

The Announcer

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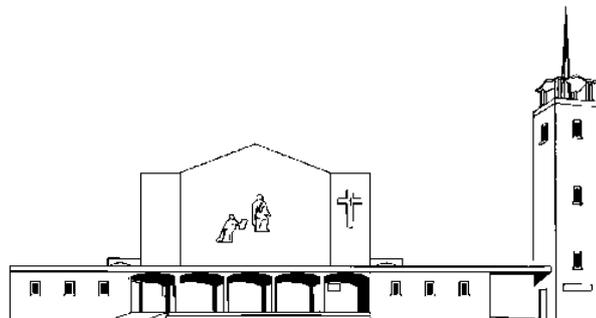
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Year B TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6TH SEPT 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31–37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

OUR LORD HEALS A DEAF AND DUMB MAN, TODAY, IN THE PASSAGE FROM THE GOSPEL. The powerful word of command which rings out from the passage, "*Ephphatha*," is not only for the man he healed of deafness and muteness, but also for us. At our Baptism we would have had that



'*Ephphatha*' rite uttered by the priest or deacon who baptized us: "*The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May He soon touch your ears to receive His Word, and your mouth to proclaim His Faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.*" It reminds us that as we grow, we are to open our ears to hear the Word of God, and then as we grow older to be ready to open our mouths to speak the Word of God as witnesses to His Gospel.

THE RCIA COURSE FOR THOSE WISHING TO BECOME CATHOLICS, or those adult Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed, is going to begin this week (Tues 8th Sept, 7pm), so this is a final appeal for those to come forward who would wish to be a part of this year's programme. It's a wonderful programme, in which the participants/enquirers are accompanied by myself and a number of committed parishioners, to help discover more about the Faith, and to discern whether God is calling them to Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. Anyone wishing to find out more should contact me *immediately* so that they can be fully informed about what it entails. Green sheets with a fuller explanation are by the Newsletters.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL — PLEASE, ONE LAST CALL FOR YOU TO ACT! This week, on Friday 11th September, the Commons will debate the Rob Marris Bill ('assisted dying'). If you have still not done so, I ask you to put pen to paper (or finger to keyboard!) and express our deeply held Catholic faith in the inadmissibility of killing those who are suffering terminal illnesses. You can contact our MP, Mr Charles Walker, either by writing a letter to him (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA), or by an electronic message via the websites <http://www.carenokilling.org.uk/marris-bill/> or <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide>

I KEPT MY 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION ON FRIDAY — and this means that now I have been here at St Augustine's for half of my years of priestly ministry. I thank you for all the ways that you have made these years blessed and happy here as your Parish Priest in Hoddesdon.

May the week ahead be blessed, and may the Lord bring you the joys of faith.

Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 62:



May the faithful live in very close union with the other men of their time and may they strive to understand perfectly their way of thinking and judging, as expressed in their culture. Let them blend new sciences and theories and the understanding of the most recent discoveries with Christian morality and the teaching of Christian doctrine, so that their religious culture and morality may keep pace with scientific knowledge and with the constantly progressing technology. Thus they will be able to interpret and evaluate all things in a truly Christian spirit.

PRAYER & LITURGY

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

MARY MCCARTHY RIP of Forres Close, Hoddesdon, died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **Her funeral will be on Monday 7th September at 11am.**

May she rest in peace.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Matilda Morrissey who will be baptised this weekend.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Sept 18th.** 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) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 20th September** with Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION/READERS:

The next rota for Readers and Ministers of Communion for Oct–Jan 2016 will be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wed 23rd Sept at the latest** of any weekends that you are NOT available and of any changes in personal details (tel. number, address etc). Contact Pat by telephone 449282 or by e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Porto, Christopher Browne, John Askew, Alan Dolan, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Mark Reason, Hilda Andrews, Joanne Sheridan, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Bohita Fanor, Jenny Miller, Peter Tanner, Anne Smith, Maureen Fallon, Siobhan Fiorentini, Kitty O'Rourke, Michael Foley and Mary Lee-Lozone.

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



Growing in Faith

Our parishes • Our priests • Our place in the world

Fr Philip thanks those who have donated to our 'Growing in Faith' initiative, to 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.**

On the parish noticeboard in the porch is a breakdown of how much we have already raised for the various diocesan and parish projects, with data up to the end of 2014.

As for our own project of a parish catechist, Fr Philip is in discussion with the diocesan agencies, to try and locate a suitably qualified person for the post.

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

CATECHETICS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

application forms for the new First-Holy-Communion programme (for practising Catholic children in Yr3 or above) **are now available to collect after all Masses this weekend** (and not available from the Presbytery). Please return completed forms to the presbytery by Fri 2nd October. **The first meeting for parents will be on Wed 7th October from 8-9pm in the crypt.**

CONFIRMATION 2016: The next session will be held on **Monday 7th September** from 7.15-8.45pm in the crypt for parents and candidates. **Candidates will need to have read chapter one of the Gospel of Mark (from the book they were given) before the meeting on the 7th.** Please note the register will begin this weekend.

"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 will begin 8th September at 7pm** but if anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed), please contact Fr Philip as soon as possible. There are green leaflets outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

BAPTISM COURSE: The course will be held on **Wednesday 9th September** from 7–9pm in the presbytery.

SCHOOLS

WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL COSTS in the

coming year? There is a Christian-based local grant-giving body, managed by the URC, the 'Broxbourne Educational Trust' that you can apply to for assistance (max. £500) with costs for educational activities for young people under 25 — so this would include university students. Pick up a flyer from the church porch, or go to visit their website: <http://broxbourne.urch.org.uk/index.php/projects/broxbourne-educational-charity> .

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS to our Catholic Primary & Secondary schools require the Parish Priest to provide a priest's reference as testimony of **Catholic practice, i.e attendance, every week, at Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass.** This accords with the diocesan guidance for priests, http://www.rcdow.org.uk/fileupload/upload/prf_4117200691341.pdf. In order to help him be just and fair to the practising Catholics of our parish, Fr Philip will continue to adopt the pattern of occasionally in the next few months asking those who will require a priest's form to be signed to come and see him briefly (each and every time he asks) after Sunday Mass. **This concerns those whose children are now in nursery-year and year 6.** When Fr Philip last asked, there were only 8 requests for references for Secondary School, and 3 requests for references for Primary School.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

ASSISTED-SUICIDE BILL: "On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church. Even better, you could ask to see your MP and express your concerns directly." (Cardinal Vincent Nichols)

CAFOD is holding a Harvest Supporters' meeting on **Saturday 12th September** 10am–12.15pm at Amigo Hall SE1 7HY. Please contact CAFOD on 020-8449-6970 for further info.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip initiates a 3rd round of visits, starting in the north of the parish (St Margaret's Road) on **Tues afternoon** this week.

PARISH MAGAZINE for 2015, in full colour, 44 pages, will be available to buy after all Masses

this weekend, priced £3. Alternatively, you can purchase it from the presbytery during the week.

MEMORY WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY: I will be taking part in a sponsored walk with all my family on the 26th September around Leeds Castle in Kent. We are hoping to raise funds for research, cure and prevention of dementia as our Mum was diagnosed with dementia in January. If you would like to sponsor us, please pop in at the presbytery or please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/MW15dawnbates>. Thank you. Dawn Bates.

CELEBRATE weekend will be held at St Albans on the **31st Oct/1st Nov.** CELEBRATE is a Conference for all, both young and old. A faith filled and fun event for all the family which combines good Christian teaching, inspirational speakers and celebration of the Mass. For more info and to book, go direct to : <http://celebrateconference.org>.

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: 13th, 20th, 27th September, 4th October.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Prayer to Our Lady of England
for Our Lady's birthday, 8th September*

O Glorious and blessed Mary, our Mother and our queen, we gladly acclaim you as Our Lady of England. We thank you for all the graces which you have obtained for this country in times past, and ask you to obtain still more. Grant, that this nation of ours which once worshiped God through one Church, so by your intercession, may all Christians be reunited in the one service of your Son, and may all our fellow countrymen come to the knowledge and love of this same Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 5th September 10am Mass <i>Charles Peteranna RIP</i>		PAGE 129 in the Mass books	
4.00pm* NO Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Pasquale Re RIP</i>		1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 4–7 <i>The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.</i>	
Sun 6th Sept 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Alan & Margaret Lawlor RIP Anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>Francesco, Pierina & Antonino Cannatella RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †		Psalm 145 — My soul, give praise to the Lord. 2nd Reading: James 2: 1–5 <i>God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>	
Mon 7th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Mickey Griffin RIP Anniv</i> 11am Funeral <i>Mary McCarthy RIP</i>		Gospel: Mark 7: 31–37 <i>He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.</i>	
Tues 8th Sept THE NATIVITY OF THE B VIRGIN MARY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Attilo & Cettina Castaldi RIP</i>		PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 55) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)	
Wed 9th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Stanley Abrahams RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 24 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Thurs 10th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Richard McDermott RIP</i>		1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5–9 2nd Reading: James 2: 14–18 Gospel: Mark 8: 27–35	
Fri 11th September <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Luigia Leccacorvi RIP</i> 2pm Mass at St Cross School		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.	
Sat 12th September 10am Mass <i>Decimo Castronovo RIP Anniv</i>		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <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.	
Sun 13th Sept 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>John & Frances Woolsgrove RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</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.	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday		Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699	
** 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)			
REGULAR EVENTS			
Mon 7th	7.15pm Confirmation, crypt	Tues 8th	7pm RCIA, presbytery
Tues 8th	1.30pm Guild tea & chat, crypt	Wed 9th	6pm Brownies, crypt
		Wed 9th	7.30pm All Saints, crypt

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.