

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

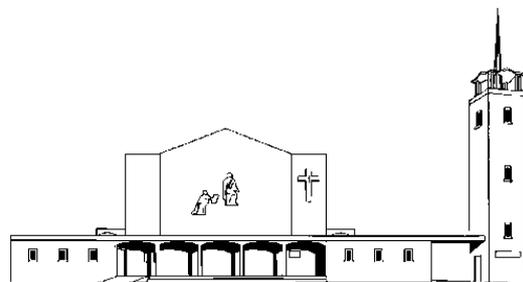
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Year A

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

1st OCTOBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 28-32

*Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.*

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

**THIS WEEKEND MARKS 10 YEARS OF MY MINISTRY IN HODDESDON** – I arrived late in the evening of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007, to begin work on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October. 10 years is longer than I have lived anywhere continuously in my life! In that time, I have celebrated 471 baptisms, 68 weddings/convalidations, and 149 funerals! May the Lord bless my priestly ministry here amongst you, and assist us as a parish to grow and to serve the Lord joyfully and wisely. I am grateful to all of you who are/were able to come to my celebration on Saturday evening, and especial thanks to those who assisted in preparing the Mass and party.

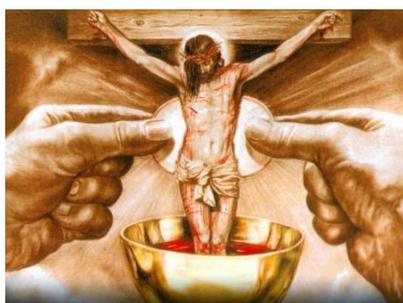
**THE 'LOVE IN ACTION' PROGRAMME**, introducing us to some of the Church's vast body of Social Teaching, continues this week, and the **second of our themes is 'The Dignity of the Human Person.'** As the Church has continuously taught, each and every human being, from the moment of conception, is made in the "image and likeness of God." This is the foundation of our Catholic teaching on the dignity of the person – the sanctity of human life from the womb to the grave – and demands that we are 100% pro-life at all stages of life.



**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET, COMING UP SOON: RISE Theatre play about Oscar Romero, 17<sup>th</sup> October:** a powerful telling of the life of the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador. Tickets (£10) on sale after each of the Sunday Masses. I have seen this play and it's well worth coming to!

**May the Lord give us strength to defend constantly the right to life of each person. Fr Philip**

**Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 3:**



Did the Apostles who took part in the Last Supper understand the meaning of the words spoken by Christ? Perhaps not. Those words would only be fully clear at the end of the *Triduum sacrum*, the time from Thursday evening to Sunday morning. Those days embrace the *mysterium paschale*; they also embrace the *mysterium eucharisticum*. The Church was born of the paschal mystery. For this very reason the Eucharist, which is in an outstanding way the sacrament of the paschal mystery, *stands at the centre of the Church's life*. This is already clear from the earliest images of the Church found in the Acts of the Apostles: "They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of

bread and the prayers." The "breaking of the bread" refers to the Eucharist. Two thousand years later, we continue to relive that primordial image of the Church.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Rocco Hussein who will be baptised this weekend.

**MEMORIAL MASS** for Cardinal Cormac, will take place on **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> October** 5.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. This Mass is especially for those unable to attend the funeral Mass. It's an unticketed event: the vast majority of seating will be unreserved.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 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 next take place **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

'**LOVE IN ACTION**' has started! *Caritas* Westminster is facilitating this programme of reflection in the Church's Social Teaching. This will first take the form of 6 weeks' themed homilies on Social Teaching. If you didn't get your red-and-white information card, then pick one up from the porch. For more details, please call Una Daly on 07801-572434. This week's theme is "The Dignity of the Human Person." We are all made in the image of God and have that unique worth in us. To respect this, is to exercise dignity. Who are the people in our own community who are neglected?

<https://www.stepforwardinlove.org/home.php>

**WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** (England's major shrine to Our Lady) will be on **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October** with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The Deanery coach leaves the church at 7.15am and will depart from Walsingham at 4.30pm. The day includes Mass, Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and Benediction. The cost of the coach will be £18 and you will need a packed lunch. To attend, sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church. **STILL PLACES LEFT!**

**CELEBRATE WEEKEND:** will be held at St Albans, **29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Mass is celebrated each day, whilst there is time and space to encounter Christ's healing touch in Adoration, Reconciliation and Prayer Ministry. For more information and to book go to <https://www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans>

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen Sherman, 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 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017**

## CATECHETICS

**CONFIRMATION 2018:** The next session will be on the **3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.15pm** in the crypt for candidates and parents. Candidates need to have read **chapter 3** of Mark's Gospel.

"**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 Monday, 2nd October at 7pm.** If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip as soon as possible. There are **green leaflets** outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** **LAST SUNDAY** for application forms for the new First Holy Communion Programme (for practising Catholic children in year 3 or above) after all Masses (and not available from the Presbytery). Please return completed forms to the presbytery by 2<sup>nd</sup> October. **The first meeting for parents will be on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 8–9pm in the crypt. The first session for children will be on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> October 6–7.30pm.**

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:** There will be another course starting on the **7<sup>th</sup>**

**October.** 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!

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

### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:** If your child is presently in year 6 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** is holding a fundraising Quiz Night on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm starts. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for a fun filled evening. Teams can have a maximum of 8 people and are £5 per person. Please contact Sam on 07944-607590 or [sldesilva@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sldesilva@yahoo.co.uk) to reserve a table.

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** will be holding its fireworks night on **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Adults £8, children £5 and under 4's free. There will be a licenced bar, hot food and DJ dance. For tickets contact [friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk).

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** is holding its annual Harvest Tea on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** from 1.45pm and warmly invite any parishioners and relatives to come for tea and cake and some light entertainment provided by our Year-6 children.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** is holding a coffee morning on **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October** 10.30-11.50am and 1.30pm-3.00pm. All proceeds given to the Alzheimer's Society. All welcome!

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY** is on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** and the Fast-Day envelopes will be attached to next weekend's newsletter and will also be collected next weekend.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**"ROMERO - HEARTBEAT OF EL SALVADOR"** We are delighted to welcome again RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company, who will be performing their original play '**Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador**' in church on **17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.** The production tells the true story of Blessed Oscar Romero and his heart for the oppressed people of El Salvador. Romero chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. He demanded respect for human rights. Come and experience this exciting new play, performed with energy and passion by the RISE Theatre team - [www.risetheatre.co.uk](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk). **Tickets (£10) are available to buy now from Presbytery or after weekend Mass.**

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will visit on **Friday** afternoon this week the parish homes in: The Knowle, Sheredes Drive, Cock Lane, Burford Street.

**QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov** in the crypt. £5 per head – payable on the night – bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table! If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation – either cash, or a bottle of something for a raffle prize – then please drop that in to the presbytery

**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: 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Charmaine Collins, Toni Iamarino & Michel & Jacky Jordan. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy				
<p><b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September ST JEROME, Priest &amp; Dr</b> 10am Mass <i>Thanksgiving – Joy Ighade</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* Patrick Malone RIP</b></p> <p><b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> October 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Patrick Murphy RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Leo Lee-Lozone RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡</p>	<p><b>PAGE 134 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezekiel 18: 25–28 When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.</p> <p><b>Psalm 24 — Remember your mercy, Lord.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 2: 1–11 <i>In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 21: 28–32 <i>He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 2 (p. 66) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 5: 1–7 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 4: 6–9 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 21: 33–43</p>				
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<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>					

**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.*