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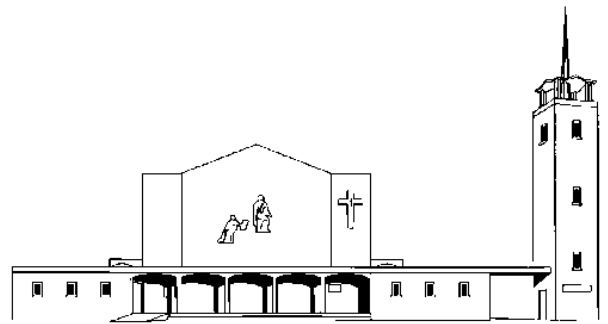
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Year B

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29TH NOV 2015

GOSPEL: Luke 21: 25–28, 34–36

Your liberation is near at hand.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

TODAY WE BEGIN THE BEAUTIFUL SEASON OF ADVENT! In our four weeks' waiting for Christmas, we are able to experience that longing and hope that mankind had through all the centuries prior to Our Lord's sacred birth on earth.

DO, PLEASE, BUY YOUR TICKETS 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!

THE JUBILEE 'YEAR OF MERCY' begins with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in the Vatican on 8th December. In our diocese, the Cardinal will open Westminster Cathedral's Holy Door at Vespers and Benediction at 3.30pm Sunday 13th December: all welcome to attend. Those making a brief pilgrimage during the Year to the Cathedral Holy Door or the other Holy Doors in the Diocese may gain the Jubilee Indulgence for themselves or the Holy Souls. Our closest Holy Door is at Waltham Cross (Immaculate Conception and St Joseph) and on Sunday 13th at 3.30 there will be a ceremony for the opening of that Holy Door, with Bishop Sherrington. The Cardinal has prepared **A Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy** by way of explanation, helping us to experience God's mercy to the full: **please pick up your copy, available in the porch** for every home in the parish (£1 or donation). More information about events during the year, Holy Doors and the Indulgence is available on <http://rcdow.org.uk/year-of-mercy/>. May this Holy Year be for all, as Pope Francis wishes, "a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God."

TWO NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS have been announced for our diocese by Pope Francis, happily bringing our auxiliaries up to the proper number of four, which we haven't had since 2009! Sadly, it also means that Bishop John Sherrington is going to be re-allocated to ministry in the North-London area of the diocese, and no longer in Hertfordshire, after January. We are lucky, then, that he is already scheduled to come and celebrate Mass here with us **next Sunday at 9.15am**.

We pray for the hope and peace that Advent should bring to us as we await the Lord. Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 78:



Peace is not merely the absence of war; nor can it be reduced solely to the maintenance of a balance of power between enemies; nor is it brought about by dictatorship. Instead, it is rightly and appropriately called an enterprise of justice. Peace results from that order structured into human society by its divine Founder, and actualized by men as they thirst after ever greater justice.



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.**

ANNE FAGAN RIP of Riverside Avenue, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. The Reception of her body into the church will be on **Tuesday 8th December at 5pm and the funeral will be on Wednesday 9th December at 9.15am.** *May they rest in peace.*

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 4th December.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

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

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 6th December.**

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!

ADVENT

MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND will be held **this weekend** after all Masses in the crypt. **Please make your way down to the crypt for special refreshments and a sale of charity cards etc.**

YEAR OF MERCY "A Pilgrimage Companion" books are available to buy for £1, or a donation, from the table at the back of church.

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.**

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) will be replaced next month by the **Parish Carol Service. 5pm on Sunday 20th December.**

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The fourth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 6th Jan 8–9pm** in the crypt. The fourth session for the children will be **Sat 9th Jan 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: This 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 7th December at 7.15pm** in the church for **candidates and parents** for the performance of “Jingle All The Way.”

“**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 7th December at 7.15pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Friday 8th and 29th Jan 2016 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.

SCHOOLS & YOUNG PEOPLE

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.**

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

BROXBORNE 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: Rodney Cres., Ware Road., and Dorchester Avenue.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS’ FUND: Thank you so much for raising £519.23. All of this money will be used to support sick and elderly priests.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2016 are now available for £4.50 from the back of the church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL: collectors are needed on **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 December, 3rd and 10th January.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Advent Prayer

COME, LONG-EXPECTED JESUS. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God’s own work for justice.

COME, LONG-EXPECTED JESUS. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

COME, LONG-EXPECTED JESUS. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father’s joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

COME, LONG-EXPECTED JESUS. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. AMEN.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 28th Nov 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 82 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 <i>I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.</i></p> <p>Psalms 24 — To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2 <i>May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 <i>Your liberation is near at hand.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Advent 1 (p. 65) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>1st Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9 2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6</p>
Sun 29th Nov FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.15am** <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.15am <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 <i>any other time.</i></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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Mon 30th November ST ANDREW, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Tues 1st December 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Joseph & Doris Penheiro RIP</i>	
Wed 2nd December 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Thomas, Lena & Vincent Byrne RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt. 10.30am Funeral <i>Sue Porto RIP</i>	
Thurs 3rd December ST FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest 8.30am Mass <i>Melanie Pinto RIP</i>	
Fri 4th December <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Shirley Booth</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Josephine Nitkowski RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	
Sat 5th December 10am Mass <i>Pasquale Re RIP</i>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> Sun 6th Dec SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.15am** <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Antonino & Maria Teresa Lucia Martorana RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Wed 2nd 6.30pm Brownies, crypt</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>† There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	<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 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.</i></p>