

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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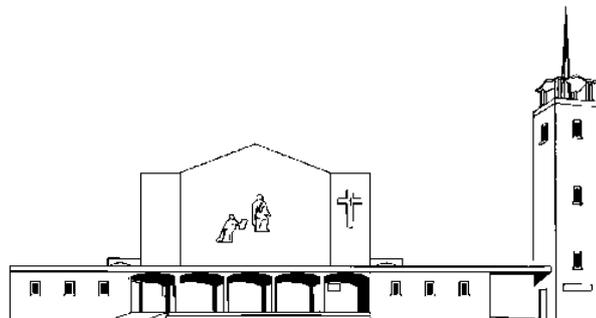
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Year B

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8TH NOV 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 12: 38–44

This poor widow has put in more than all.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

OUR NOVEMBER DEVOTIONS — IN THIS MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS — continue this weekend with the keeping in our country of 'Remembrance Sunday.'

Throughout November we pray for our deceased loved ones, but this Sunday we include in our prayers the fallen of our armed forces who have given their lives in the World Wars of the 20th c., and the many peace-keeping missions that they operate in right up to our own day in conflict zones. Some of us will have family members active today in the armed forces — we pray for their protection. And many of us will have lost some forebears in the World Wars: *may they rest in peace.*

I WANT TO 'FLAG UP' TWO THINGS FOR YOU, PLEASE:

— the fact that Bishop John Sherrington (our auxiliary bishop in Herts) will be here for Mass this Tuesday at 11am, along with the priests of the Deanery. This is for the annual Mass that we offer for deceased clergy of the Deanery. Please note that Mass is at **11am, not 9.15am**, and if you are free please do come to be here for this Mass.

— advanced notice of an exciting evening in Advent, to prepare us for the real meaning of Christmas: "Jingle All the Way." RISE Theatre, who came here a couple of years ago and staged a wonderful play about the martyrdom of St Alban, are coming on **Monday 7th December**, to present their live show to our parish. There are flyers with the newsletters, and we are selling tickets from this week at the Presbytery (£5 only) and from next weekend after all the Masses. Do keep the evening free in your diary — accessible to all ages. <http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/>

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. 72:



Christians who take an active part in present-day socio-economic development and fight for justice and charity should be convinced that they can make a great contribution to the prosperity of mankind and to the peace of the world. In these activities let them, either as individuals or as members of groups, give a shining example. Having acquired the absolutely necessary skill and experience, they should observe the right order in their earthly activities in faithfulness to Christ and His Gospel. Thus their whole life, both individual and social, will be permeated with the spirit of the beatitudes, notably with a spirit of poverty. Whoever in obedience to Christ seeks first the Kingdom of God, takes therefrom a stronger and purer love for helping all his brethren and for perfecting the work of justice under the inspiration of charity.

PRAYER & LITURGY

MASS WITH BISHOP SHERRINGTON: on **Tuesday**, Bishop John will be here to celebrate Mass with the priests of the Deanery — the annual Mass for local deceased clergy. **Mass that day will be at 11am**, and not at 9.15am.

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. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR: **Sat 14th November, 6.30pm** Mass will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all who have lost a dear one in the past year may wish to make their Sunday Mass that weekend. **Volunteers are needed to help with the refreshments in the crypt after Mass. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.**

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **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!

ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least made their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery. We will arrange training shortly.

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION: **Next week** our parish will take the collection for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who've lived their vocation and given their lives to the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence and personal needs of these priests. They've been there for us; let's be there for them. Envelopes are attached to the newsletter. Thank you!

LITURGICAL ITEMS: We have taken delivery of the 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: In the light of the recent Synod on 'Marriage & The Family' at the

Vatican, Fr Philip will give one more talk on Catholic Teaching on Wednesday evening at 8pm in church: (III) **11th November**: Why not Same-Sex 'Marriage'? On a table in the porch are many materials in connection with my talk series — both FREE paper handouts, and also a series of CTS booklets which are priced.

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 November** from 7.15–8.45pm in the crypt for **candidates only**. Candidates will need to have read chapter six and seven 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 10th November at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Fridays 13th and 27th Nov, 7.30-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the Presbytery.

SCHOOLS

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 PRIEST'S REFERENCE

FORM: Fr Philip will hold two sessions for those looking to gain admission to reception for the signing of priest's reference forms. 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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

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!

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit, on Wednesday afternoon this week, parish homes in: Fairfield Road, Kenning Road, Plomer Ave.

JINGLE ALL THE WAY with RISE THEATRE: We are delighted to welcome the professional Christian theatre company RISE Theatre, who will be 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) will be available to buy soon.

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.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY collection raised £547.39. Thank you!

200 CLUB WINNER for November was Mrs C. Anderson no 170. Congratulations!

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: 8th, 15th, and 22nd November.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Theresa Casbard, Elizabeth Nsonwah and Laura Harwood. Thank you!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy				
Sat 7th November 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 154 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10–16 <i>The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.</i></p> <p>Psalms 145 — My soul, give praise to the Lord.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 24–28 <i>Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Mark 12: 38–44 <i>This poor widow has put in more than all.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 8 (p. 56) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Daniel 12: 1–13 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 11–14, 18 Gospel: Mark 13: 24–32</p>				
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Mathilde Krajewski RIP</i> Sun 8th Nov 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 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 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>				
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<p style="text-align: center;">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>					