

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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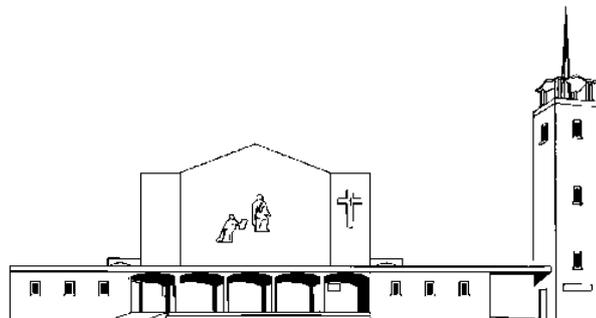
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CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI

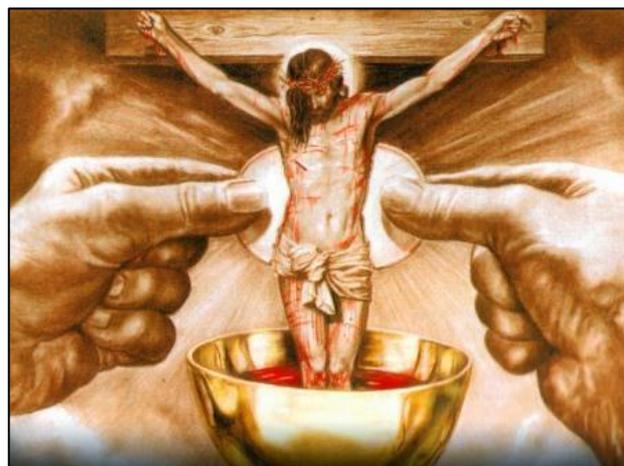
29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016

GOSPEL: Luke 9: 11–17

*They all ate as much as they wanted.*

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

**THE FEAST TODAY OF CORPUS CHRISTI ('THE BODY OF CHRIST')** is the next feast in the sequence following on from Easter. We adore Jesus, truly present in His great gift to the Church of the Blessed Eucharist — His Body & Blood — that He offers to us in this great Sacrament. In a profound and beautiful chant of the Church, *O Sacrum Convivium*, the Holy Eucharist is praised in these words: ***O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory to us is given. Alleluia!***



**WE WELCOME TODAY, FOR HIS MISSION APPEAL, FR JIM FLEMING** of the Columban Missionaries. The Columban Fathers were founded in Ireland in 1916 and their first mission was to China. The primary aim of the Columbans is inculturation of the Gospel: they engage in reconciliation, dialogue and building relationships between peoples of different faiths, cultures and ideologies. In order to do this effectively they strive to read the signs of the times through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, willing to take the risks of meeting the challenges that confront them. Please welcome Fr Jim, and do give generously to his appeal.

**MY HOMILIES ON THE POPE'S APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION AMORIS LAETITIA** will continue next weekend with the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the document, 'Love in Marriage.' In this chapter the Pope opens up the riches of the famous 'Hymn to Love' by St Paul in 1 Corinthians 13. If you wish to read ahead then go to the Vatican's website (<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html> — click on the tab marked 'Amoris Laetitia').

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM (SAT 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY).** This is the first diocesan pilgrimage to England's national shrine to Our Lady for many years, and Cardinal Vincent is keen that we support this revived tradition strongly. Catholics from across the whole diocese will be converging on 'England's Nazareth' in Norfolk for this day of prayer. We have a coach going from the parish (details inside Newsletter) and a sign-up sheet in the porch. Please sign up now!

**May the miracle and gift of the Holy Eucharist fill us with wonder at God's love! Fr Philip**

**From *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 15:**



It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the **corporal and spiritual works of mercy**. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these **corporal works of mercy**: to feed the hungry, give drink to

the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the **spiritual works of mercy**: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**COLUMBAN MISSION APPEAL:** Fr Jim Fleming SSC will be visiting the parish this weekend and making an appeal on behalf of the Columban Missionaries.

**ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER** will not take place this week whilst Fr Philip is away.

**BANK HOLIDAY MASS** on **Monday** will be at **10am**. The church will be closed after Mass.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

**LATIN MASS:** The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm **next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**.

**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.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** (England's major shrine to Our Lady) will be on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July** with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. There will be a 57-seater coach leaving the church at 8am and departing 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. If you would like to attend, please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church. **HALF THE SEATS ARE ALREADY TAKEN!**

**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 & 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:** The final meeting for parents will be on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm**. The final session for children will be on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**.

**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.

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

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

**THE PASSAGE** is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in the kitchen during breakfast and lunch services for homeless people (regular weekly commitment). Please get in touch [volunteering@passage.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@passage.org.uk) or 020-7592-1863. Full details can be found on their website [www.passage.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.passage.org.uk/volunteering).

### MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will resume his house visits once he returns from Lourdes.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** gifts and cards are now available to buy from the church shop. Please do pop in and have a browse around.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HODDESDON** will be hosting The Big Picnic on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** from 11am-4pm at the Broxbourne Recreation Ground. All are welcome!

**ISABEL HOSPICE:** Collectors are needed for Tesco, Brookfield on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June** from 10-4pm. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Ellen on 464677.

**NEW EXTRA CHAIRS:** We have purchased 100 'extra' chairs for use in the church on special busy occasions, and these will be stored by the church in the old confessionals. This will relieve the problem of having to carry chairs up from the crypt, which is a health-and-safety hazard. The total cost is nearly £3,000 and if anyone would like to make a donation towards this, please contact the Presbytery. Thank you.

**NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN** will be held 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July at High Leigh Conference Centre. This is a great way to grow in your Christian Faith! This year David Payne, and Fr. Mark White are the key speakers. Eucharist, sport, relaxation and a bar are included. For further information go to [www.harvesters.org.uk](http://www.harvesters.org.uk). Contact Tony Barrell 01992 442430.

**AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE:** The Knights of St Columba are organising a coach to pick up from church at 8am on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June**. The cost is £15 and school children £6. For further info or to book a place, please contact Richard Collison on 440968.

**ELGAR'S 'THE KINGDOM'** will be performed on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased on the door or from Anne Byrne 467097.

**BARN DANCE** will be held at Wodson Park Sports Centre, Ware on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** from 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 including lasagne supper. All funds raised will be in support of the building the new parish centre at Sacred Heart, Ware. For tickets, contact Tony/Jean Stavrou on 01920-411658 [tony.stavrou@ntlworld.com](mailto:tony.stavrou@ntlworld.com).

**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:** Cheryl Holbourn, Mima Salvo, Mirella DiChiara, Josie Warren and Barbara Wright. Thank you!

### PRAYER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate  
me.  
Water from the side of  
Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within Your wounds hide me.  
Let me not be separated from You.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
At the hour of my death call me  
And bid me come to You  
That with Your saints I may praise you  
For ever and ever. Amen



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> 10am Mass <i>Donato Fonzo RIP</i>	<b>PAGE 83 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 14: 18–20 <i>He brought bread and wine.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>Psalm 109 — You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.</b>
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> May CORPUS CHRISTI</b> 9.15am <i>Mary &amp; John Hayden RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> †	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 11: 23–26 <i>Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death.</i>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> 10am Mass <i>Marcella O'Doherty's intentions</i> <b>PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</b>	<b>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.</b>
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup> May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Kenneth Parker RIP Anniv</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 9: 11–17 <i>They all ate as much as they wanted.</i>
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June ST JUSTIN, Martyr</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Deceased members of Lee-Lozone Family</i> <i>— followed by coffee in crypt</i>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Holy Eucharist I or II (p. 65) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> ad lib.
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> NO Mass	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b> (NO Abstinence from meat today, as solemn feastday) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Thomas Murphy</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Andrea &amp; Rosalinda Cattini</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Kings 17: 17–24 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Galatians 1: 11–19 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 7: 11–17
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b> 10am Mass <i>Michael 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>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Bernadette Munday RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv</i>  <b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Daniel &amp; Ellen White RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Calogero Nicastro RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	<b>ROSARY</b> Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
<p style="text-align: center;">* 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 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>REGULAR EVENTS</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>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>

**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.*