

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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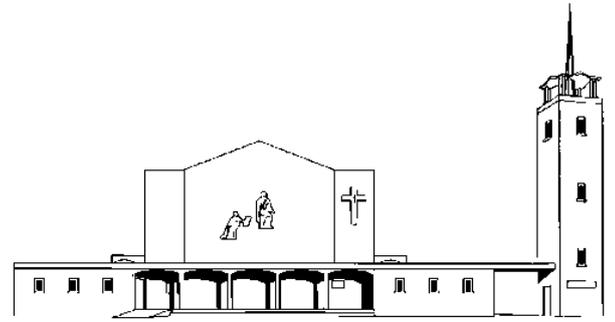
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### Year C FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10TH JULY 2016

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25–37

*Who is my neighbour?*

#### My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE POWERFUL PARABLE OF THE 'GOOD SAMARITAN' GREET'S US IN TODAY'S GOSPEL — one of many parables of mercy unique to St Luke's Gospel. We are reminded through this parable, firstly, that it is Jesus Himself who is the Good Samaritan — He is the one who has come to the aid of fallen man, raised us up, healed us through the saving sacraments, and carried us home to be cared for in the Church. And then, after the example of Jesus Himself, we are called on to reach out also to those in need, and not to "walk by on the other side." We have to be a 'neighbour,' first, to Jesus Christ — to be in communion with Him — so that then we know how to be a neighbour to others.



I COME TO CONSIDER THE FINAL CHAPTER, THIS SUNDAY, OF THE APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, *AMORIS LAETITIA*, and in this final section Pope Francis considers the spirituality of the family. I hope that you have gained from these reflections on Pope Francis's teaching — I have been glad to have the chance to read the document properly in order to convey some of its content to you over these weeks.

A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO ALL THOSE WHO CAME TO SPEND SPECIAL PRAYER TIME LAST WEEKEND in the presence of Jesus the Blessed Sacrament, and made our 'Forty Hours' Adoration possible. Also, I am glad that we have been able to send a coach-load of pilgrims from our parish to Walsingham for the diocesan event with Cardinal Vincent — thank you for taking time this Saturday to come for the day on pilgrimage and make it a success, and to honour Our Blessed Lady at her national shrine!

OUR PARISH BARBECUE HAS BEEN POSTPONED to what I hope is a better date (Sept 11<sup>th</sup>) and so we will hold open, now, over the summer, ticket applications for this event — details inside ...

**May our love for the Good Samaritan, Jesus, lead us to a love for our neighbour!** Fr Philip

#### From *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 19:



Do not fall into the terrible trap of thinking that life depends on money and that, in comparison with money, anything else is devoid of value or dignity. This is nothing but an illusion! We cannot take money with us into the life beyond. Money does not bring us happiness. Violence inflicted for the sake of amassing riches soaked in blood makes one neither powerful nor immortal. Everyone, sooner or later, will be subject to God's judgment, from which no one can escape. ...

This is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched! When faced with evil deeds, even in the face of serious crimes, it is the time to listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings, and even their very lives. To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different. God never tires of reaching out to us. He is always ready to listen, as I am too, along with my brother bishops and priests. All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice during this special time of mercy offered by the Church.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Oliver Pledger, Calogero Deane and Samuele Insalaco who will be baptised this weekend.

**SCHOOL MASSES:** On Wednesday there will be Mass at 11am at St Cross School and on Friday there will be Mass at 9.30am at St Augustine's School. All are welcome to attend.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting July 15<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!

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

**DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA (22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017):** a 4-night pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in Portugal, 100yrs on from the apparitions. Flyers now available in porch! Price expected to be £575. Please phone up the Presbytery soon to register your interest.

### HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Pray for sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen & Michael Sherman, Annette Pinto, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini, Marina Morris, & Doney Beary.

**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 on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford: <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopstortford>

**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**

### CATECHETICS

**FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The photos are now available to view online at Amwell Studios at [www.amwellstudios.co.uk](http://www.amwellstudios.co.uk). Click on online galleries and then St Augustine's First Holy Communion. Contact the Presbytery

for the login details for the photos.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 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.

**CONFIRMATION 2017:** applications have now closed for next year's Confirmation group, and we need to receive the yellow forms back in from those who have applied: make sure that they are brought to the first session this week.

**"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 on 6th September at 7pm.** 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.



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)

### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**ST AUGUSTINE'S NURSERY** still have places available for 2016/17 for afternoons only (12.20–3.20pm). Contact the school on 463549.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** are holding a family fun day on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 11–3pm**. All are welcome!

**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 on the noticeboard (by the fire-exit door) 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.

### YOUNG PEOPLE

**WORLD YOUTH DAY:** three of our young adults are going on pilgrimage with Fr Philip to Łódź and Krakow to be with Pope Francis for 'World Youth Day' this month! We'll keep you posted on their experiences!

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will make house visits on **Tuesday** afternoon this week, to see parishioners in homes in: Gladstone Road, River Avenue, Rye Road.

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** will not be held during August. The next dates will be 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September; 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October; 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November; and 13<sup>th</sup> December, from 12.30-2.30pm in the crypt. All are welcome!

**PARISH BBQ:** Due to the lack of numbers, we have now decided to postpone the BBQ to **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm**. We really hope that more parishioners will be able to attend, so that we can all enjoy this event. **Please do fill out your request for tickets and hand it into the presbytery as soon as you can.** We do need final numbers by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 12 noon so that we can order the food and we cannot accept people after 12 noon. There won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. **Application forms are now available from the back of the church and by the BBQ board.** Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE volunteer to assist with the many jobs — setting out chairs/tables before, putting up gazebos, making potato/pasta salads, coleslaw and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen.** Raffle prizes are also needed for the day, so if you can donate something, please hand it in at the presbytery as we would like to have all raffle

prizes by the 5<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks for your support.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** We hope to publish our annual magazine at the beginning of Sept. If you have an article, please email it or hand it in to the presbytery by **17<sup>th</sup> July**.

**KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDION** are giving a Concert of Classical and Ukranian music in St Catherines & St Paul's Church on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm**. This is a free concert but there will be a donation box in aid of children and families affected by the Chernobyl disaster. For more info contact Margret Byrne 443351.

**CHARITY BOAT PARTY** will be held on **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm** in aid of *Shivs 3 Wishes*, a charity run by our parishioner Siobhan Fiorentini to raise funds for the neo-natal unit at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow. The cost is £25 and will be start at Tower Pier, Tower of London. Contact Siobhan on 07904-931680.

**200 CLUB WINNER** for July was Mrs K Kember. Congratulations!

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Pina Johnson, Maria Manzo, Pam McCarthy, Charmaine Collins and Sara. Thank you!

### SAINT OF THE WEEK Our Lady of Mount Carmel - 16<sup>th</sup> July



**NOVENA PRAYER:** To you, Mother of Carmel, we entrust the whole of humanity, with its hopes and fears. Do not let us lack in the light of true wisdom. Guide us in the ways of peace. Enable us to meet Christ — the Way, the Truth and the Life. Sustain us, O Virgin Mary, on our journey of faith, and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, *pray for us!*

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> 10am Mass <i>Paul McGrath</i>	<b>PAGE 108 in the Mass books</b>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Deuteronomy 30: 10–14 <i>The Word is very near to you for your observance.</i>
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Milly Yarwood RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</i> †	<b>Psalm 68 — Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 1: 15–20 <i>All things were created through Christ and for him.</i>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Denis Lynch RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me . Alleluia.</i>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Kitty O'Rourke RIP</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10: 25–37 <i>Who is my neighbour?</i>
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass with both schools <i>John Andrews RIP</i> — <i>followed by coffee in crypt</i>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 7 (p. 67) <b>EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> Euch. Pr. no. 1 (p. 18)  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> NO Mass	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 18: 1–10 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 1: 24–28 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10: 38–42
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July ST BONAVENTURE, Bishop &amp; Dr</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Joseph &amp; Doris Penheiro RIP</i>	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> 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>
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL</b> 10am Mass <i>Paolina Siracusa</i>	<b>ROSARY</b> Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Mario &amp; Giuseppina Vaccaro RIP</i>  <b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Luciano &amp; Rosalia Dilena RIP</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour †	<b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> 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 style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> ** 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)	<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Wed 13th</b>	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.*