

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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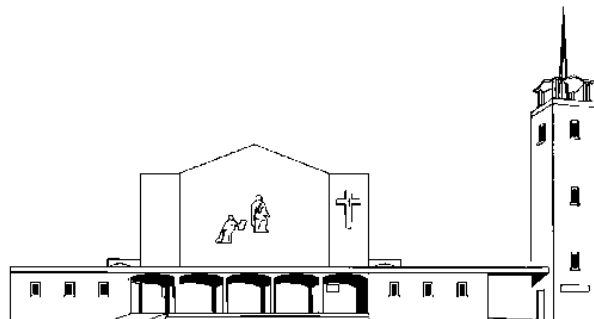
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CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

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GOSPEL: John 18: 33–37

It is you who say that I am a king.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

OUR CLOSING FEAST OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR — this last Sunday of Ordinary Time — is the glorious celebration of Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. We adore and exalt our Lord Jesus as the “King of kings, and Lord of lords,” and as the One most worthy of our praise and loyalty. Jesus is the One True King, who has complete dominion over the universe; it is His, for He made it! He has every right to our submission, our love and our thanks.

But He does not coerce, as an earthly king might do. Listen to His authoritative words in today's Gospel passage, as He stands humiliated before fearful, wretched Pontius Pilate: *“Mine is not a Kingdom of this world; if My Kingdom were of this world, My men would have fought to prevent My being surrendered to the Jews. But My Kingdom is not of this kind.”*

OUR NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY are in a poignant and tragic way offered in these last days of November for those killed recently in terrorist atrocities. We remember not only the 129 victims of the Paris killings, but also all the terrorist victims of 2015, which across the Middle East have been numerous. We pray too for Christians who have been terrorized in Iraq and Syria — especially those who have given their lives in martyrdom, refusing to deny Christ and cower to threats. For all those who met their ends violently, suddenly and unprepared, may the Lord grant them a merciful judgment, and *may they rest in peace.*

DO, PLEASE, BUY YOUR TICKETS, NOW, FOR “JINGLE ALL THE WAY,” an exciting evening in Advent to prepare us for the real meaning of Christmas. Performed by RISE Theatre (<http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/>), it will take place here on **Monday 7th December 7.15–9pm.** We are selling tickets 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. 74:



It is clear that the political community and public authority are founded on human nature and hence belong to the order designed by God, even though the choice of a political regime and the appointment of rulers are left to the free will of citizens. ... But where citizens are oppressed by a public authority overstepping its competence, they should not protest against those things which are objectively required for the common good; but it is legitimate for them to defend their own rights and the rights of their fellow citizens against the abuse of this authority, while keeping within those limits drawn by the natural law and the Gospels. ... the political community can adopt a variety of concrete solutions in its structures and the organization of public authority. ... These solutions must always contribute to the formation of a type of man who will be cultivated, peace-loving and well-disposed towards all his fellow men.

PRAYER & LITURGY

SUE PORTO RIP of Old Highway, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. The **funeral will be on Wednesday 2nd December at 10.30am.** *May she rest in peace.*

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

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Dec 11th.** 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) will be replaced next month by the **Parish Carol Service. 5pm on Sunday 20th December.**

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: 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: materials in connection with the series of talks on Marriage are available in the porch: both FREE paper handouts and also a series of CTS booklets which are priced. Also, the video which was shown 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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – MASS OF ENROLMENT: **Next weekend** at all Masses, we will formally welcome onto the programme those children preparing for their First Holy Communion. We will pray for them and hear them commit themselves to their course.

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 24th November at 7pm.**

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

SCHOOLS & YOUNG PEOPLE

ST CROSS SCHOOL will be holding an open day on **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.**

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION provides an online, interactive, e-learning safeguarding course which is available to all in the Catholic Church. If you have a role working with children/adults at risk, online training is a great opportunity to learn how better to protect those at risk in your care and community. To register please e-mail: safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk with your following details: parish/order/congregation, and your role e.g. parent, catechist, leader. For more information please ask for a brochure from

our safeguarding rep. Claire Hay 07971-063520.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

JUSTICE & PEACE: The Ware Group will be meeting together in the crypt on **Friday 27th November at 7.30pm** and warmly invite our parishioners to join them. Topics will include sending Christmas cards to Prisoners of Conscience; response to the Migrant Crisis; and the Diocesan Justice and Peace e-bulletin; as well as looking ahead to next year. All welcome!

BROXBOURNE FOODBANK need volunteers on **3rd, 4th & 5th December** at Tesco Cheshunt, Brookfield, and Waltham Abbey. Collectors, drivers and volunteers to sort the food are needed. If you can help, **even for one hour**, please contact volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com (Elaine Batten) or call 428926.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes this Wednesday afternoon in: Christian Close, Ellis Close, Rodney Cres., and Ware Rd.

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. **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** at Hoddesdon town's event; and **5th Dec 11–12** at 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: **6th & 20th December.**

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy												
Sat 21st Nov PRESENTATION OF BL. VIRGIN MARY 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	PAGE 160 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Daniel 7: 13–14 <i>His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.</i> Psalm 92 — The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed. 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1: 5–8 <i>Rulers of the kings of the earth....he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.</i>												
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the comings kingdom of our father David! . Alleluia!</i>												
Sun 22nd November CHRIST THE KING 9.15am** <i>Bert Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> †	Gospel: John 18: 33–37 <i>It is you who say that I am a king.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Christ the King (p. 56) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)												
Mon 23rd November 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14–16 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12–4:2 Gospel: Luke 21: 25–28, 34–36												
Tues 24th November ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC, Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT												
Wed 25th November 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) 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>												
Thurs 26th November 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.												
Fri 27th 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>	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.												
Sat 28th November 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</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												
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<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: <i>Si pregano tutti i parroccchiani 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.</i>													