

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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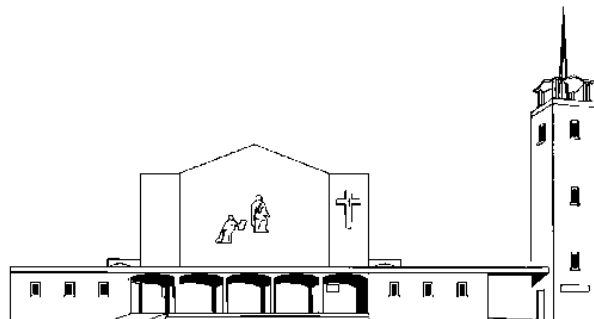
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Year B

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 46–52

*Master, let me see again.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

**SYNOD ON  
THE FAMILY**

4 - 25 OCTOBER



**THE SYNOD ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE** in Rome will end today with the final Mass at St Peter's Basilica. We have prayed earnestly for this time of reflection by the Synod Fathers, and we ask that the Holy Spirit guide the Holy

Father, Pope Francis, as he takes the final *relatio* (document) of the Synod and prepares for the Church an 'Apostolic Exhortation' on these important matters. The smallest unit of the Church is the family — the 'Domestic Church' — and the holy basis of the family is Marriage. We should each be making sure that our families truly are 'domestic Churches', where the love of the Lord, prayer, and charity, are held in central place. In no better way can the Church grow than through the building up of holy, faithful families, who witness to the world the love of God and neighbour.

**THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, OCTOBER**, is almost over now, but we must never tire of resorting to this most powerful prayer of the Church, invoking the intercession of Our Lady. The Rosary is a beautiful and simple meditation on the life of Our Lord, and Mary's participation in those holy mysteries. It is always special, for me, to have that chance — in May and October — to precede Sunday Masses with a decade of the Rosary, and I hope that it is an encouragement for you to use the Rosary more often in your daily lives, invoking Mary's prayers for all our many needs.

I will be away, briefly, for part of this week, so Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings by Fr Michael Stewart. I thank him for his kindness in coming over here.

**May we pray for the grace to live our own family life in accordance with God's will. Fr Philip**

**From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 69:**

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

God intended the earth with everything contained in it for the use of all human beings and peoples. ... In using them, therefore, man should regard the external things that he legitimately possesses not only as his own but also as common in the sense that they should be able to benefit not only him but also others. On the other hand, the right of having a share of earthly goods sufficient for oneself and one's family belongs to everyone. The Fathers and Doctors of the Church held this opinion, teaching that men are obliged to come to the relief of the poor and to do so not merely out of their superfluous goods. If one is in extreme necessity, he has the right to procure for himself what he needs out of the riches of others. Since there are so many people prostrate with hunger in the world, this sacred council urges all, both individuals and governments, to remember the aphorism of the Fathers, "Feed the man dying of hunger, because if you have not fed him, you have killed him," and really to share and employ their earthly goods, according to the ability of each, especially by supporting individuals or peoples with the aid by which they may be able to help and develop themselves.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER** will only take place on Monday morning next week. There will still be Mass at 9.15am as usual.

**MONTH OF THE ROSARY:** In October, Fr Philip will lead a decade of the Rosary five minutes before each Sat evening/Sunday Mass. The Rosary also prayed in Italian Thursdays at 7pm.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Through *Missio*, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to this work. **The annual special collection will be taken this Sunday.**

**NOVEMBER LIST OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are now at the back of church. 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.

**PRAYERS AT THE CEMETERY:** Fr Philip will lead the annual visit to the cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at 3pm.

**LATIN MASS:** The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be held **next Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** at 5.00pm.

**MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR:** **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 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** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Nov 20<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!

**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 some training after half term.

**LITURGICAL ITEMS:** We are replacing the Processional Cross as it has been irreparably broken for some years, and we also need to replace the Holy Water container and purchase a Marian vestment. If there is anyone who would kindly wish to offset these costs by making a donation, please contact the presbytery. **THANK YOU** to the parishioner who kindly made a generous donation to cover the cost of the Cross.

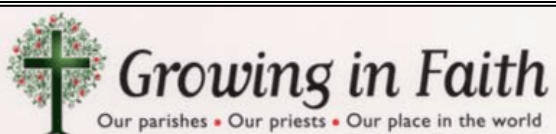
### HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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

## CATECHETICS

**FR PHILIP'S TALKS:** In the light of the present 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) **11<sup>th</sup> 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 second meeting for parents will be on **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 8–9pm** in the crypt. The second session for the children will be **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am–12noon**. **Please note a change of dates for June 2016: parents' meeting will be 8<sup>th</sup> June and the children's' meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

**CONFIRMATION 2016:** next session held on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** from 7.15–8.45pm in the crypt for **parents and candidates**. Candidates will need to have read chapter five of the Gospel of Mark. **As mentioned in the parents' letter in July, the course has a £10 cost for materials, so please hand that in soon.**

**"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 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November from 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.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:** There will be a course running from early February for engaged couples. If anyone is planning on marrying in 2016, please contact the presbytery as soon as possible. Please note you need to give at least 6 months' notice.

## SCHOOLS

**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.**

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** would like to thank everyone who attended the coffee morning. £277 was raised in aid of Diabetes UK.

## JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**TRAIDCRAFT** stall will be at the back of church after all Masses **next weekend**. I am happy to include any orders for Christmas, from the Traidcraft catalogue in with our church order. A number of items like Advent calendars, Christmas cakes and puddings, were sold out by mid Nov last year, so if you wish to order, please let me know by 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. On the tables at the back of the church there are Traidcraft catalogues available to borrow and browse through: please return them when you have finished as there are only a few copies. Many thanks. Maria Hunt [maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com](mailto:maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com) 07790453378 or 01992 421048.

**OPERATION CALAIS:** Emmaus (International Homeless Charity) is providing humanitarian aid to the 2,500+ migrants in the Calais area of northern France. If you would like to help by providing any of the following items, please take them to St Cuthbert's Church (Tuesday or Friday 9am–2pm) or drop them off at our own presbytery: Non-perishable food, underwear, trainers/outdoor shoes, all clothing especially waterproofs, sleeping bags toothbrushes/paste, toilet paper, soap, sanitary towels, and hygiene related products, water containers, tents and kindling.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will resume his visits after half term.

**LADIES' GUILD:** Since 1937 in one form or another there has been a Ladies Group in this Parish. Initially, it was the UCM then we changed to The Ladies Guild but of late it has been Tea and Chat. Over the years we have had some lovely outings, meals etc. We have also raised hundreds of pounds for charity. So it is with some sadness that I'm writing this to say we will be closing on **17th November**. I would like to thank anyone who has supported us over the years. Margaret Byrne.

**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: 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> October ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop</b> 10am Mass <i>Eilish Ryan</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 149 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 31: 7–9  <i>I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.</i></p> <p><b>Psalms 125</b> — What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 5: 1–6  <i>You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <b>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 10: 46–52  <i>Master, let me see again.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 31)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            ALL SAINTS</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 7: 2–4, 9–14  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 John 3: 1–3  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5: 1–12</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <b>Rosalia Dilena RIP</b> <b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Eileen Carolan RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am            or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p>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;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> <p>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;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> October</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Mass for Security</i> <b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Mass of Thanksgiving</i> <b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> October STS SIMON &amp; JUDE, Apostles</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe &amp; Maria-Teresa Distefano RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt <b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Oct BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE NO</b> 9.15am Mass <b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Pauline &amp; Lulu Ward RIP &amp; Angela &amp; Mary Coyle RIP</i> <b>Sat 31<sup>st</sup> October</b> 10am Mass <i>Fr Ettore Rocchi RIP</i>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Adam Daynes's intentions</i> <b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> November ALL SAINTS</b> 9.15am** <i>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	
<p>* 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><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></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:** *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.*