

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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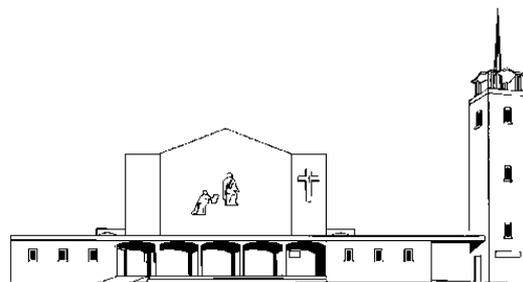
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Year A

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 1-23

*A sower went out to sow.*

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

WE WELCOME TODAY BROTHER ANDREW, A MEMBER OF THE MISSIONARY ORDER, the Sacred Heart Congregation of Betharram, whose origins go back to the south France in the 1830s, and to its founder, St Michael Garicoïts. Their congregation has been given the chance to speak across Westminster diocese this year and to take up the annual mission appeal for missionary orders. We look forward to hearing Br Andrew speak to us at this weekend's Masses, and to learning of their work across the world. Apart from houses in Europe, the Congregation has missions in India, Thailand, Central Africa, Ivory Coast, the Holy Land, and several countries in S. America. Please do be generous with their mission appeal.

I WISH TO THANK THOSE WHO ASSISTED LAST SUNDAY with the Visitation of auxiliary Bishop Paul McAleenan to our parish, and especially to those who contributed to arranging the Sunday lunch. Bishop Paul enjoyed his visit to our parish, and as well as celebrating the Masses, and greeting parishioners over coffee time and lunchtime, he also met members of the Finance Committee, he met the Parish Safeguarding rep., and he visited 4 of our housebound parishioners in their homes.

PLEASE THINK OF COMING ON OUR PARISH DAY TRIP TO STONOR PARK ON 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST. It's a very beautiful house near Henley-on-Thames in Oxfordshire, and is the home of the ancient Catholic family of Lord & Lady Camoys. (<http://www.stonor.com/>) In the 1580s, at the height of the persecution of Catholics after the Reformation, they hid St Edmund Campion, a Jesuit priest newly returned from Rome to the English mission, and it was from his lodging in Stonor House that he printed his defence of the Catholic faith, the *Decem Rationes* ('Ten Reasons'). We will depart the church by coach at 8.30am. We will have Mass in the House chapel, have a guided tour and time for lunch, then transfer to Henley-on-Thames for an hour's boat trip on the River Thames. Parishioners of all ages warmly welcome! Please sign up on the list which is in the church porch. If more than 29 wish to come, we will just request a larger coach!

**May the Lord guide you every day into a deep love of Himself and your neighbour! Fr Philip**

**Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 19:**



Let us make every effort, then, to devise specific and responsible ways of practising charity and the works of mercy. Mercy is inclusive and tends to expand in a way that knows no limits. Hence we are called to give new expression to the traditional works of mercy. For mercy overflows, keeps moving forward, bears rich fruit. It is like the leaven that makes the dough rise (cf. *Mt*13:33), or the mustard seed that grows into a tree (cf. *Lk* 13:19).



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**MISSION APPEAL:** This weekend there will be a Mission Appeal by Brother Andrew of the Sacred Heart Congregation of Betharram.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Ella Alvey who will be baptised this weekend.

**CALOGERO MERULLA RIP** of Kingsfield, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon.**

**MICHAEL SHERMAN RIP** of Winterscroft, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. Details of his funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will next take place **this Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**SCHOOL MASSES:** On **Friday** there will be Mass at 9.30am at St Augustine's School and Mass at 11am at St Cross School. There will therefore be **no 12 noon Mass.**

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting July 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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO STONOR PARK:** Fr Philip will lead a group to Stonor Park near Henley-on-Thames on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August.** Stonor is synonymous with the Catholic struggle throughout the Reformation and is closely associated with St Edmund Campion. He hid at Stonor during the reign of Queen Elizabeth and printed his famous '10 Reasons' from a secret printing press in the roof. The coach will depart from church at 8.30am and there will be Mass at 11am in the Chapel followed by lunch in The Pantry. We will leave Stonor Park at 2.30pm to travel to Henley on Thames for a one hour river cruise at 3.45pm and then return to Hoddesdon. Families and children are most welcome. The price will be around £35 (slight reduction for children and seniors) but this will be confirmed later, once we know numbers. Lunch is **not** included in this price. If you would like to attend, please sign the list in the church porch.

### HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John*

*Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Siobhan Fiorentini, Toni Randazzo, Doreen Willis & 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.

**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.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:** There will be another course starting early in the autumn. Please contact the presbytery for further information. Please note that you need to give at least 6 months' notice to Fr Philip prior to your intended wedding date.



Our fundraising began in 2014, and **we have pledged 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.**

**LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS:** St. Augustine's School is looking to appoint a KS2 and a EYFS trained Learning Support Assistant/Nursery Nurse. Applicants are required to have a Level 2 or above qualification or relevant experience or a Level 3 and full PFA certificate if applying for EYFS. Please contact Mrs Napier, Headteacher via her PA, Carol Branch on 463549.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** are looking for a Deputy Team Leader. You would be responsible for assisting the team leader with supervision of staff, deputise in team leaders absence and have a good understanding of EYFS. Applicants need to be qualified to level 3/4 or equivalent in Early Year's Childcare and Education. Please apply with covering letter and CV to the Under 5's, Charlton Close, EN11 8DR email [staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk). Closing date is 28th July. Job description is available on request.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5s HOLIDAY TIMES:** free play and themed activity days on Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am from the **24<sup>th</sup> July**. Donation of £3 per child and £1 per sibling with under-1s free. This includes a drink and snack. Parents must be responsible for their children and must supervise them at all times.

### JUSTICE & PEACE / PRO-LIFE

**LOVE IN ACTION:** Caritas Westminster will facilitate a special program called 'Love in Action' in this Parish, starting with an introduction evening at **7.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept**. The program is based on Catholic Social Teaching, which is all about how to respond to the needs of the world, in light of

our faith. We hope you can participate, as it is relevant to everyone. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** held in the crypt: dates: **18<sup>th</sup> July** 12.30-2.30pm. Price £4. Anybody & everybody welcome!

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his house visits after his return from Lourdes.

**PARISH BOOK-KEEPER & ACCOUNTANT:** The Parish Finance Committee would like to know if there is a parishioner with book-keeping/accounting experience to volunteer for a specific role on the committee. There are two elements to the work, which could be separated. The first involves essential book-keeping, mainly involving totalling and banking the moneys received, usually on a Monday morning. This would take 2 to 3 hours per week. If anyone would like to take on this particular role the committee would be happy to discuss. The second element mainly involves 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 both elements. For a job description and to receive more information, please contact the Presbytery.

**HODDESDON CEMETERY:** Sadly, some graves were recently vandalised and statues stolen. There will be a meeting at the chapel in the cemetery on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** to discuss security with the police.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** The annual magazine will be on sale at the beginning of September. If you have an article, please do e-mail it or hand it in at the presbytery by **21<sup>st</sup> July**.

**KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDIAN DUO** are giving a concert of Classical and Ukranian music in St Catherine's & St Paul's Church on **3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7.30pm**. For more info, please contact Margaret Byrne on 443351.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah, Laura Harwood & Tony & Linda Barrell. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p><b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July ST BONAVENTURE, Bishop &amp; Dr</b> 10am Mass <b>Vincenzo Loffredo RIP 1st anniv.</b></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b></p> <p><b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <b>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</b> 11.15am <b>Nicola Barone RIP</b> 5.00pm Holy Hour ‡</p>	<p><b>PAGE 102 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 55: 10–11 <i>The rain makes the earth give growth.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 64 — Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 8: 18–23 <i>The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.</i></p>
<p><b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Denis Lynch RIP</b></p> <p><b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Reiss Parker's Intentions</b></p> <p><b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Private Intention</b> — followed by coffee in the crypt <b>12 noon Funeral Calogero Merulla RIP</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Billy Morris RIP</b></p> <p><b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 9.30am Mass at St Augustine's School 11.00am Mass at St Cross School NO 12 noon Mass</p> <p><b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July ST MARY MAGDALENE</b> 10am Mass <b>Caterina Carini RIP</b></p>	<p>Gospel Accl: <b>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 13: 1–23 <i>A sower went out to sow.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Wisdom 12: 13, 16–19 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 8: 26–27 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 13: 24–43</p>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* Luciano &amp; Rosalia DiLena RIP</b></p> <p><b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <b>For the Parish</b> 11.15am <b>Ida D'Onofrio RIP</b> ‡</p>	<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><b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p><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><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><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<p>* 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)</p>	
<p><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p>	
<p><b>Tues 18th</b> 7.30pm 12.30pm lunch club, crypt</p>	<p><b>Fri 21st</b> 7.30pm Prayer group, church</p>

**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.