

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

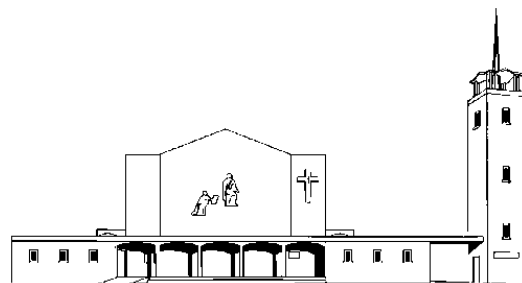
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Luke 18: 9-14 – *The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

TODAY WE MARK, AROUND THE CATHOLIC WORLD, 'WORLD MISSION SUNDAY' in a conscious effort to reach out with our hearts and minds to the missionary task of the Church. Great parts of the Church are impoverished, and are in need of our support to help them to grow. We acknowledge this each year on this Sunday, and next week we will

take our annual collection in support of the work of *Missio* in this regard. The Church at all times must be missionary in its outlook. From the very first – from the apostles themselves – the Church has been about spreading the Gospel to ever new peoples, allowing them to receive a new life in Christ. Even though the Catholic Church numbers 1.3bn souls, and in total worldwide Christians make up about 2bn, yet that still leaves 5bn of the world's population who are ignorant of Christ. The missions deserve our support in this vital world of building up the faith globally, and we must never forget that the Church is *one family* in Christ. You might like to visit the website of *Missio* in the UK, and learn more about how we lend our prayer support, and financial contributions, to the Church abroad: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk).

ALSO, PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE TWO PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGNS that I mentioned last week: (i) Regarding more stringent screening for Down's Syndrome, there is the campaign "Don't Screen us Out." <http://donscreenusout.org/>. (ii) And second, regarding a new Bill in the Lord's brought by Lord Shinkwin, himself disabled: a campaign "All are Equal," to reverse the horrific practice of aborting disabled babies right up to the age of birth. <http://allequal.org.uk/>. Both campaigns have opportunities for you to e-mail our MP, Mr Charles Walker, to express your desire to see the reversal of discriminatory practices aimed at killing the unborn child.

May the Lord bless us as we live and spread our faith in God's love for us!

Fr Philip

Pope Francis, from his homilies in this 'Holy Year of Mercy.' (3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016)



In God's mercy, all of our infirmities find healing. His mercy, in fact, does not keep a distance: it seeks to encounter all forms of poverty and to free this world of so many types of slavery. Mercy desires to reach the wounds of all, to heal them. Being *apostles of mercy* means touching and soothing the wounds that today afflict the bodies and souls of many of our brothers and sisters. Curing these wounds, we profess Jesus, we make him present and alive; we allow others, who touch his mercy with their own hands, to recognize him as "Lord and God," as did the Apostle Thomas. This is the mission that he entrusts to us. So many people ask to be *listened to and to be understood*. The Gospel of mercy, to be proclaimed and written in our daily lives, seeks people with patient and open hearts, "good Samaritans" who understand compassion and silence before the mystery of each brother and sister. The Gospel of mercy requires generous and joyful servants, people who love freely without expecting anything in return.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Freya Martin who will be baptised this weekend.

**ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER:** There will be no Adoration or Morning Prayer next week whilst Fr Philip is away on a Conference Mon-Fri. There will be Mass at 9.15am (noon Fri) as usual, thanks to Fr Michael Stewart.

**CATHERINE STOCKWELL RIP** of Taveners Way, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Wednesday 2nd November at 12 noon.** *May she rest in peace.*

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is this Sunday, a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Through *Missio*, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to this work. Your donations will support the work of missionaries, like those in Rwanda. The envelopes are attached to the newsletter and **the annual special collection will be taken next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY** is **Tuesday 1st November** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be at 9.30am with both schools, 12 noon and 8pm. Ministers of Holy Communion and readers are needed. If you can help, please sign your name on the lists at the back of church.

**NOVEMBER LIST OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are now available alongside the newsletters. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

**NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT THE CEMETERY:** Fr Philip will lead the annual visit to the cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at 3pm.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Nov 18<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 20<sup>th</sup> Nov**, with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**YEAR OF MERCY:** On **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at **3pm** there will be the service for the closing of the Holy Door at St Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph at Waltham Cross. All are welcome!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome!  
**Next week's theme: "can we trust the Bible and the Christian Tradition?"**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Fri 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7.30pm-9pm** in

the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Tuesday evenings, **beginning 8<sup>th</sup> November** (8–9.30pm). Fr Philip will be running a 2-month adult Confirmation programme, with a view to participating in the ceremony of Confirmation at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 at the 6pm Mass. Please make yourself known to Fr Philip regarding this course a.s.a.p.

**CONFIRMATION 2017:** The next session will be on **31<sup>st</sup> Oct at 7.15-8.45pm** in the crypt for **candidates and parents**. Candidates will need to have read chapter 6 of the Gospel of Mark

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The second meeting for parents will be on **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 8–9pm** in the crypt. The second session for children will be on **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 6–7.30pm**.



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 looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2017, then you need to continue to sign the weekly sign-in-sheet. On this basis Fr Philip will be in a better position to judge whether he can issue the Certificate you ask for. No new applications now possible. **The secondary school register has now finished for Year 6s.**

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** is actively seeking a proactive Foundation Governor that

specialises in Human Resource matters, as well as a number of other Foundation Governors. To be considered as a governor you must be Catholic and be committed to putting the children's welfare at the forefront of everything you do at the school. They are specifically looking for someone from a HR background that is from the local community. If you are interested, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs. Gillian Napier (01992-463549) or the Chair of Governors, Adam Tackley (07852-167935).

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** has its open days on the **17<sup>th</sup> November** at 9.30am and on the **22<sup>nd</sup> November** at 2.30pm for all new 2017 reception parents. Please do allow time to park as there is no room to park in the school car park.

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**TRAIDCRAFT:** The Autumn catalogues are at the back of the church. If you would like to place an order for Christmas through me please let me know by 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. Maria Hunt 07790-453378/01992-421048 or e-mail address [maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com](mailto:maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com).

**NIGHT SHELTERS** for homeless people were set up last year in churches in Haringey and Enfield and will run again this year. Holy Trinity in Bishops Stortford aims to host guests from December 5<sup>th</sup> to the end of Feb. If you would like to be involved, or would like to find out more you can attend various training sessions: Haringey starts 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, training will be held at Holy Innocents Church, Hornsey on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at 12.30pm. Please contact Dave Lee on 07766-280058 or [davelee51@sky.com](mailto:davelee51@sky.com) or email Linda Turton [linda.turton@bluyonder.co.uk](mailto:linda.turton@bluyonder.co.uk). To help at Bishops Stortford on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, please contact [megan.lowe@salvationarm.org.uk](mailto:megan.lowe@salvationarm.org.uk). If you would like to have a chat about the shelters, please contact Judith Lloyd-Jones at [judithlloydjones@btinternet.com](mailto:judithlloydjones@btinternet.com).

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will be resuming his house visits in Broxbourne after half term.

**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: 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 22nd October POPE ST JOHN PAUL II</b> 10am Mass <i>Callum O'Grady's Intentions</i>	<p align="center"><b>PAGE 155 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiasticus 35: 12–14, 16–19  <i>The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.</i></p> <p><b>Psalms 33 — <i>This poor man called; the Lord heard him.</i></b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 4: 6–8, 16–18  <i>All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <b>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia.</b></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 18: 9–14  <i>The publican went home at rights with God, the Pharisee did not.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 6 (p. 67)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p align="center"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Wisdom 11: 22–12: 2  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Thessalonians 1: 11–2:2  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 19: 1–10</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <b>Eileen Carolan RIP Anniv</b> <b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <b>Justina Ogbodu RIP</b> 11.15am <b>For the Parish</b> ‡	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b>            Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am            or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p align="center"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p>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 align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p align="center"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick Walsh's intentions</i>	
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Laurence McDonnell RIP</i>	
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9.15am Mass <b>Giuseppe &amp; Maria-Teresa DiStefano RIP</b> — <i>followed by coffee in crypt</i>	
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> NO Mass	
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct SS SIMON &amp; JUDE, Apostles</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <b>Vincent Byrne RIP</b>	
<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Oct BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE</b> 10am Mass <i>Adam Daynes's Intentions</i>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <b>Rosalia Dilena RIP</b> <b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <b>Patrick White RIP Anniv</b> 11.15am <b>For the Parish</b> ‡	
<p align="right">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <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)</p>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</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.*