

# The Announcer

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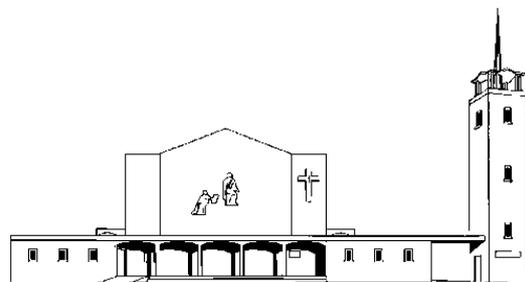
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Year A

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14-30

*You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS COMING 'RED WEDNESDAY' IS A DAY TO HIGHLIGHT THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS globally, and events are being arranged across the country by 'Aid to the Church in Need' (<https://acnuk.org/campaign/redwednesday/>). In particular, both Westminster Cathedral (near Victoria station) and Westminster Abbey will be floodlit in red to signify the suffering of Christians around the world. At **6pm in the Cathedral Piazza** there will be events running, and the light-up is at 6.30pm. 75-80% of all religious persecution in the world is directed against Christians.

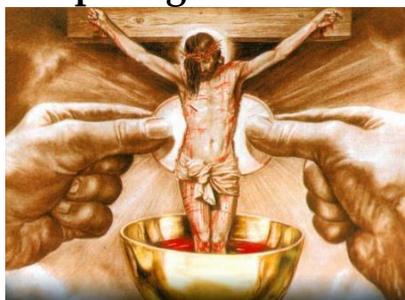
Let's draw attention to this awful fact, and pray for our oppressed brothers and sisters.

THIS PARISH MISSION WITH JOHN PRIDMORE is only a week away! He will be with us to explain briefly after next weekend's Masses the importance of coming to the Mission. Please keep free the following dates: **Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you to all those parishioners who took Mission flyers to deliver around the parish: please make sure that you have delivered them by the end of this weekend. PLEASE INVITE SOMEONE to come with you to the Mission, whether or not they are a Catholic or even a Christian. God's love can touch someone's heart in a new way during a Mission, when there is testimony of a life redeemed, like John Pridmore's, by divine grace. Be bold and make sure that you extend a warm invitation to others for this great Mission week!

**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:**



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, embraces and permeates all creation. The Son of God became man in order to restore all creation, in one supreme act of praise, to the One who made it from nothing. He, the Eternal High Priest who by the blood of his Cross entered the eternal sanctuary, thus gives back to the Creator and Father all creation redeemed. He does so through the priestly ministry of the Church, to the glory of the Most Holy Trinity. Truly this is the *mysterium fidei* which is accomplished in the

Eucharist: the world which came forth from the hands of God the Creator now returns to him redeemed by Christ.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Frankie-Louise Gunn who will be baptised this weekend.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will take place **this Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> Nov** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**PARISH MISSION** is from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**. This will be led by the famous speaker John Pridmore, author of "From Gangland to Promised Land."

**MONDAY MORNING:** no Adoration or Morning Prayer this Monday. Mass at 9.15am.

**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.

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

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION:** **This weekend's** second collection supports the sick and retired priests of our diocese. 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. They have been here for us; let us be there for them. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

### 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/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 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017**

## CATECHETICS

**CONFIRMATION 2018:** The next session will be the Mission with John Pridmore on **MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm** for candidates and parents. 8 families 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 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Next meeting for parents is on **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 8-9pm** in the crypt. The third session for children will be on **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 6-7.30pm**.

**'PRAYER PARTNERS'** are needed for the First-Holy-Communion children. A prayer partner prays for a child whilst they are preparing on this year's programme. Please print your name 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.**



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 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith)

## SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL** is holding its 6<sup>th</sup>-form Open Evening this week: **23<sup>rd</sup> November 6-8pm**. The Headteacher and Director of the 6<sup>th</sup> form will speak at 7pm in the school hall.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** is holding an open day for prospective Reception class parents for 2018/19 academic year on Thursday **30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://aviva.co.uk/community-fund) and search for St Augustine's Under 5's. Voting closes on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Officer to work closely with the Finance Manager to ensure the smooth operation of all finance matters. Application form can be found at [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net). Closing date **28<sup>th</sup> Nov**.

## JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**BROXBOURNE FOODBANK** need volunteers on **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** at Tesco Cheshunt (The Pond), Tesco Brookfield Centre and Tesco Waltham Abbey. Volunteers are needed at each store to hand out shopping lists, talk to shoppers and collect donations. If you can help, even 1 hr will make a difference. Please contact Elaine or Jeremy on 07943-986261 [volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com). **The foodbank is currently low on tinned meat, fruit juice, and they are especially in need of long life milk.**

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts and make a difference to some of the poorest communities

around the world. Catalogues are now available at the back of the church.

## SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND** will be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**BEFRIENDING TRAINING COURSE** will be held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm** in the crypt. All are welcome to attend, particularly those who wish to visit the elderly and housebound. For more information, please contact Janet Lampard on 01992-428490.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will resume his house visits after the Mission.

**LUNCH CLUB:** Please note there will be **NO** lunch club this week (and not on Thursday as originally planned.) It will resume again next week. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** Collectors needed for **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 10-4pm** at Brookfield and **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 11-12 noon** at Sainsbury's. Please contact Ellen on 464677.

**THE DANIELA RUGGIERO SCHOLARSHIP FUND** would like to thank Vicky & Charlie Lee-Lozone for organising such an enjoyable quiz night. We would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the evening. An overwhelming £1,345 was raised and we are so grateful to Santander for matching the total amount, making it a grand total of £2,690. Once again thank you for everyone's continued support. Tony, Maria & Luisa Ruggiero.

**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: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 155 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Proverbs 31: 10–13, 19–20, 30–31 A perfect wife – who can find her?</p> <p><b>Psalm 127 — O blessed are those who fear the Lord.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 5: 1–6 <i>Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <b>Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 25: 14–30 <i>You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr 4 (p. 31)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezekiel 34: 11–12, 15–17  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 15: 20–26, 28  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 25: 31–46</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* Deceased brothers of Knights of St Columba</b> <b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour †	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am            or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov PRESENTATION OF B VIRGIN MARY</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> November ST CECILIA, Virgin, Martyr</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b> NO Mass <b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> November ST ADREW DUNG-LAC, Priest</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery</p> <p><b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b> 6pm Brownies, crypt</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b> <b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING</b> 9.15am <i>Bert Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> †	
<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.*