

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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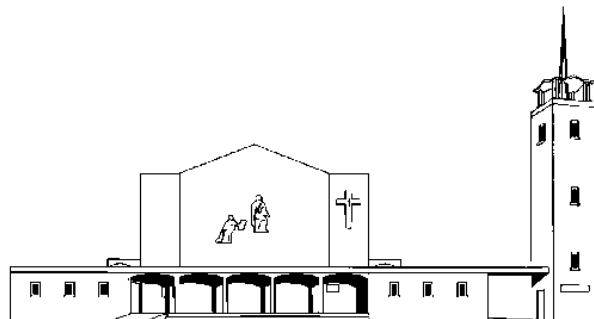
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Year B

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

15TH NOV 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 13: 24–32

He will gather his chosen from the four winds.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

Patrick Casey	John Fallon	Caterina Lo Monaco	Antonio Orlandi
Benedetto Cicchirillo	Vincenzo Graffato	Mary McCarthy	Kenneth Parker
Biagio Cicchirillo	George Heeney	Eileen McElligott	Pasquale Re
Francesca Crimauo	Chrissie Kenny	Calogero Milazzo	Christopher Reid
Cecilia D'Abreu	Mathilde Krajewski	Mary Mitchell	Marie Rose Riccardi
Paolo Di Maria	Gaetana Lomanto	Bernadette Munday	Marina Scrivener
<i>ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.</i>		Calogero Nicastro	Jean Weaver

OUR NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY have a special emphasis this weekend with our Saturday-evening Mass for the deceased of the past year. The above 26 parishioners have had their funerals here in St Augustine's this year, and it is a poignant and emotional moment for their families, and for us as a parish, when we gather to especially remember them. There is no better prayer that can be offered by mankind than the Prayer of the Mass, which is Jesus's self-offering to the Father, that perfect sacrifice given on the Cross. It is very important to have the Mass offered for our deceased loved ones, as the forgiveness and grace that flow from Jesus in the Mass is immeasurable. Jesus died on the Cross for our salvation — He died to take our sins away. Just as we offer the Holy Mass for the intentions of our dearly departed, so we pray that one day others will also offer the Holy Mass, and their prayers, for us when we die. None of dies in perfection, and the dead all need the prayers of the Church to assist them in the purification of Purgatory: may we give ourselves generously in prayer this month, so that they may *rest in peace*.

I GAVE YOU, LAST WEEKEND, ADVANCED NOTICE OF AN EXCITING EVENING IN ADVENT, to prepare us for the real meaning of Christmas. It's called "Jingle All the Way," and it comes highly recommended. Performed by RISE Theatre (<http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/>), who came here a couple of years ago for a wonderful play about St Alban, it will be on **Monday 7th December**. We are selling tickets from this weekend after Masses, and at the Presbytery (£5 only) through the week. It's accessible to all ages, so please bring all the family!

May we pray for those who have died; and live in God's grace as we mean to die. Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 73:



Along with cultural, economic and social development, there is a growing desire among many people to play a greater part in organizing the life of the political community. In the conscience of many arises an increasing concern that the rights of minorities be recognized, without any neglect for their duties toward the political community. ... However, those political systems, prevailing in some parts of the world are to be reprovved which hamper civic or religious freedom, victimize large numbers through avarice and political crimes, and divert the exercise of authority from the service of the common good to the interests of one or another faction or of the rulers themselves.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Vinnie Salih and Sofia Martinez who will be baptised this weekend.

NOVEMBER LIST OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls.

MASS WITH BISHOP SHERRINGTON: Bishop John will be here to celebrate Mass on Sunday **6th December** at the 9.15am Mass.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **this Sunday 15th November** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Nov 20th**. 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!

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION: **Today's second collection** is for the annual Sick & Retired Priests Fund. The Fund ensures elderly and infirm priests are not alone in their senior years, after a lifetime of service. Your gift helps defray the costs the Diocese bears in fulfilling its lifetime commitment to these men. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

LITURGICAL ITEMS: We have taken delivery of a new processional cross, as the previous one has been broken for several years; and we have received the Marian vestment. The new holy-water container is also being manufactured. **MANY THANKS** for the generous donations so far received to help cover these items! If anyone else wishes to contribute to these, we would be very grateful.

"INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS" leaflets are available beside the newsletters at the back of church. If you wish to complete one, please hand in a photocopy to the presbytery.

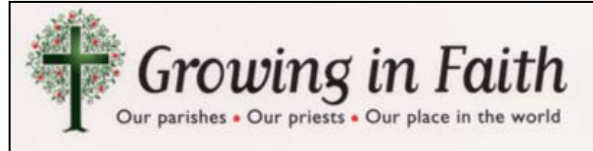
HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Porto, John Askew, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Peter Tanner, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini and Michael Foley.

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



On the noticeboard is now posted the most recent summary of our parish's 'Growing in Faith' donations, which 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.**

As yet we have not sourced anyone to take up the post of a parish catechist, but Fr Philip is in discussion with friends in the diocese who have experience in this area, to try and find a recommended and suitably qualified person for the post. Do pray that this can come about soon.

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

CATECHETICS

FR PHILIP'S TALKS: On a table in the porch are many materials in connection with the series of talks – both FREE paper handouts and also a series of CTS booklets which are priced. Also, the video which he showed about the Catholic Church and Same-Sex Attraction, "The Third Way" is now available via a link on the parish website under "Something to Click On."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The third meeting for parents will be on **Wed 25th Nov 8–9pm** in the crypt. The third session for the children will be **Sat 28th Nov 10am–12noon**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 'PRAYER PARTNERS' are needed for all the children on the First Holy Communion programme. A prayer partner prays for a child whilst they are preparing to make their Communion. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name in capital letters on the blue list at the back of the church. **Could parents please ensure that the children do not sign the blue prayer partner list instead of the register.**

CONFIRMATION 2016: next session held on **Monday 23rd Nov** 7.15–8.45pm in the crypt for **candidates only**. Candidates will need to have read chapters 6 & 7 of the Gospel of Mark.

“**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 continues on the 17th November at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The 2nd part of the course will be **Friday 27th Nov, 7.30-9pm** in the church.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL will be holding an open day on **Thursday 19th November at 9.30am** and **Wednesday 25th November at 2.15pm**. As parking is limited, please park at the recycling centre and walk down to the school.

ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL will be holding an open day for new Reception and Nursery September 2016 parents. There will be 2 sessions on **Tuesday 1st Dec: 10-11am and 2-3pm**. Each session will include a guided tour and a presentation on children’s learning journey.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS to our Catholic Primary & Secondary schools gives the opportunity to the Parish Priest to provide Certificate of Catholic practice, i.e **certifying 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>. **This currently concerns those with children now in nursery-year.**

PRIMARY SCHOOL ‘CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE’: Fr Philip will hold two sessions for those looking to gain admission to reception for the signing of the priest’s form. These will be on **Wed 16th Dec 10.30–12.30pm** and **Mon 4th Jan 1.30–3.30pm**. There is no need to make an appointment, please just attend at the allocated times. If you cannot make either of these times, please ring to make an appointment. **PLEASE NOTE: an ‘Information for Certificate of Catholic Practice’ form is now available to collect from the presbytery. This form MUST be completed and handed back in to the presbytery prior to the dates of signing.**

ST MARY’S SCHOOL require a Deputy Headteacher from April 2016. For further info please see the notice board at back of church.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

BROXBORNE FOODBANK are holding a Bingo Night on **Fri 20th Nov 7.30pm** at Cheshunt

Golf Club. Tickets £10 including bingo games with prizes and a light supper. Please contact 07932–693234 polly.smith@nerollp.com.

JUSTICE & PEACE group from Ware will be meeting in the crypt on **Friday 27th November** at 7.30pm. The purpose of the group is to inform the parish of things we should be doing in relation to Justice & Peace issues. All are invited!

CAFOD World Gifts are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Catalogues are available at the back of church and the Charity weekend in the Crypt on 28th/29th Nov.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume Wednesday-afternoon house visits on 25th Nov.

JINGLE ALL THE WAY: We are delighted to welcome the professional Christian theatre company RISE Theatre, performing their brand new Christmas sketch show, ‘Jingle all the way!’ on the **7th December at 7.15pm in the church**. ‘Jingle all the way!’ explores the true meaning of Christmas through a mix of comedy, drama, live music and Christmas Carols! Join us for a fun, entertaining and faith-filled evening for all the family! **Tickets (£5 only) available to buy after all weekend Masses and from the presbytery during the week.**

MILLY’S CHARITY WEEKEND will be held on the **28th/29th November** in the crypt. There will be Christmas cards on sale and many other stalls together with Santa’s grotto, a raffle and refreshments. Volunteers are needed to help with the raffle on Sat evening and if you can help, please contact Judy Livingstone 469172. **We would be grateful for bottles for the tombola – please leave your donations at the presbytery. Thank you.**

ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Collectors are needed for **Sat 28th Nov** in Hoddesdon for a town event and 5th Dec 11-12 Sainsbury’s — contact Ellen Bartlett 464677.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 22nd November, 6th & 20th December.

CHURCH CLEANING: Cheryl Holbourn, Mima Salvo, Mirella DiChiara, Josie Warren and Barbara Wright. Thank you!

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 14th November 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		PAGE 157 in the Mass books	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Deceased of the Parish of the past year		1st Reading: Daniel 12: 1-13 <i>When that time comes, your own people will be spared.</i>	
Sun 15th Nov 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour †		Psalm 15 — Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 <i>By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.</i>	
Mon 16th Nov ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!	
Tues 17th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32 <i>He will gather his chosen from the four winds.</i>	
Wed 18th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 1 (p. 54) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 23)	
Thurs 19th November NO 9.15am Mass		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	
Fri 20th November <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		1st Reading: Daniel 7: 13-14 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1: 5-8 Gospel: John 18: 33-37	
Sat 21st Nov THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		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.	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Holy Souls</i>		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
Sun 22nd Nov CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING 9.15am** <i>Bert Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †		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.	
* 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)		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			
Tues 17th 7pm RCIA, presbytery		Wed 18th 6.30pm Brownies, crypt Fri 20th 7.30pm Prayer group	

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.*