

The Announcer

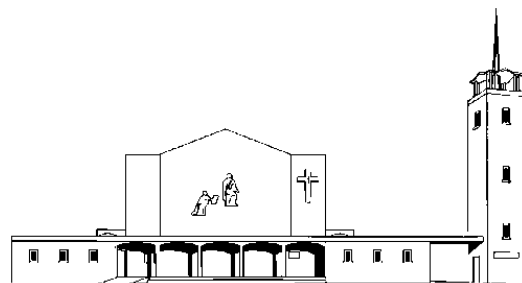
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Year A

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th JUNE 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 26-33

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEK WE HAVE OUR BEAUTIFUL ANNUAL '40 HOURS' ADORATION, so I need you, please, to sign up even for just 30 mins of your time this coming Friday, Saturday or Sunday. **Adoration starts at 7am Fri, 8am Sat/Sun and continue through until 9pm each night.** As the Cardinal said to us in last Sunday's Pastoral Letter, *"In my experience, it takes time spent in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the Body and Blood of the Lord there in front of our eyes, before we realise that in its far depths our Godhead's majesty is softly shining."* PLEASE come and experience this quiet and profound time of prolonged prayer in our church. The sign-up sheets are on the blue board in the porch by the choir-loft stairs, and some helpful information alongside it.

WHEN BISHOP PAUL VISITS IN 2 WEEKS' TIME he wishes to celebrate an initiative in the diocese 'Called to Serve the Sick,' and asks that **all those who are carers** (whether caring for a sick or infirm loved one at home; having to care and visit them in their own home; or working in the healthcare sector as medic, nurse, or any sort of healthcare assistant) **gather at the 11.15am Mass** for a special rite of prayer and blessing. Bp Paul is keen to recognise the crucial contribution made to our society through health workers and family carers, so do endeavour to come to the 11.15am Mass on the Sunday of his visitation, 9th July.

THIS THURSDAY'S FEAST, SS PETER & PAUL, IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, when all Catholics are expected to come to Mass. The Primary School children will all come to the first Mass of the morning. It's an important feast to honour the Prince of the Apostles, and the greatest of the Church's early missionaries, and to pray for the Holy Father and the whole Church.

*** ** SS PETER & PAUL HOLY DAY – Holy Mass at 9.30am, 12noon, 8pm *** **

May the Lord's most Sacred Heart draw us gently into His divine love and mercy! Fr Philip

Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 17:



During the Holy Year, especially on the "Fridays of Mercy", I was able to experience in a tangible way the goodness present in our world. Often it remains hidden, since it is daily expressed in discreet and quiet gestures. Even if rarely publicized, many concrete acts of goodness and tenderness are shown to the weak and the vulnerable, to those most lonely and abandoned. There are true champions of charity who show constant solidarity with the poor and the unhappy. Let us thank the Lord for these precious gifts that invite us to discover the joy of drawing near to human weakness and suffering. I also think with gratitude of the many volunteers

who daily devote their time and efforts to showing God's presence and closeness. Their service is a genuine work of mercy, one that helps many people draw closer to the Church.

PRAYER & LITURGY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Niamh Ainsworth, Alejandra Alvarez, Illaria Babba, Annie Cage, William De Beer, Chisimdy Ezinwa, Aiden Finn, Georgia Fleming, Rebecca Gonsalves, Ellis Hunt, Gene Jaselsky-Love, Zuzanna Kowalska, Joseph Lalomia, Ciara Maclaren, Sofia De La Cruz, Daniela Martorana, Luisa Toscano, Rosa Spinnato, Giuseppe Rubino, Jasmine McCarthy, Christian Wojtkiewicz, Oliver Wojtkiewicz and Danny Whyman.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Harrison John, and Chikara and Chikaomasiri Ezinwa who will be baptised this weekend.

SS PETER & PAUL is on **Thursday 29th June** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be Mass at 9.30am with both schools, 12 noon and 8pm. Ministers of Holy Communion, readers and altar servers are needed. If you can assist, please sign your name on the lists at the back of church.

THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION will be held in the church **Fri 30th June to Sun 2nd July**, 7/8am-9pm. PLEASE, WE NEED MANY PARISHIONERS to sign up to come and pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: sign your name on lists on the blue board in the porch (half-hr slots).

FRIDAY: 7am Adoration begins
12 noon Mass
12.30pm Adoration resumes
8.45pm Night Pr. & Benediction

SATURDAY: 8am Adoration begins
10am Mass; Adoration resumes
4.00pm Italian Mass
6.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes
8.45pm Night Pr. & Benediction

SUNDAY: 8am Adoration begins
9.15am & 11.15am Masses
12.30pm Corpus Christi Procession
1.30pm Adoration resumes
5.00pm Latin Mass
8.45pm Night Pr. & Benediction

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be held **next Sunday 2nd July** at 5.00pm.

ALAN CONNOLLY RIP of Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Friday 30th June at 11am** at Harwood Park Crematorium, Stevenage. If you would like to attend, please do contact the presbytery so that we can inform the family.

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.*

BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN will be coming to the parish on visitation on **Sunday 9th July** and would like to meet as many parishioners as possible and all are invited. There will be a shared meal in the crypt after the 11.15am Mass **so please sign up on the list at the back of church as to what finger food you can bring.**

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

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting July 21st**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

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/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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS. The Thanksgiving Mass will be held on **Sunday 2nd July at 11.15am** Mass when all First Communicants from both weeks return in their First Communion outfits for Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2018: Fr Philip wishes to see each candidate (in next year's year 9 or above) and a parent for a short chat (20-30 minutes) before the summer. **Applications will close for this programme on 7th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30pm and 6pm on the **26th June.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 12th & Friday 22nd 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.



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!

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 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.**

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL PTA is organising a Family Fun Day on **Sat 1st July 11.30am - 2.30pm.** The event will be full of gorgeous gifts to buy, glittering prizes to be

won, dazzling arrays of home baking, entertainment and fun! All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you all!

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S would like to thank everyone who attended the fete – £1,840.87 was raised!

MISCELLANEOUS

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

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his house visits to parish homes on **Monday** afternoon this week in these streets: College Road, Westhill Road and environs.

COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MODERN DAY SLAVERY: The Santa Marta Group is an alliance of international police chiefs and bishops working with civil society to eradicate human trafficking and modern day slavery. Their Deputy Director, Mike Duthie, will give a presentation with discussion and refreshments on **Wed 28th June at 7.30pm** at The Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ware. This is an opportunity for us to increase awareness of this scourge on our world and the support being given to victims. Please come!

LOURDES: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from **Sunday 23rd July to Saturday 29th July 2017.** Brochures and booking forms listing a range of prices which vary depending on choice of travel and accommodation, are available from the Pilgrimage Office, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN or Tangney Tours online: <http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster> Fr Philip will as usual be on this pilgrimage helping with the less-able pilgrims in the Accueil St Frai.

PARISH BBQ will be held on **Sunday 10th September at 1pm** so please save the date! More details to follow soon.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to publish our annual magazine at the beginning of September. If you have an article, please do email it or hand it in at the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Josie Warren, Tracey Hayes and Tanya McAteer. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 24th June NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 10am Mass <i>Alan Connolly RIP</i>	PAGE 93 in the Mass books
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish Sun 25th June 12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Mary & Seamus Timmings</i> 11.15am <i>Pasqua, Angelo, Rosa & Luigi Scibelli</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass †	1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10–13 <i>He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.</i> Psalm 68 — In your great love, answer me, O God. 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12–15 <i>The gift considerably outweighed the fall.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia
Mon 26th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Hynes Brothers RIP</i> Tues 27th June ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Michael Sherman RIP & Helen Sherman's intentions</i> Wed 28th June ST IRENAEUS, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Mary & Joseph Murphy RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 29th June SS PETER & PAUL, Apostles 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Mass with schools <i>Victims of Grenfell Tower fire</i> 12 noon Mass <i>Larry O'Neill's intentions</i> 8pm Mass <i>Ugochukwu Irechukwu RIP</i> Fri 30th June (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Reg & Ivy Gifford RIP</i> Sat 1st July DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL 10am Mass <i>Desmond & Irene Johnston</i>	Gospel: Matthew 10: 26–33 <i>Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.</i> PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8–11, 14–16 2nd Reading: Romans 6: 3–4, 8–11 Gospel: Matthew 10: 37–42
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Michael Sherman RIP Sun 2nd July 13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Nadia Miragliotta RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Giuseppe Diesi RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	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. ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. 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. 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
<p style="text-align: center;">* 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>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Wed 28th 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.*