

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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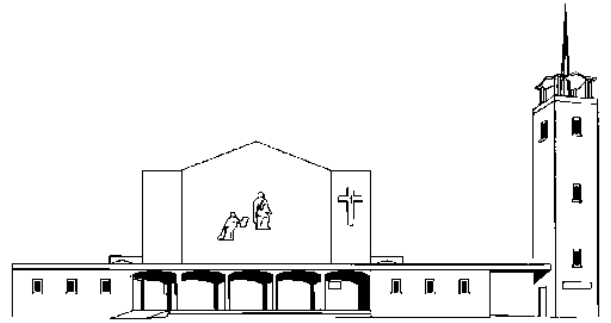
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Year B FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH JULY 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 1–6

A prophet is only despised in his own country.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,



OUR PARISH'S '40 HOURS' DEVOTION continues right through the weekend, as an extended period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and I do hope that many of you take advantage of this special time in the year. PLEASE think of coming back to the church between 8am and 9pm Saturday or Sunday, for a period of quiet adoration

before Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist outside Mass; there is nothing so powerful in one's prayer life as to be able to bask in the healing rays of the Lord Jesus Himself. Take a look at the sign-up sheets in the porch (right-hand blue board) to see when there might be more 'watchers' needed.

AS PART OF THIS SACRED WEEKEND, we are congratulating, and celebrating with, this summer's First Communicants after their having been further initiated as Catholic Christians through receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion. Their 'Thanksgiving Mass' will be this Sunday's 11.15am Mass, which will lead in to the Eucharistic Procession, for the whole congregation, to the garden Grotto for Benediction. I want to thank Vicky Lee-Lozone once again for her having led the team of catechists to prepare the children for their First Holy Communion this year — the First-Holy-Communion Masses the past two weekends have been prayerful and blessed occasions, so *thank you* to all who assisted in any way, including serving, sacristy, music and flowers.

THE PARISH BARBECUE IS NEXT WEEKEND! Ticket requests need to be in **by tomorrow** (Monday 6th) so that you can be catered for. And we need assistance before/at/after this big social occasion on Sunday 12th July. The event cannot be arranged by just a few, so please add your name to the sheets in the porch (left-hand blue board) so that the duties can be shared around and the occasion made a happy one and a success. Do act **today** on this, and not put it off!

May the Lord Jesus, present in the Holy Eucharist, bless our parishioners with grace! Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 52:



Let the spouses themselves, made to the image of the living God and enjoying the authentic dignity of persons, be joined to one another in equal affection, harmony of mind and the work of mutual sanctification. Thus, following Christ who is the principle of life, by the sacrifices and joys of their vocation and through their faithful love, married people can

become witnesses of the mystery of love which the Lord revealed to the world by His dying and His rising up to life again.

PRAYER & LITURGY

THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION continues in the church till the end of Sunday 5th July. PLEASE, WE NEED MANY PARISHIONERS to pray for the remaining hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: sign your name on lists on the blue board in the porch (half-hr slots).

SATURDAY: 8am Adoration begins
10am Mass; Adoration resumes
4.00pm Italian Mass
6.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes
8.45pm Night Pr. & Benediction

SUNDAY: 8am Adoration begins
9.15am & 11.15am Masses
12.30pm *Corpus Christi* Procession
1pm Adoration resumes
5.00pm Latin Mass
6.00pm Adoration resumes
8.45pm Closing Benediction

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



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

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Fri 10th July** from **7.30pm-9pm** in the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The Thanksgiving Mass will be held **this Sunday 5th July** at 11.15am Mass when all the First Communicants from both weeks return in their First Communion outfits for the Mass, *Corpus Christi* Procession, and party.

The photos are 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: 6th July and 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 who wishes to be confirmed), please contact Fr Philip soon. 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.**

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH BBQ: Sunday 12th July 2pm is now only 1 week away and at the moment only 67 adults, 2 children and 5 infants are coming. We do need final numbers by Monday 6th July 12 noon so that we can order the food and we cannot accept people after 12 noon.

Application forms are now available from the back of the church and by the BBQ board. **Even if you don't have the money with you this weekend, PLEASE do complete a form and hand it in.** Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE** volunteer to assist with the many jobs — setting out chairs/tables before, putting up gazebos, making salads, coleslaw and lots more! **Without help, we cannot make this event happen.** Raffle prizes and bottles for the drinks raffle are also needed, so if you can donate something, please do hand it in at the presbytery - **if possible, could you please drop off the raffle prize to the presbytery before Friday 10th.** Thank you for your support.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip hopes to make visits to parish homes on Wednesday afternoon in these areas: Riverside Avenue, Crownfield, Briarley Close, Winford Drive.

VOLUNTEERS 'DBS' CHECKS: All church volunteers working with children, young people and adults at risk are obliged to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. This is in line with Church Policy and Guidance. Claire Hay, our parish safeguarding officer will be available after all Masses on **this weekend** in the presbytery to assist anyone who needs help in completion of it. If you feel you need a form and have not yet received one please contact her on 07971-063520. Please note that "DBS" is the new term for "CRB checks."

200 CLUB: The winner for July was number 160 Mrs McNamara. Congratulations!

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN will be held at High Leigh Conference Centre on 17th-19th July. There will be inspirational speakers, Eucharist, sport, relaxation and a bar are included. 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.**

WED/SUNDAY COFFEE: A donation of £15 from the coffee money has been made to the local charity Teens Unite.

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.

PARISHIONERS Tony & Gwen Phelan who used to attend the 9.15am Mass and were readers have now moved away from Enfield and would like parishioners to have their new address: 7 Alms Hill, Bourn, Cambridgeshire CB23 2SH.

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: 19th July; 6th and 13th September.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca and Mary Dineen. Thank you!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 4th July 10am Mass <i>Pasquale Re RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 103 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2–5 <i>The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.</i></p> <p>Psalms 122 — Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7–10 <i>I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Mark 6: 1–6 <i>A prophet is only despised in his own country.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 6 (p. 55) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Amos 7: 12–15 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 3–14 Gospel: Mark 6: 7–13</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Gaetana Lomanto RIP & Nadia Miragliotta RIP Anniv Sun 5th July 14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Girolamo Ferraro RIP 11.15am Deceased Grandparents of Dale and Cooper Families 5.00pm Latin Mass <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 any other time.</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 6th July ST MARIA GORETTI 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Bernadette Munday RiP Tues 7th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Kevin Finnegan RIP Wed 8th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Pamela Newell RIP — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 9th July 9.15am NO Mass Fri 10th July (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Don Gifford RIP Sat 11th July ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe 10am Mass Lisa O'Sullivan RIP Anniv.	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Wed 8th 6pm Brownies, crypt Fri 10th 7.30pm Baptism course, church</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mario & Giuseppina Vaccaro RIP Sun 12th July 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Milly Yarwood RIP 11.15am For the Parish †	<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>

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.*