

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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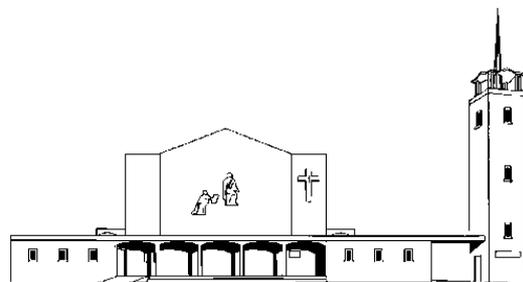
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Year C SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th JULY 2016

Luke 10: 38-42 — *Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEK I AM OFF TO 'WORLD YOUTH DAY,' THE PAPAL EVENT that takes place every 2-3yrs for the young adults of the Church. Three of our parishioners will be attending this great Catholic festival along with me on the diocesan trip organised by Westminster's Youth Ministry, which this year is taking place in Poland. Our first week is in the city of Łódź, where we will attend a spiritual pre-festival organised by the *Chemin Neuf* community. Then the second week will be the 'World Youth Day' proper, in the city of Kraków, where Pope St John



Paul II was archbishop, and where the Divine Mercy basilica is situated. Pope Francis will arrive on the Thursday of that week, and lead the rest of the event through to the final open-air Mass on Sunday 31st July on the outskirts of Kraków, with maybe 2 million participants.

HAVING COMPLETED MY CYCLE OF HOMILIES ON AMORIS LAETITIA, Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation on 'Love in Marriage and Family Life,' you may like to be reminded that I post all my Sunday homilies on the parish website, for anyone who would wish to (re)read them. They can be found here: <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/fr-philips-homilies/>.

DURING MY ABSENCE, WE WELCOME AGAIN FR JOHN BAPTIST KISEMBO, our long-standing summer-supply priest, who will be with you until August 9th. Please give him your customary support, and make sure he feels at home and cared-for during his weeks at St Augustine's.

May our summer be blessed with time for one other, and for rest in the Lord! Fr Philip

From Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 20:



It would not be out of place at this point to recall the relationship between justice and mercy. These are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love. Justice is a fundamental concept for civil society, which is meant to be governed by the rule of law. Justice is also understood as that which is rightly due to each individual. In the Bible, there are many references to divine justice and to God as "judge". In these passages, justice is understood as the full

observance of the Law and the behaviour of every good Israelite in conformity with God's commandments. Such a vision, however, has not infrequently led to legalism by distorting the original meaning of justice and obscuring its profound value. To overcome this legalistic perspective, we need to recall that in Sacred Scripture, justice is conceived essentially as the faithful abandonment of oneself to God's will.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Mollie Bourke and Valentino Urso who will be baptised this weekend.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **this Sunday 17th July** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting August 19th**. 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!

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA (22nd to 26th 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 NOW to register your interest.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our 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 like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on 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

CATECHETICS

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The photos are now available to view online at Amwell Studios at www.amwellstudios.co.uk. Click on online galleries and then St Augustine's First Holy Communion. The login details are available at request from the Presbytery. **Please, would those parents whose children were unable to attend the Thanksgiving Mass on 3rd July come**

soon to collect from the Presbytery their child's First Holy Communion books, certificate and baptismal candle.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Friday 9th and Wednesday 14th 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 form back in from any candidates who forgot to bring it to the first session last week. We look forward to welcoming you to the next session on **12th September at 7.15pm** in the church crypt.

"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

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

ST AUGUSTINE'S NURSERY still has places available for 2016/17 (afternoons only, 12.20–3.20pm). Contact the school before term ends, on 463549.

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' these next two weeks! We'll keep you posted on their experiences!

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

FACEBOOK: We now have a FaceBook page; just search for "CatholicHoddesdon": please 'like' the page, and invite your parish friends to 'like' it too.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his visits on his return from World Youth Day and holiday.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will not be held during August. The autumn dates will be: 6th & 20th September; 4th & 18th October; 1st, 15th & 29th November; and 13th December, from 12.30-2.30pm in the crypt. All are welcome for lunch and a friendly, unrushed chat!

PARISH BBQ: Due to the lack of numbers last weekend, it was decided to postpone the BBQ to **Sunday 11th Sept at 1pm**. We really hope that more parishioners will be able to attend, so that we can all enjoy this event. **Please fill out your request for tickets and hand it into the presbytery as soon as you can.** We do need final numbers by Monday 5th 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 5th September. Thanks for your support.

KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDION: The concert was a great success. Thank you to all who supported the event – we made a total of £657!

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Theresa Casbard, Elilzabeth Nsonwah and Laura Harwood. Thank you for your help!

World Youth Day Kraków 2016

Official Pilgrim Prayer



God, merciful Father, in Your Son, Jesus Christ,
You have revealed Your love
and poured it out upon us
in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

We entrust to You today the destiny of the world
and of every man and woman.

We entrust to You in a special way
young people of every language, people and nation:
guide and protect them as they walk the complex
paths of the world today, and give them the grace to
reap abundant fruits from their experience of the
Kraków World Youth Day.

Heavenly Father,
grant that we may bear witness to Your mercy.
Teach us how to convey the faith to those in doubt,
hope to those who are discouraged,
love to those who feel indifferent,
forgiveness to those who have done wrong
and joy to those who are unhappy.

Allow the spark of merciful love that You have
enkindled within us become a fire that can
transform hearts and renew the face of the earth.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

Saint Faustina, pray for us.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 16th July 10am Mass <i>Paolina Siracusa</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Mario & Giuseppina Vaccaro RIP</i></p> <p>Sun 17th July 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Luciano & Rosalia Dilena RIP</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour †</p>	<p>PAGE 111 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 18: 1–10 <i>Lord, do not pass your servant by.</i></p> <p>Psalm 14 — The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 24–28 <i>A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to God's saints.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son . Alleluia.</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 10: 38–42 <i>Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 8 (p. 68) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Euch. Pr. no. 2 (p. 24)</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 18: 20–32 2nd Reading: Colossians 2: 12–14 Gospel: Luke 11: 1–13</p>
<p>Mon 18th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Annie McIntyre RIP</i></p> <p>Tues 19th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Martin & Martina Maughan Intentions</i></p> <p>Wed 20th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Kitty O'Rourke RIP</i> — followed by coffee in crypt</p> <p>Thurs 21st July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Doney Beary (sick)</i></p> <p>Fri 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Dominga Balmaceda RIP</i></p> <p>Sat 23rd July ST BRIDGET, Religious, Patron of Europe 10am Mass <i>Antonino & Franco Martorana RIP</i></p>	<p>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>ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>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>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>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Pius Ogbodu</i></p> <p>Sun 24th July 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Patrick Fannell RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †</p>	<p>REGULAR EVENTS</p>
<p>* Vigil Mass of Sunday ** 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)</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 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.*