

The Announcer

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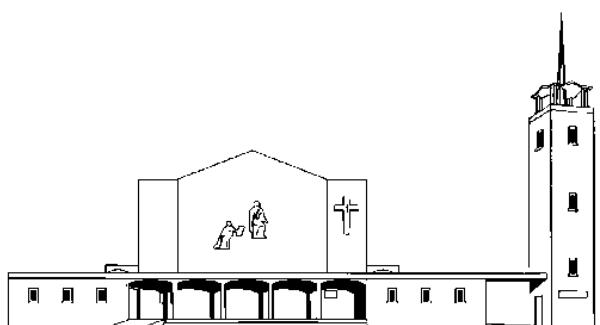
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Year B SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26TH JULY 2015

GOSPEL: John 6: 1–15

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My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE FOR THE NEXT FEW SUNDAYS will be taken not from the Gospel of St Mark, which is usual in 'Year B,' but from the Gospel of St John, chapter 6. This beautiful chapter, a long meditation on Jesus as the 'Bread of Life,' begins this Sunday with the account of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. We recall how Jesus performed this miracle as a preliminary to introducing His followers to an understanding of His feeding them spiritually, in due course, in the Eucharist. We might also reflect on the tensions ever-present in the Holy Land, as the church by Lake Galilee where we commemorate this event of the Miraculous Feeding was attacked and suffered fire damage last month. Let us pray for the Christians right across the Middle East, many of whom are suffering such indignities and persecution at this time.



As I SAID LAST WEEK, CARDINAL VINCENT HAS WRITTEN to all the Catholics of Westminster, urging us to act in defence of human life. As Christians, we need to make our voice heard against the Rob Marris private-member's Bill aimed at introducing Assisted Suicide, which is the deliberate putting to death of those who are terminally ill. The pink insert page with last week's Newsletter (more available today alongside the newsletters) 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, writing to Mr Walker either by e-mail or by post, as it is our Christian duty to speak up when immoral legislation is proposed in Parliament. For more information, visit: www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide.

THIS WEEKEND, FR JOHN BAPTIST KISEMBO ARRIVES from Uganda, to spend three weeks once again here 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. I shall remember you in my prayers when at the Grotto of Lourdes this week.

May the Lord feed us this week with Himself, the Bread of Life, food for our souls! **Fr Philip**

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



Today's progress in science and technology can foster a certain exclusive emphasis on observable data, and an agnosticism about everything else. For the methods of investigation which these sciences use can be wrongly considered as the supreme rule of seeking the whole truth. By virtue of their methods these sciences cannot penetrate to the intimate

notion of things. Indeed the danger is present that man, confiding too much in the discoveries of today, may think that he is sufficient unto himself and no longer seek the higher things.

PRAYER & LITURGY

ITALIAN MASS: Please note the last Italian Mass will be on **Saturday 25th July** and will resume again on Saturday 12th September.

SUNDAY MASS ON HOLIDAY: Even when on holiday we are bound to attend Sunday Mass every weekend, whether we are in this country or abroad. If you need help in locating a church in another part of this country, please feel free to phone the Presbytery and we'll happily look it up for you in the Catholic directory.

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 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

THANK YOU: I would like to thank Father Philip for his prayers, kindness and care and all

parishioners who have offered prayers for my recovery over the past twenty months. I have recently finished my hospital treatment for breast cancer and now have to take cancer-treatment tablets for five years. This is very good news and I am feeling so much better; in fact I am going to Lourdes in August and will remember you all at the Grotto of Our Lady. With gratitude, Mary Hayes.



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)

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

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip has now finished his second complete visitation of the homes within the bounds of the parish. He is grateful for all the welcome he has received, and all the opportunity to chat to parishioners at their homes. He will initiate a third round of visits, starting in the north of the parish, in September.

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 Aboriginals 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.

TOOLS WITH A MISSION: If you have any spare computer equipment, mobile phones, sewing machines, garden tools, carpentry tools and saws and can donate them, please contact Dave Lee on 01992 443005/07766 280058 or davelee51@sky.com. Tools are sent eventually to Africa and such places, and form part of many an educational programme in terms of carpentry, clothes making, etc. The less electrical things are, the better. If in doubt, check with Dave first - please, nothing that is broken! **The deadline is Wednesday 29th July.**

A LADY'S BLACK CARDIGAN was left in the presbytery after the parish BBQ. Please do contact the presbytery if it belongs to you.

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: Judy Livingstone, Cheryl Holbourn, Mima Salvo and Mirella DiChiara. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK DAY FOR LIFE PRAYER



O blessed Joseph, who breathed your last in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me this grace: that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul." Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 25th July ST JAMES, Apostle 10am Mass <i>Silvestro Filocco RIP</i>	PAGE 112 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42–44 They will eat and have some left over. Psalm 144 — You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish	 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1–6 One body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
Sun 26th July 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Calogero Nicastro RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Ida D'Onofrio RIP</i> ‡	 Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>
Mon 27th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>James O'Driscoll & Dooley Family Intentions</i>	 Gospel: John 6: 1–15 Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.
Tues 28th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Philip Munroe Intention</i>	 PREFACE TODAY: ad lib. EUCARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.
Wed 29th July ST MARTHA 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Kenneth Parker RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	 NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 18 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Thurs 30th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick Fannell RIP anniv.</i>	 1st Reading: Exodus 16: 2–4, 12–15 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20–24 Gospel: John 6: 24–35
Fri 31st July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Priest (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Stefan & Emilia Piacentini RIP</i>	 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
Sat 1st August ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, Bishop & Dr 10am Mass <i>Pasquale Re RIP</i>	 ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* NO Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish	 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.
Sun 2nd August 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Deceased members of Byrne & Stickland Families</i> 11.15am <i>Eileen McElligott RIP</i> ‡	 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
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.*