

# The Announcer

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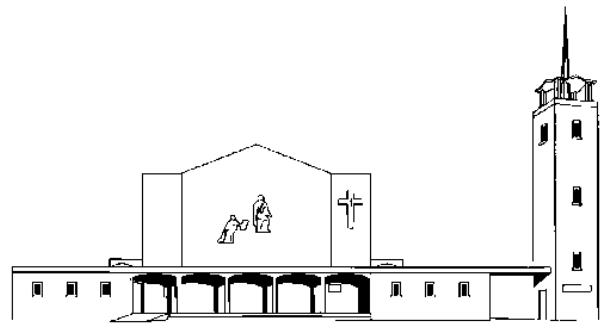
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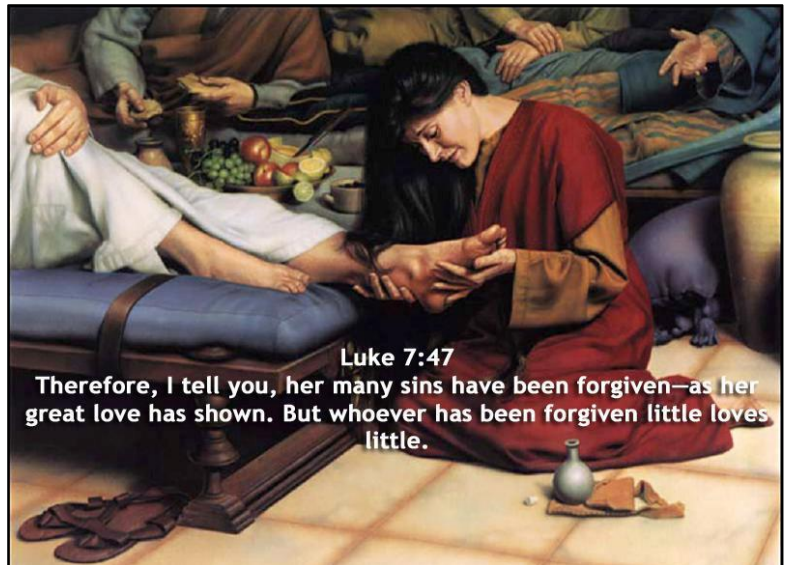
**Year C ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

GOSPEL: Luke 7: 36–8:3

*Her many sins have been forgiven, or she would not have shown such great love.*

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

**THE SCENE RECOUNTED IN TODAY'S GOSPEL PASSAGE** is a powerful moment in which Our Lord reveals the depths of His mercy, extending His forgiveness to this woman who suddenly bursts in and approaches Him in the house of Simon the Pharisee. Our Lord does not gloss over her grave wrongdoing, but recognises the love and repentance that are genuinely in her heart, and forgives her. Such a moment of being forgiven can change one's life! In this Holy Year of Mercy, let's make sure that we are regularly availing ourselves of Jesus's mercy, coming into His very presence in Confession, kneeling at His feet, and hearing His words: "Your sins are forgiven"!



**THIS WEEKEND'S HOMILY ON THE POPE'S APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION AMORIS LAETITIA** is on the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of the document, entitled 'Love Made Fruitful,' which is about the joy and blessing of children born in the loving environment of Christian Marriage. Let us truly rejoice in the gift of our parish children!

**THIS YEAR'S FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS** will take place over the next two weekends, and so we pray that these occasions may be truly blessed for those families of our parish. May the children's reception of Our Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time be a moment of great spiritual joy that will never leave them.

**May our love for the merciful Jesus always bring about great devotion in our hearts! Fr Philip**

**From Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 16:**



In the Gospel of Luke, we find another important element that will help us live the Jubilee with faith. Luke writes that Jesus, on the Sabbath, went back to Nazareth and, as was his custom, entered the synagogue. They called upon him to read the Scripture and to comment on it. The passage was from the Book of Isaiah where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and

freedom to those in captivity; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." A 'year of the Lord's favour' or 'mercy': this is what the Lord proclaimed and this is what we wish to live now. This Holy Year will bring to the fore the richness of Jesus's mission echoed in the words of the prophet: to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed. The preaching of Jesus is made visible once more in the response of faith which Christians are called to offer by their witness. May the words of the Apostle accompany us: he who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Sam Carter and Amelia Welsh who will be baptised this weekend.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to Niall Connolly and Franca Cacciatore married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

**DARREL DIVERS RIP** of Fairfield Drive, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **His funeral will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.** *May he rest in peace.*

**JUNE, MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART:** some of the newly printed copies of the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are still available alongside the entrance doors in the porch for you to take to display and honour in your homes.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting June 17<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 19<sup>th</sup> June** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

**THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION** will be held in the church **Friday 1<sup>st</sup>–Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** from 7/8am–9pm. There will be an opportunity to watch and pray for some of the 40 hours of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **There will be a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the Sunday after 11.15am Mass,** and Benediction at 8.45pm on each of the three evenings. More details to follow soon.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** (England's major shrine to Our Lady) will be on **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July** with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. A 57-seater coach leaves the church at 8am and will depart from Walsingham at 4.30pm. The day includes Mass, Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and Benediction. The cost of the coach will be £14 and you will need to bring a packed lunch. To attend, please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church. **ONLY 17 PLACES LEFT!**

**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. I would like to gauge interest from parishioners for this trip next year. 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, Roberto Piacentini, Helen & Michael Sherman, Annette Pinto, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini, Marina Morris & Michael Foley.*

**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/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:** a practice will be held on **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm** for the children receiving their first Holy Communion on Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June. Practice on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June 11.30am for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion on Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June. All children must attend their practice, so that they know what to do. The **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** at 11.15am Mass when all First Communicants from both weeks return in their First Communion outfits for the Mass. **If you are a prayer partner, please collect a card from the back of church.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June and Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July 7.30-9.00pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To book onto the course, please contact the presbytery.

**CONFIRMATION 2017:** Fr Philip wishes to see each candidate (in next year's year 9 or above) and a parent for a short chat (20–30 minutes) before the summer. **Applications will close for this programme on 8<sup>th</sup> July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30–6.00pm on the following days: 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June.



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

**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.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** is holding its annual summer fete on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 11-1.30pm**. There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, tombolas, arts and crafts, refreshments and much more. Entry £1 – all welcome!

### YOUNG PEOPLE

**BROWNIES** will be serving afternoon tea in the presbytery garden on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June** from 1-4pm. Tickets are £5 and a selection of teas and freshly baked cakes and scones will be served. This is a Brownie fundraising event and we would love to see you there! To purchase tickets, please contact Maria on 449209.

**GUIDES** need some female help on Thursdays from 7.30-9pm at Roselands Scout Hut. If you

can help, please contact Siobhan Pegram on 07788-585078.

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**BROXBOURNE FOODBANK** need help on **30<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July** at Tesco Cheshunt (The Pond), Tesco Brookfield and Tesco Waltham Abbey. If you can help, even for an hour, please contact Elaine Batten 01992.428926 email volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his house visits on Wednesday afternoon to see parishioners in homes in: Stanstead Road.

**THE COLUMBAN MISSION APPEAL:** Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the appeal. The total raised was £629.66.

**PARISH BBQ:** The BBQ will be held on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm** with live music and a bouncy castle for the children. 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. The forms must be returned to the presbytery with your money by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 12 noon, so that we can order the food.** 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 4th July. Thanks for your support.

**200 CLUB:** The winner for June was No. 157 Mr and Mrs D McCallum. Congratulations!

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

**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: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June ST BARNABAS, Apostle</b> 10am Mass <i>Anne Kelly's Intentions</i>	<b>PAGE 96 in the Mass books</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Samuel 12: 7–10, 13 <i>The Lord forgives your sin; you are not to die.</i> <b>Psalm 31 — Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.</b>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Galatians 2: 16, 19–21 <i>I live now, not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.</i> <b>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia.</b>
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> June 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Maria Vasile RIP 1st anniv.</i> ‡	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 7: 36–8:3 <i>Her many sins have been forgiven, or she would not have shown such great love.</i> <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 3 (p. 66) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> Euch. Pr. no. 1 (p. 18)
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, Priest &amp; Dr</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick Kelly RIP</i>	<b>Next Week's Readings</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <b>1st Reading:</b> Zechariah 12: 10–11, 13:1 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Galatians 3: 26–29 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 9: 18–24
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish in thanks for all help and support to Kitty O'Rourke RIP during her time in the parish.</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 any other time.
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Geoffrey &amp; Betty Everett RIP — followed by coffee in crypt</i>	<b>ROSARY</b> Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Angela Coffey's intentions</i>	<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.
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon <b>Funeral Darrel Divers RIP</b>	<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>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> 10am Mass <i>David Hale RIP</i>	<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>John Teeling RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>John Woolsgrove RIP</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass 5.00pm Holy Hour ‡	
<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>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt	<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Prayer group, church

**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.*