

# The Announcer

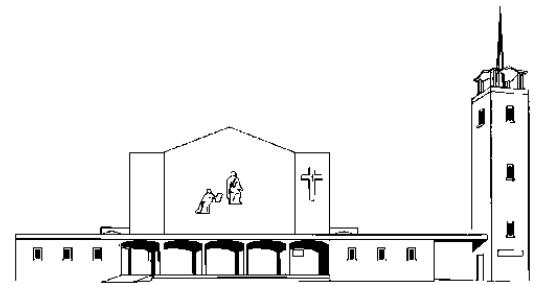
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year A**

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's**, this 21st Sunday in Ordinary time we mediate on Peter's proclamation of faith.

Having stayed with his disciples at an opportune time Jesus tests his disciples with a crucial question: *Who do people say the son of Man is and you who do you say I am?* Jesus was widely recognised in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was *the Christ, the Son of the living God*. Peter's perfect answer earned him the title rock, which is one of the greatest of compliments.

Through faith, Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to recognise Jesus as the *Anointed One, Messiah and Christ* and the *only begotten Son of God*. Because of Peter's proclamation of faith and recognising Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus then confers on Peter's authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a church that no powers would overcome because it is founded on the rock which is Christ himself. For Christ is a rock which is never disturbed or worn away. Therefore, Peter gladly received his name from Christ to signify the established and unshaken faith of the church. I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

The very keys of the kingdom of the heavens have been handed down so that one whom he has bound on earth has been bound in heaven, and one whom he has set free on earth he has also set free in heaven. The Lord Jesus offers us the gift of unshakeable faith, enduring hope and unquenchable love and the joyful boldness to proclaim him as the one true Saviour who brings us the kingdom of God both now and forever. Who do you say he is to yourself and to your neighbour? Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "Jesus is my all and everything" and who is Jesus for you?

**Farewell: My heartfelt gratitude to Fr Philip who has invited me several times to cover him whilst on pilgrimage and holiday and to all of you for your warm welcome, love and hospitality. May God reward you abundantly.**

**Fr John Baptist**

**Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 21:**



During the "Jubilee for Socially Excluded People", as the Holy Doors of Mercy were being closed in all the cathedrals and shrines of the world, I had the idea that, as yet another tangible sign of this Extraordinary Holy Year, the entire Church might celebrate, on the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the *World Day of the Poor*. This would be the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy. It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart

of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes, there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Sonny Bernstone who will be baptised this weekend.

**ANTONIETTA RANDAZZO RIP** of Dane Mead, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. The funeral will be on **Friday 8th September at 12 noon.**

**CONSTANCE KING RIP** of Stortford Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. The funeral will be on **Friday 15th September at 12 noon.**

**ORSOLA SCIBELLI RIP** of Nightingale Care Home died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Details of the funeral will follow in due course.

**JOHANNA BASS RIP** of Champions Way, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

**PARISH PATRONAL FEAST:** St Augustine's Day (28<sup>th</sup> August) will be celebrated on Bank Holiday Monday at the end of August, with 10am Mass. Assuming the weather is fine, we will then have coffee & cakes in the parish garden.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 1st September.** 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 3rd September.**

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will next take place **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

'**LOVE IN ACTION**' is a program being run in our parish starting in late September. We will hear about how to respond to the needs of society in relation to our faith. Over a period of 6 weeks, there will be a focus in the Mass on the following themes: Dignity, Creation, Solidarity and Peace, Dignity of the Worker, Community

and the Preferential Option for the Poor. After the 6 weeks, workshops will be led to look more closely at these themes and an opportunity for you all to gather and put together your own parish action plan, relating to how you all want to respond to the needs around you.

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Siobhan Fiorentini, Tallulah Scott & Marina Morris.*

**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

**CONFIRMATION 2018:** applications have now closed for next year's Confirmation group. We need to receive the yellow forms back in from those who have applied. We look forward to welcoming you to the next session on the **5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm** in the crypt.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> & Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 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.

"**RCIA**" - 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion). **The course will begin on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.** If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or

is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip as soon as possible. There are **green leaflets** outlining RCIA by the newsletters.



Our fundraising began in 2014, and we have **pledges of c. £185k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £51k.** So far we already have £24k available for our parish project, which is to employ a part-time worker in the area of catechetics and evangelization.

Fr Philip is meeting a possible candidate for this role, who has been recommended to us by the diocesan youth-ministry team. Let's pray that this will come to fruition!

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### 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 2018, or if your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2018, then you need to continue signing the weekly sign-in-sheet in the church porch on the noticeboard. **Please note that the system for applying for a Certificate of Catholic Practice is now closed.**

### MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will visit Westfield Rd, Saffron Close and Cillocks Close on Wednesday afternoon.

**PARISH ACCOUNTANT:** the Parish Finance Committee is delighted to have appointed a new parish bookkeeper, but would still like to know if there is a parishioner with *accounting* experience to volunteer for a specific role on the committee. This would mainly involve keeping the parish financial records on a web-based system, carrying out monthly bank reconciliations and producing annual accounts. This would take up to 3 or 4 hours per month, and there would be some flexibility on where and when it was carried out. Training and support is available. For a job description and to receive more information, please contact the Presbytery.

**PARISH BARBECUE:** Unfortunately, due to

the lack of numbers and unavailability of the band, it has been decided to **cancel the BBQ** this year. We will resume it again next year and will advise you of the date when it has been arranged.

**FR PHILIP** has been in the parish 10 years in October, so to celebrate there will be a shared meal in the crypt on **Saturday 30th September** after the 6.30pm Mass. We hope many parishioners will be able to attend to mark this special occasion. If you are able to bring some **finger food** to share, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church.

**APF RED BOX MEMBERS:** The autumn 2017 Mission Today booklet has now arrived. Please note page 21 as we remember our parishioners Maureen Norman and David Greenall in our prayers. Ellen Bartlett.

**LOST PROPERTY:** A Bonmarche grey cape has been left at the back of the church. Please contact the presbytery.

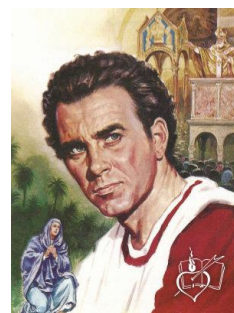
**SUNDAY LUNCH:** Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 3rd, 17th Sept, 1st & 8th Oct.

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

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

**From St Augustine's  
Confessions**

"Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved You! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for You. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which You created. You were with me, but I was not with You. Created things kept me from You; yet if they had not been in You they would not have been at all. You called, You shouted, and You broke through my deafness. You flashed, You shone, and You dispelled my blindness. You breathed Your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for You. I have tasted You, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for Your peace." (bk X, xvii, §38)



<b>Masses this week</b>	<b>Today's Liturgy</b>
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10am Mass <i>Margaret Feury's Intentions</i>	<b>PAGE 120 in the Mass books</b>
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 22: 19-23 <i>I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.</i>
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Margaret &amp; Alan Lawlor</i> 11.15am <i>Cirilo Balmaceda RIP</i> ‡	<b>Psalm 137 — Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 11: 33-36 <i>All that exists come from him; all is by him and for him.</i>
<b>Mon 28th August ST AUGUSTINE, Bishop &amp; Dr</b> 10am Mass <i>Deceased members of Daly &amp; Lee-Lozone families</i>	<b>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Tues 29th Aug THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Brendan McBreaty's Intentions</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 16: 13-20 <i>You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.</i>
<b>Wed 30th August</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe Distefano RIP</i>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> ad lib <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> ad lib
<b>Thurs 31st August</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Constance King RIP</i>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 20: 7-9 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 12: 1-2 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 16: 21-27
<b>Fri 1st September</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Larry O'Neill RIP</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Andy Anderson's Intentions</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11 am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11 am or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i>
<b>Sat 2nd September</b> 10am Mass <i>Mike Archer RIP</i>	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* Toni Randazzo RIP</b>	<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 3rd September 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Orsola Scibelli RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Francesca Crimauo RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</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: center;">* 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>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<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.*