdon Scouts including Maria Scott who did a great job cooking all the food. Thank you also to Britannia Salads who kindly donated all the salad materials. Thank you also to everyone who donated raffle prizes and to Michele De Luca, Lina Mariconda and Cheryl Johnston for helping with the raffle tickets. Thank you also to Marina Morris, Tina Clayton, Anne Byrne, Vicky & Tony Forni and Ian and Judy Livingstone for all their help with the food. Thank you to all those who helped tidy away after the BBQ as there was so many of you! Apologies to anyone we have forgotten to mention, but a huge THANK YOU to you all who helped to make the BBQ such a fantastic day which was enjoyed by so many!

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**.

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.

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 & Carmelo Ventura and Theresa Casbard. Thank you!

