

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

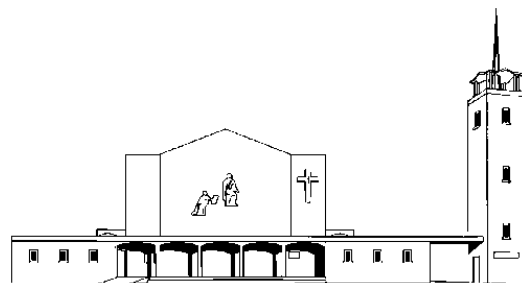
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Year C      **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**      **9TH OCTOBER 2016**

Luke 17: 11-19 — *No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.*

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

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**, and an ideal opportunity to re-engage with this most beautiful of prayers. As well as the decade which we are offering before each Sunday Mass this month, it would be good for each of us to take up our rosaries also at home — or in other prayer time — and ask for the intercession of Our Lady through this most powerful prayer.

The Holy Rosary has been in existence since at least the days of St Dominic (1170-1221) who promoted it widely during his ministry of preaching. Many wonderful miracles have been wrought through the rosary, and indeed the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary occurs on the anniversary of a famous sea battle (the Battle of Lepanto) in 1571 against anti-Christian forces. In preparation for this battle, one of the greatest naval battles of Roman Christendom, the Pope, St. Pius V, (himself a Dominican friar) ordered that the holy rosary be prayed throughout the length and breadth of Christendom. As a result, the feast of Our Lady of Victories (later our Lady of the Rosary) was instituted by the popes to be celebrated on October 7<sup>th</sup> for an everlasting memory of this great victory. Let's pray this rosary with great fervour throughout October.



**CONTINUING THE MARIAN THEME** — we have the **meeting here this Wednesday (7pm)** for all those who have expressed interest in coming next May on the deanery pilgrimage to Fatima. Even if you have not yet signed up for the pilgrimage, if you have any interest in coming, or even if you just want to learn something about Fatima, please come to the meeting this week.

**PARENTS OF YEAR-6 CHILDREN:** don't forget to be thinking strongly of placing St Mary's Catholic Secondary School as your no. 1 choice of school on the county submission: it is being allowed an extra class of Year 7s next autumn, so hopes to be able to admit any and every Catholic child into St Mary's.

**May the Lord keep us close to His Blessed Mother, and so close to Himself!**

**Fr Philip**

**From Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 25:**



The Church is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ. From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends. The profundity of the mystery surrounding it

is as inexhaustible as the richness which springs up from it.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**OCTOBER ROSARY:** In October, the month of the Rosary, Fr Philip will lead one decade of the Rosary five minutes before each Saturday evening and Sunday Mass.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Olivia Ferraro and Sofia Castiglione, baptised this weekend. We also welcome Breege Cormack whose baptism took place in Ireland.

**MONDAY:** There will be no Adoration or Morning Prayer, but there will be Mass at 9.15am as usual.

**DESIREE PONAMBALUM RIP** died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon.** *May she rest in peace.*

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct**, with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**REQUIEM MASS FOR SR MARION:** on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**, Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sister Marion Connaughty, former Headteacher of St Cross. The whole school community will be attending the Mass at 10.45am, which will replace the 12noon Mass that Friday. St Cross schoolchildren will be involved in the readings, bidding prayers and music, as we pray for, and give thanks for, Sister Marion and the Sisters of Our Lady's legacy to St Cross school. All past pupils and families, staff and governors of St Cross are warmly invited to come to this Mass, along with current school families and friends. On return to school, after lunch there will be a celebratory afternoon where the children will remember the significance of the Sisters of Our Lady in the history of St Cross. There will be an 'open afternoon' so any visitors will be warmly welcome to come along to St Cross School. Teas and coffee will be available. We hope to see many of you there.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Oct 21<sup>st</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!

**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. We need **very soon** to give numbers to the Pilgrimage operator, **so we need your names a.s.a.p.** Already 29 people have asked to come. **There will be a meeting for pilgrims on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm which will begin in the presbytery and then move to the crypt at 7.30pm.** Adrian Duffy from Northern Star Travel will give a general talk on the Pilgrimage and answer any questions people may have.

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

## CATECHETICS

**'SYCAMORE':** Fr Philip will be showing a DVD series called 'Sycamore' on **Wednesdays at 10.15am** after coffee in the crypt. Dates are 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, Oct; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome! **This week's theme: "The Holy Spirit in our lives."**

**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 **17<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.15-8.45pm** in the crypt for **candidates only**. Candidates will need to have read chapter 5 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 first session for children will be on **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> October 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.

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### 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 AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** will be holding an open day for new Reception and Nursery September 2017 parents. There are 2 sessions on **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 10-11am and 2-3pm. Each session will include a guided tour and a presentation on children's learning.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** will be holding a coffee morning on **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Oct** from 10-11.50am and 1.30-3.00pm. All funds are in aid of 'Join Our Boys' which raises money for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** invite you to their Harvest Tea on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at 1.30pm**. Entertainment will be provided by year 6. Please RSVP to the school on 467309.

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY** was last **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct** and the **Fast Day envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will be collected after Mass this weekend.**

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will be hoping to visit parish homes this Wednesday afternoon in the following roads: Grosvenor Road, Bell Lane, Baas Lane, Carnaby Road.

**ISABEL HOSPICE COLLECTION:** My sincere thanks to all the collectors; Mary K, Kathy G, Pauline C, Michele DL & Diane and Sandra. The total collected was £476.13. Ellen B.

**200 CLUB WINNER** is Mr and Mrs Wright, number 20. Congratulations!

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** More cleaners are urgently needed to help on the Wednesday morning team for just one hour per month. If you can help, please do contact the presbytery.

**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> & 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> 10am Mass <i>Lampard Family intentions</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 149 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Kings 5: 14–17  <i>Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 97</b> — <i>The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 2: 8–13  <i>If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 17: 11–19  <i>No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr no. 4 (p. 31)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 17: 8–13  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 3: 14–4:2  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 18: 1–8</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> <b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Mary &amp; Michael Lawlor</i> 11.15am <i>Nicola Barone RIP</i> ‡	
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Tony Keane RIP</i>	
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> October POPE ST JOHN XXIII</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Michele Marioni</i>	
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> October ST WILFRID, Bishop</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Anne Smith &amp; Mary Dineen</i> — followed by coffee in crypt	
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> October ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR</b> NO Mass	
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon <b>Funeral</b> <i>Desiree Ponambalum RIP</i>	
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> October ST TERESA OF AVILA, Virgin &amp; Dr</b> 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Re RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b>            Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP anniv.</i>	
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Annie Doyle RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡ 5.00pm Holy Hour	
<p style="text-align: center;">* <b>Vigil Mass of Sunday</b>            ** <b>With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</b>            ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 10th</b> 6.00pm 1st HC session, crypt	<b>Wed 12th</b> 6.00pm 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.*