

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

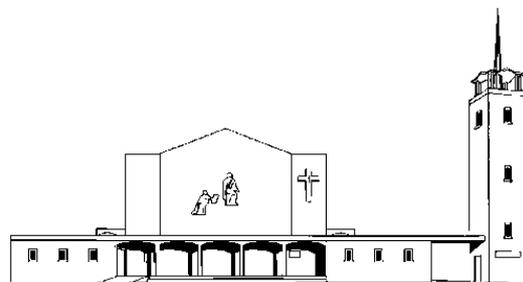
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Year A

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

22ND JANUARY 2017

Matthew 4: 12-23 — *He went out and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEK — 18TH TO 25TH JANUARY — is always designated as the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, as it is a tragedy that baptized Christians have become divided over the centuries into different denominations. This Week of Prayer is an opportunity for us to renew our desire for Christian Unity, the coming-together of all Christians into one global family in Christ. Naturally, we believe that there are certain things that are "from Christ" and which cannot be given up in a 'common denominator' compromise — the true nature of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a case in point — but the Catholic Church is committed to the constant dialogue and co-operation in order to defuse tensions between Christians, and to foster unity.

In our own local area, we have this Sunday the **Service of Prayer for Christian Unity** at St Cuthbert's, in the Rye Road area of the parish (Whitley Road) at 6.30pm. Do come along to join others of our parish to the congregation of our Christian brothers and sisters in Hoddesdon, Broxbourne & Wormley, to pray together and express our common Baptism into Jesus.

I ENJOYED MY CLERGY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, and am grateful to the priests who assisted in coming to celebrate Mass, and to all those parishioners who had to do 'extra' in my absence. I uploaded a few photos of key sites in the Holy Land (Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem) to our parish 'FaceBook' page — if you use FaceBook, go to our parish page (search for @CatholicHoddesdon) for these and other photos and information distributed from the parish.

May we strive and pray for the Christian Unity for which Christ longed!

Fr Philip

Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 4:



We have celebrated [last year] an intense Jubilee Year in which we have received the grace of mercy in abundance. Like a gusting but wholesome wind, the Lord's goodness and mercy have swept through the entire world. Because each of us has experienced at length this loving gaze of God, we cannot remain unaffected, for it changes our lives. We feel the need above all to thank the Lord and to tell him: "Lord, you have been favourable to your land ... You have forgiven the iniquity of your people." So it is. God has subdued our iniquities and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. He no longer remembers them, since he has cast them behind his back. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Crossing



Barriers

www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Oscar, Ben & Alfie Klendjian, baptised this weekend.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will take place on at **5pm this Sunday 22nd January** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE: this year's united service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place **this Sunday (22nd) 6.30pm at St Cuthbert's church**, Whitley Road.

"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, continuing on the **24th Jan 2017** in the crypt at 7.30pm. **See noticeboard in porch.**

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Feb 17th**. 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!

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note that there are currently plenty of spaces to have Masses said on weekdays. Please complete a brown envelope and hand it into the presbytery to request Mass to be offered for an intention.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least made their First Holy Communion, please contact the presbytery.

THE ROTA FOR READERS / MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION for the period February - May 2017 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh (tel. 449282 or e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com) by **Wed 25th Jan** at the latest of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE: The Cardinal invites all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017 to a Mass on **Sat 3rd June at 3pm** at Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please communicate to the presbytery these details: husband's and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and e-mail, or telephone number if no e-mail, by 20th March.

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.

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

BAPTISM COURSE this month finishes **Fri 27th Jan** 7.30-9pm in the church. A course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged.

CONFIRMATION 2017: next session **23rd Jan at 7.15-8.45pm** for **candidates and parents**. Candidates need to have read chs 9 & 10 of the Mark's Gospel. We have slightly adjusted the times of the Confirmation Masses on the **7th May 2017 to 1.15pm and 4pm**. However, the numbers for each Mass are very unbalanced. **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 fifth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 22nd Feb 8-9pm** in the crypt. The fifth session for children will be on **Mon 27th Feb 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

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 will need to apply **immediately** to go on the list for requesting a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' towards the end of 2017. 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.

ST CROSS SCHOOL is holding a quiz night on **Friday 27th January at 7.30pm**. Tickets are £5 each and please bring your own drink and nibbles. You can buy tickets on the night, but to help with the organising, please do e-mail friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk to book a table.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL requires a teacher of ICT and computing for April 2017. For further information, please contact the school on 01279.654901 or e-mail headspa@stmarys.net. Closing date is the 31st January.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of the church **this** weekend.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will begin a new round of his house visits on **Wednesday 25th January** in St Margaret's Road.

CRIB APPEAL: This year the amount collected was £362.97 for the Catholic Children's Society, Westminster. Thank you!

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will be held in the crypt on **24th Jan**, 7th & 21st Feb, 7th & 21st March and 4th April from 12.30-2.30pm. Price £4. All welcome!

REFUGEES: NEXT STEP: Caritas Westminster in partnership with Capital Mass are holding an event relating to the refugee crisis on **Wednesday 1st Feb, 7-9pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN**. This is a chance to hear more about the community sponsorship programme, and an update about the current situation in Syria. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk if you'd like to attend, or search for the events on Eventbrite.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner: **17th to 19th March 2017** at Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415, Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443, e-mail johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

CHURCH CLEANERS are **urgently needed** to help clean the church for just one hour per month. **Help is still needed on Wednesday mornings and afternoons as there are only 2 people on each team.** If you can help, please contact presbytery **as soon as possible**.

CHURCH CLEANING: Maria Manzo and Charmaine Collins. 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: 5th & 19th February.

PRAYER FOR WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed that we may be one in Him. Your Son, Jesus, compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to Your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of Your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with You, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 21st Jan ST AGNES, virgin & martyr 10am Mass <i>John & Johanna Doyle RIP anniv.</i>		PAGE 127 in the Mass books	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Patrick Malone RIP		1st Reading: Isaiah 8: 23–9:3 <i>In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light.</i>	
Sun 22nd Jan 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP 5.00pm Holy Hour ‡		Psalm 26 — The Lord is my light and my help.	
Mon 23rd January 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Cornelius Van Hage RIP anniv.		2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 <i>Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.</i>	
Tues 24th January ST FRANCES DE SALES, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Holy Souls		Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia.	
Wed 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Chrissie Kenny RIP — followed by coffee in crypt		Gospel: Matthew 4: 12–23 <i>He went out and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.</i>	
Thurs 26th January SS TIMOTHY & TITUS, Bishops NO Mass		PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 32) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)	
Fri 27th January ST ANGELA MERICI, Virgin <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12noon Mass Carmelo Ventura RIP		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 4 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sat 28th January ST THOMAS AQUINAS, Priest & Dr 10am Mass Ken Parker RIP		1st Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12–13 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26–31 Gospel: Matthew 5: 1–12	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Theresa Delaney's intentions		SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.	
Sun 29th Jan 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Maria-Teresa Distefano ‡		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday ** 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)		SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK 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.	
REGULAR EVENTS		SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699	
Mon 23rd 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt Tues 24th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	Wed 25th 6pm Brownies, crypt Fri 27th 7.30pm Baptism course, church		

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.*