

# The Announcer

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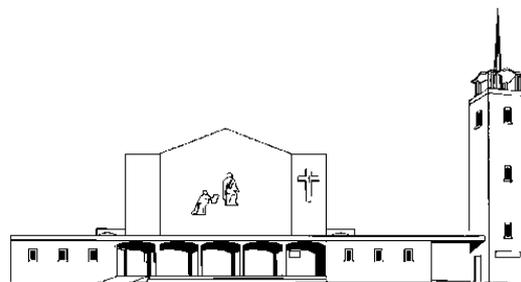
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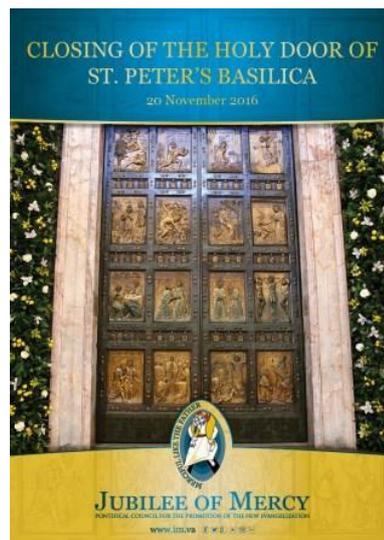
CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

Luke 23: 35-43 – *Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

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

THE JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY 2015/16 comes to a close this weekend with the feast of Christ the King, and the Holy Door of St Peter's basilica will be symbolically closed and sealed up this Sunday, to be opened again in the next Holy Year, whenever that is – maybe not until 2025. The feast of Christ the King is a beautiful way to end each Church year: it reminds us of the triumph of our Lord and Saviour, and His majesty, the fact that all things are ultimately His, and that our happiness lies in being firmly in His Kingdom. We hear in the Gospel of this feast day the mercy that continually springs forth from the Lord on His throne of glory, the Cross, as He offers to the repentant thief the promise of paradise.

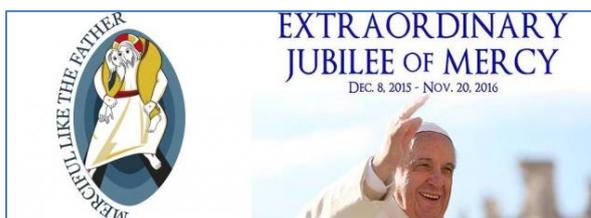


THE CATHOLIC CHARITY, 'AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED,' is participating in an important event in London this Wednesday evening, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. It's called 'Red Wednesday' and is a chance to pray for all Christians and others, who give their lives for their peacefully-held beliefs. The Cathedral will be floodlit in red, as will Westminster Abbey. Holy Mass is available in Westminster Cathedral 5.30-6.30pm; everyone else to gather in the Cathedral piazza from 6pm for a **6.30pm start**. Alongside music and films, there are invited speakers; it ends at 7.20pm.

NEXT WEEKEND, AS WE BEGIN OUR ADVENT SEASON, we will have our annual charity fair in the church crypt after each of the Masses: it's a lovely way to purchase some charity Christmas cards etc., and to enter into the spirit of the season of Advent. It's a time when we should not only be thinking of ourselves – our own practical preparations for Christmas – but also to be reaching out: how are others spending Christmas? ... whom should I be inviting for Christmas who might otherwise be alone? ... how can I contribute to charities in my Christmas spending?

**May the Lord bless all who have entered into the Year of Mercy with His grace! Fr Philip**

**Pope Francis, from *Misericordiae Vultus*, 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 ... 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** Evelyn Tarsey and Herbert Biles who will be baptised this weekend.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Dec 16<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 **this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov**, with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**LIVING JESUS**, the diocesan faith-sharing resource is now available to buy from the back of the church for £2.00. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

**"THE BIG PICTURE"**: An inspiring step-by-step, easy-to-use guide through the Bible, 6 sessions on Old Testament, 6 sessions on New Testament, starts on the **10<sup>th</sup> January 2017** in the crypt at 7.30pm. More details to follow!

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION:** **This weekend** our parish will take a collection to help support the elderly and infirm priests after a lifetime of service. Your gift helps defray the costs the Diocese bears in fulfilling its lifetime commitment to these men for their housing, medical, convalescence, companionship and spiritual support needs. Please be generous. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

**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 to register your interest. Final call for pilgrims – **we need your names a.s.a.p.** Already about 30 have asked to come.

### 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, Giovanna Scozzaro.*

**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/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, Rev Anthony Curran 01438-285138 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017**

## CATECHETICS

**'SYCAMORE':** Fr Philip is showing a DVD series called 'Sycamore' on **Wednesdays at 10.15am** after coffee in the crypt. Dates are 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome! This week's theme: **"The meaning of love."**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The second part of the current course will be held on **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7.30pm–9pm** in the church.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION COURSE:** Tuesday evenings, continues on **22<sup>nd</sup> November (8–9.30pm)**.

**CONFIRMATION 2017:** The next session will be on **28<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.15–8.45pm** in the crypt for **candidates only**. Candidates will need to have read chapter 8 of the Gospel of Mark. **We have slightly adjusted the times of the Confirmation Masses on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 1.15pm and 4pm. However, the numbers for each Mass are very unbalanced. About 10 candidates need to swap from 1.15pm to 4pm.** If no one does this voluntarily, then we may have to use a ballot to decide on the allocation.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The third meeting for parents will be on **Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 8–9pm** in the crypt. The third session for children will be on **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 6–7.30pm**. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 'PRAYER PARTNERS'** are needed for all the children on the First Holy Communion programme. A prayer partner prays for a child whilst they are preparing to make their Communion. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name in capital letters on the blue list at the back of the church. **Could parents please ensure that the children do not sign the blue prayer partner list instead of the register.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MASS OF ENROLMENT - Next weekend** at all Masses, we will formally welcome onto the programme those children preparing for their First Holy Communion. We will pray for them and hear them commit themselves to their course.



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

**CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2017:** Applications are now open for both St Augustine's and St Cross Schools. Please ensure that you apply to both schools as 60 Reception places are available. Application packs are available from the school offices. Please do not forget to also apply online to Herts CC. **The primary-school 'Catholic practice' register has now finished.**

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is holding a Sixth-Form Open Evening on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 6-8pm.**

**ST MARY'S ADMISSIONS AUTHORITY** has decided to consult on their admission arrangements for Sept 2018. The consultation runs from 14<sup>th</sup> Nov to 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2016. They invite responses to the admissions policy and paperwork which can be found on the website - [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net), clicking on the tab Admissions/Consultation-September 2018 or alternatively clicking on the link: <http://www.stmarys.net/admissions/consultation-september-2018/>

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** is holding a Christmas Fayre on **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.30-6.30pm.** There will be various Christmas stalls, Father Christmas, refreshments and much more. All welcome!

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND** will be held on the **26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November** in the crypt. There will be Christmas cards on sale and many other stalls together with Santa's grotto, a raffle and refreshments. Volunteers are needed to help with the raffle on Sat evening and if you can help, please contact Judy Livingstone 469172. **We would be grateful for any raffle prizes - please leave your donations at the presbytery. Thank you.**

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will be visiting parish homes in the following roads this Monday & Wednesday afternoons: Winford Drive, Woolmans Close, Lammasmead, Silverfield, Buryholme, Berners Way.

**QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of the Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** in the crypt. £5 per head, payable on the night. Bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table.

**ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** Singers are needed on **26<sup>th</sup> Nov from 1-2pm** at the Clock Tower, Hoddesdon. If you can help, please ring John Roberts on 445667. There will be Carols in the High Street on **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 11am and collectors are urgently needed. Please contact Ellen on 464677.

**CHURCH CLEANERS** are **urgently needed** to help clean the church for just one hour per month. Help is needed on Wednesday mornings/afternoons and Thursday mornings. If you can help, please do contact the presbytery **as soon as possible.**

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Michele & Pelle De Luca, & Kathleen Connors. Thank you for your help!

**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: 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>PAGE 167 in the Mass books</b>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Samuel 5: 1–3 <i>They anointed David king of Israel.</i>
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Nov CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING</b> 9.15am** <i>Bert Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour †	<b>Psalm 121 — I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 1: 12–20 <i>He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves.</i>
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov PRESENTATION OF BL VIRGIN MARY</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Gospel Accl: <b>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.</b>
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> November ST CECILIA, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 23: 35–43 <i>Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.</i>
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in crypt	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Christ the King (p. 68) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> November ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC, Martyr</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 2: 1–5 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 13: 11–14 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 24: 37–44
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</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>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</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>For the Parish</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>Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Nov FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 9.15am** <i>Pietro DiLeto RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> †	<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.
<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>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 8pm Adult Confirmation	<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, 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.*