

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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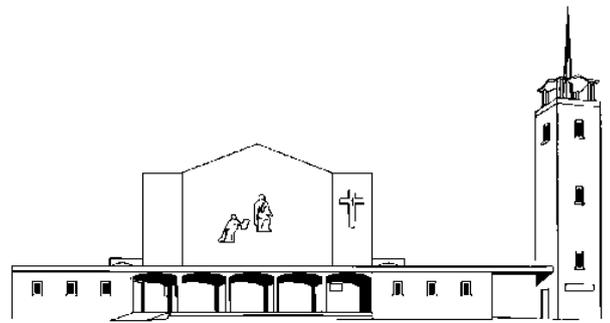
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH JAN 2016

GOSPEL: John 2: 1–11

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE FOR THIS FIRST SUNDAY AFTER JESUS'S BAPTISM takes us to Cana, and to the first of Jesus's miracles. At the behest of His blessed Mother, Our Lord performs this beautiful miracle of turning the water into wine. Jesus both dignifies with His grace the state of Christian marriage, and also shows the importance of His Mother in the realm of prayer and intercession. It is a very wonderful way in which we

start to hear of Jesus's public ministry following on from His Baptism which we celebrated last weekend. It is a sign that, in Christ, all things are elevated from the mundane (water) to the sacred and fulfilling (wine). Jesus "makes all things new" and brings to human life its real perfection and glory, making sense of it and giving it joy. The wine is a sign of that divine joy!

OUR DIOCESE HAS TWO NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS — Canon Paul McAleenan of our diocese, and Mgr John Wilson of Leeds diocese — to be ordained on Monday 25th January at midday Mass; doors open at 11am. The Cathedral should rightly be full to overflowing for this marvellous occasion. Parishioners are warmly welcome to attend the ordination Mass. Fr Philip will be attending. If you would like to go and do not know the way to the Cathedral, then get to Broxbourne station to meet at 10.15am that morning.

I REPEAT MY MESSAGE FROM LAST WEEKEND, that this year I am establishing a new and more robust procedure for requesting a '**Certificate of Catholic Practice**' to accompany applications to enter Catholic Primary and Secondary schools — one that will be fairer and more thorough. An information pack is now available from the Presbytery. Please read carefully the item on this matter which is inside the Newsletter.

May Christ's Baptism today fill our hearts with the joy of being His baptized people! Fr Philip



From Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 5:



The Jubilee year will close with the liturgical Solemnity of Christ the King on 20 November 2016. On that day, as we seal the Holy Door, we shall be filled, above all, with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for having granted us an extraordinary time of grace. We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future. How much I desire that

the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Ruby Moy who will be baptised this weekend.

CORNELIUS VAN HAGE RIP of Cautherly Lane, Great Amwell, died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 8th February** at 11am.

KITTY O'ROURKE RIP of Old Highway died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Details of her funeral will follow in due course.

May they rest in peace.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting February 12th**. 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 **this Sunday 17th January** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

YEAR OF MERCY: the Cardinal has written 'A Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy,' so please take a copy from the table in the porch by the choir-loft stairs (£1 or donation). It's a beautiful introduction to this 'Holy Year of Mercy.' More information about the year, Holy Doors and the Indulgence available: <http://rcdow.org.uk/year-of-mercy/>.

ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least made their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery so that training can be arranged.

ANNUAL CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE will be held on **Sunday 24th January** at St Catherine's and St Pauls at 6pm. This service is held on behalf of the Churches Together in Hoddesdon and all parishioners are welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS ROTA: The next rota for the period Feb-May is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wednesday 27th January** at the latest of any weekends that you are NOT available and also of any changes in your personal details (telephone number, address). You can contact Pat Kavanagh by telephone 449282 or by email patandcarolkav@btinternet.com.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: This year's Mass will take place at **2pm on Saturday 6th February**. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside, and the Mass will include the Sacrament

of the Sick. All are welcome and there are no seat reservations or tickets. If you are taking a wheelchair, please advise us **by 24th January** so that we can arrange a reserved space.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: Moyra O'Neill, Kitty O'Rourke, Peter Tanner, John Askew, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini, Michael Foley and Michael Sherman.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

Housebound parishioners may also like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast in the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford: <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

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 fifth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 3rd Feb**

8–9pm in the crypt. The fifth session for the children will be **Sat 6th Feb** 10am–12noon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: MASS BOOKS for children are available from the Presbytery (price £1) — a colourful simple Missal, with all the Mass responses, very suitable for children of First-Holy-Communion age.

CONFIRMATION 2016: next session held on **Monday 18th January at 7.15pm** for candidates only. Candidates will need to have read **chapter 10** 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 19th January at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Friday 29th Jan 7.30pm–9pm** in the church.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **this weekend**. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society’s work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of church after all Masses **next weekend**.

REFUGEE VOLUNTEER EVENING will be held on **Tuesday 26th January** in the Westminster Centre for Youth Ministry, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston, London NW1 1TA from 6pm-8.30pm. The evening will give you a chance to find out how you can help refugees in London and Hertfordshire. Speakers will include: Louise Zanre from *JRS UK*, Sister Christine Frost from *Neighbours in Poplar*, Cathy Corcoran CEO of the *Cardinal Hume Centre* and Michaela Costello from Guardian Angels parish. If you would like to attend, please RSVP as places are limited! Email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk to book your place.

SCHOOLS

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: If your child is presently in year 5 and would wish to go

to St Mary’s or another Catholic secondary school in 2017, or if your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2017, then you will need to apply immediately to go on the list for requesting a ‘Certificate of Catholic Practice’ towards the end of 2016. An information pack is available now from the presbytery. Once you have completed the form and returned it to the presbytery, your name will be added to the weekly sign-in-sheet which will be available in the church porch for signing after the Saturday evening vigil Mass and the Masses of Sunday. On this basis Fr Philip will be in a better position to judge whether he can issue the Certificate you ask for.

ST MARY’S SCHOOL requires an experienced teacher to be the Head of RE. Please contact Debbie Hourihan on 01279-654901 or e-mail HR@stmarys.net or download an application form from the website. Further details are on the poster on notice board. Closing date 26th Jan.

MISCELLANEOUS

CRIB APPEAL: This year the amount collected was £483.43. **Next weekend a representative from the Catholic Children’s Society will be coming** to talk to us about their work and where our crib money goes to.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes this Wednesday afternoon in: Roselands Avenue, Cheffins Road, Howfield and environs.

APF RED BOXES: The total raised for 2015 amounted to £1,113.27. My sincere thanks to all those who donated. There are still many boxes not returned and these will now go onto the 2016 donations. Ellen Bartlett.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP for adults (18-30’s) meets on **Friday 22 January, 7-9pm** in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Richard Nesbitt and Sr Kasia Kowalska on “Responding to God’s Call in the Year of Mercy”. For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

200 CLUB winner for January was no 198 - Mr G Cannon. 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: 24th & 31st January 2016.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy								
Sat 16th January 10am Mass <i>Pietro DiLeTo RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 127 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 1–5 <i>The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.</i></p> <p>Psalm 95 — Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4–11 <i>One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 2: 1–11 <i>This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 32) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2–6, 8–10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12–30 Gospel: Luke 1: 1–4, 4: 14–21</p>								
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 17th Jan 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am** <i>Rita McGrath</i> 11.15am <i>Giuseppe Tambuzzo & Giuseppa & Antonino Cannatella RIP</i> 5pm Holy Hour †	<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>								
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Thurs 21st January ST AGNES, virgin & martyr NO 9.15am Mass									
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<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>									