

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

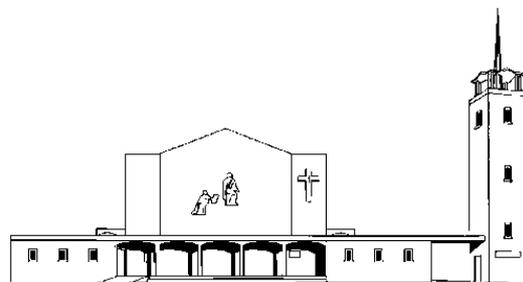
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Year A **THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** **12th NOVEMBER 2017**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 1-13 *The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

Enzo Alio	Robert Cullen	Constance King	Antonietta Randazzo
Bill Askew	Colomba Ferrazzano	Calogero Merulla	Orsola Scibelli
Baby Isabella Bennett	David Greenall	Maria Mustoe	Helen Sherman
Caterina Carini	Bridget Gorry	Maureen Norman	Michael Sherman
Alan Connolly	Francisco Hernandez	Larry O'Neill	Doreen Willis
Giuseppe Conti	Annie Keogh	Giuseppa Provenzano	Peter Zwager

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR THE PARISH'S DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR is always a poignant moment in the midst of our November devotions for the faithful departed. We offer the Holy Mass for the repose of their souls this Saturday at the evening Mass, and welcome many of their families back to the church for the occasion. *May they, and all the holy souls, rest in peace.*

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CAME and participated in the latter stages of the 'Love in Action' programme. One outcome of our planning evening was to establish immediately a 'Befriending' group who will visit those who are elderly, lonely, or housebound. This will be getting off the ground over the course of the coming weeks, and I will keep you informed.

THIS PARISH MISSION WITH JOHN PRIDMORE is coming up at the end of the month, so please keep free the following dates: **Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November (7.30pm Mission Evenings)**. The first evening will be his testimony; the second evening will be a 'healing service' with Confessions available; the third evening will be a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. John will speak each evening to us. This is an UNMISSABLE event, as he is a renowned speaker. **Please help deliver the Mission flyers, which are in the porch in bundles sorted according to postcode/streets.** If your own immediate vicinity has already been taken, then consider delivering another bundle that is convenient for you. **THANK YOU!**

May the Lord bless us as we make every effort to be outgoing missionary disciples! Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 8:



When I think of the Eucharist, and look at my life as a priest, as a Bishop and as the Successor of Peter, I naturally recall the many times and places in which I was able to celebrate it [in] ... so many basilicas and churches in Rome and throughout the world. I have been able to celebrate Holy Mass in chapels built along mountain paths, on lakeshores and seacoasts; I have celebrated it on altars built in stadiums and in city squares. This varied scenario of celebrations of the Eucharist has given me a powerful experience of its universal and, so to speak, cosmic character. Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the

humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated *on the altar of the world*. It unites heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation.

PRAYER & LITURGY

FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ RIP of Yewlands, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 13th November at 2pm.**

HELEN SHERMAN RIP formerly of Winterscroft died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 15th November at 9.30am.**

May they rest in peace.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are now at the back of the church. Return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls.

'INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS' leaflets are available beside the newsletters at the back of church if you wish to complete one. Please hand in a photocopy to the presbytery.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting 17th Nov.** 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 take place next **Sunday, 19th Nov** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

PARISH MISSION: please find a flyer in with your Newsletter today for the parish mission from **Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th November.** This will be led by the famous speaker John Pridmore, author of "From Gangland to Promised Land."

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION: **Next week** our parish will take up a second collection to support the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure that priests, who have followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. They have been here for us; let us

be there for them. **Donation envelopes are attached to the newsletter. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation.**

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, 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 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION 2018: The next session will be on **14th Nov at 7.15pm** for candidates. Chapter 6 of Mark's Gospel to be read for them. If you still haven't paid the **£10 for materials and pamphlets,** please arrange to hand this in soon at 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 continues on Mon 13th Nov at 7pm.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The third meeting for parents will be on **Wed 6th Dec 8–9pm** in the crypt. The second session for children will be on **Mon 13th Nov 6–7.30pm.** **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 'PRAYER PARTNERS'** are needed for all the children on the First Holy Communion programme. A prayer partner prays for a child whilst they are preparing to make their Communion. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name in capital letters on the blue

list at the back of the church. **Could parents please ensure that the children do not sign the blue prayer partner list instead of the register.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Wednesday 15th November 7pm-8pm** in 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 working with the diocese and seeking advice from other diocesan priests to draw up a job description to find the right person for this role.

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is holding an open day for prospective Reception class parents for 2018/19 academic year on Thursday **30th November at 1.30pm**. Please contact school office on 463549.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S needs your votes to help them obtain funding from Aviva who give out funding to local projects. The Under 5's will use the money to renew and upgrade their outdoor play area. To vote please register at aviva.co.uk/community-fund and search for St Augustine's Under 5's. Voting closes on the 21st November.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's holds a toddler and baby group on Tuesday mornings 9.15am-11.30am in the crypt; Wednesdays and Fridays 1.30-3pm in the playgroup. All welcome!

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: 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. **Secondary-school register now finished for Year 6s.**

ST MARY'S SCHOOL requires a Finance Manager to provide overall operational

leadership and management of the School's finances. An application form can be found at www.stmarys.net. Closing date 23rd Nov.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRADCRAFT: If anyone would like me to order any specific items, including Christmas cards, please let me know by **Friday Nov 17th** at the latest. The orders will then be ready for collection by the (w/e of Milly's Charity Christmas Fair). Catalogues can be found at the back of the Church and there is also a poster, showing this year's selection of Christmas cards, on the Traidcraft notice board. E-mail: maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com or ring 07790-453378. Many thanks for supporting Traidcraft throughout the year. Maria Hunt.

CAFOD: the Memorial Mass, in memory of all supporters and volunteers, at the Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE at **11am on Wed 22nd Nov**. If you would like someone included in the book of remembrance, please send the name by calling CAFOD Westminster on 020-8449-6970 or e-mailing westminster@cafod.org.uk

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be making his house visits this week, on **Friday** afternoon in: Cedar Green, Yewlands, Meadway.

MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND will be held on the **2nd/3rd December** in the crypt. There will be Christmas cards on sale and many other stalls together with Santa's grotto, a raffle and refreshments. **If you can donate a prize for the raffle, please hand it in at the presbytery.**

ISABEL HOSPICE needs Carol singers for 'Hoddesdon loves Christmas' event on **25th November at 3pm**. If you can help, please contact John Roberts on 445667.

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 and 10th December.

CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Josie Warren, Barbara Wright, Tracey Hayes & Tanya McAteer. Thank you for your help!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy												
<p>Sat 11th November ST MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Deceased of the past year</p> <p>Sun 12th Nov 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> ‡</p>	<p>PAGE 152 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12–16 <i>Wisdom is found by those who look for her.</i></p> <p>Psalm 62 — For you my soul is thirsting, O God my God.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13–18 <i>God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 25: 1–13 <i>The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 8 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Proverbs 31: 10–13, 19–20, 30–31 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1–6 Gospel: Matthew 25: 14–30</p>												
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<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>													

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.*