

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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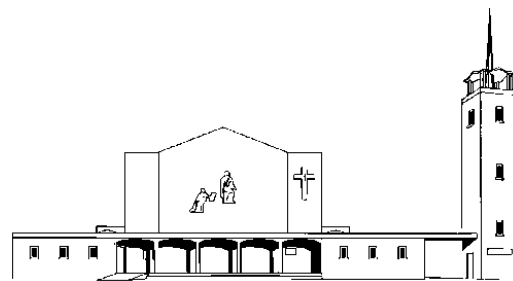
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**Year B ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015**

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 26–34

*It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.*

**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

**THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO HONOUR OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**, and we kept the feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday. This beautiful devotion anchors our faith in the humanity taken on by the Son of God, so that the whole outpouring of divine love is seen to come radiantly through that human heart of Jesus.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a popular one, and Catholics are strongly encouraged to have displayed prominently in their home an image or statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a devotion that was promoted in the Church particularly by St Margaret Mary (1647–90) when she had visions of Our Blessed Lord at her convent in Paray-le-Monial in France. This devotion is linked also to the pious practice of great blessings being attached to the 'First Fridays' — one is encouraged to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on 9 consecutive 'first Fridays,' and this is why I offer the extra, evening Mass at 7.30pm each and every first Friday of the month. I do encourage you to think about making that First-Friday commitment to Mass. You can read more about this practice and the Sacred-Heart devotion at: <http://sacredheartdevotion.com/>.



**CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS! WE HAVE REBEKAH CURRAN FROM THE DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE** coming to meet us this Wednesday in the Presbytery, and tell us more about opportunities for Young Adults in parishes and in the diocese. Amongst other things, she will tell us about the papal World Youth Day 2016, when Pope Francis will be present in Krakow, Poland in July of next year. The diocese is organising a wonderful two-week (or one-week option) trip to World Youth Day, and I fully intend to be going myself. So, all those who are 18–30, please come along on Wednesday evening, 7pm, to meet and chat and hear from Rebekah.

**May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere praised, adored and glorified!**

**Fr Philip**

**From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 51–52:**

**VATICAN II,  
50 YEARS ON:  
THE NEW  
EVANGELIZATION**

All should be persuaded that human life and the task of transmitting it are not realities bound up with this world alone. Hence they cannot be measured or perceived only in terms of it, but always have a bearing on the eternal destiny of men.

The family is a kind of school of deeper humanity. But if it is to achieve the full flowering of its life and mission, it needs the kindly communion of minds and the joint deliberation of spouses, as well as the painstaking cooperation of parents in the education of their children. The active presence of the father is highly beneficial to their formation. The children, especially the younger among them, need the care of their mother at home. This domestic role of hers must be safely preserved, though the legitimate social progress of women should not be underrated on that account.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Aeda Heekin and Lucy Ballaram who will be baptised this weekend.

**KENNETH PARKER RIP** of High Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.**

**BERNADETTE MUNDAY RIP**, formerly of Wormley, died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.**

**CALOGERO NICASTRO RIP** of High Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10am.**

*May they rest in peace.*

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>.** 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** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June** with Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

**THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION** will be held in the church from **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>–Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July** from 7/8am–9pm. There will be an opportunity to watch and pray for some of the 40 hours of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **There will be a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the Sunday after 11.15am Mass**, and Benediction at 8.45pm on each of the three evenings. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

## 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, Sylvia Mullick, Maureen Fallon 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' can be seen on the noticeboard above the newspapers, though it doesn't yet include the most recent pledges.

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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith)

## CATECHETICS

**FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** a practice will be held on **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June** at 11.30am for the children receiving their first Holy Communion on Sun 21<sup>st</sup> June. Practice on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion on Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June. All children must attend their practice, so that they know what to do. The **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July** at 11.15am Mass when all First Communicants from both weeks return in their First Communion outfits for the Mass. **If you are a prayer partner, please collect a card from the back of church.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** from **7.30pm-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30-6pm on the following days: 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July and 13<sup>th</sup> July.

### SCHOOLS

**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.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** is holding its annual summer fete on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June** 11-1.30pm. There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, tombolas, arts and crafts, refreshments and much more. Entry £1 per person. All welcome!

### YOUNG PEOPLE

**YOUNG ADULTS:** On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm in the presbytery, Rebekah Curran from the Westminster Youth Service will be coming to meet young adults and support them in their faith. She will be speaking about 'World Youth Day,' which will be held in Krakow from 18<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July. Young adults, 18-30, are welcome to attend this meeting.

**BROWNIES** will be serving afternoon tea in the presbytery garden on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** from 1-4pm. Tickets are £5 and a selection of teas and freshly baked cakes and scones will be served. This is a Brownie fundraising event and we would love to see you there! To purchase tickets, please contact Maria on 449209.

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**BROXBOURNE FOODBANK** need help on **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July** at Tesco Cheshunt (The Pond), Tesco Brookfield and Tesco Waltham Abbey. Collectors are needed for each store, drivers to transport food donations and volunteers to sort the food. If you can help, even for an hour, please contact Elaine Batten 428926 email volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip hopes to make visits to parish homes on **Tuesday** afternoon in these streets: High Road Broxbourne, Grenville Avenue, Ashbourne Road.

**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 **27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June** and **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July** 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."

**PARISH BBQ:** The BBQ will be held on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2pm** with live music and a bouncy castle for the children. There won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. **Application forms are now available from the back of the church and by the BBQ board. The forms must be returned to the presbytery with your money by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, so that we can order the food.** 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, pre-cooking chicken, making potato/pasta salads, coleslaw and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen.** Raffle prizes are also needed for the day, so if you can donate something, please hand it in at the presbytery. Thank you for your support.

**WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE** to the Holy Land will be from **3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015**. There are still places available and if you would like more info, contact holyland@tangney-tours.com or call 01732 886666.

**LIFT TO MASS:** An elderly lady who resides at a nearby old people's home needs a lift to the 11.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

**ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL:** I now need collectors to help at Hoddesdon High Street on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 10-2pm**. If you can help, please call me on 464677. Ellen Bartlett.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** We hope to publish our annual magazine at the beginning of September. If you do have an article, please either email it or hand it into the presbytery by the **20<sup>th</sup> July**.

**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: 19<sup>th</sup> July.

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

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, Priest &amp; Dr</b> 10am Mass <i>Patrick Feury Intention</i>		<b>PAGE 95 in the Mass books</b>	
3.00pm Italian 'St Anthony' Procession 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <b>Cecilia D'Abreu RIP</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezekiel 17: 22–24 <i>I make low trees grow.</i>	
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <b>Mary &amp; Seamus Timmons RIP anniv.</b> 11.15am <b>For the Parish</b> †		<b>Psalm 91 — It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.</b>	
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Mary Mitchell RIP</b> 11am <b>Funeral Kenneth Parker RIP</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 5: 6–10 <i>Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.</i>	
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>In honour of St Anthony</b>		Gospel Accl: <b>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</b>	
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Alan Matthews RIP</b> — followed by coffee in the crypt		<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4: 26–34 <i>It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.</i>	
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>John &amp; Maureen Fallon &amp; Family intentions</b>		<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 3 (p. 54) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 27)	
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.35 Benediction 12 noon <b>Funeral Bernadette Munday RIP</b>		<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June ST ALBAN, Martyr</b> 10am Mass <b>Martin O'Dea RIP</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Job 38: 1, 8–11 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 5: 14–17 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4: 35–41	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <b>For the Parish</b>		<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> 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>	
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> June 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <b>Enrico Rega RIP</b> 11.15am <b>John Woolsgrove RIP</b> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass † 5.00pm Holy Hour		<b>ROSARY</b> Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
* <b>Vigil Mass of Sunday</b>		<b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> 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.	
** <b>With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</b> † There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)		<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.	
<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>			
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>			
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup></b>	1.30pm Guild tea & chat, crypt	<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm Prayer group, church
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup></b>	6pm Brownies, crypt	<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup></b>	11.30am 1 <sup>st</sup> HC practice, church

**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.*