

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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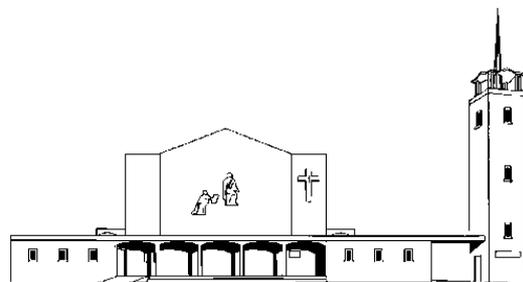
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Year A TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8th OCTOBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 33-43

*He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.*

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

**THIS WEEKEND OUR 'LOVE IN ACTION' THEME,** the third in the series of six weeks on Catholic Social Teaching, moves on to consider **'Community and Participation.'**

This follows on directly from last weeks' consideration of the dignity and equality of each human person, made "in the image and likeness of God." God Himself, is a Trinity of persons, and likewise, therefore, the human being is made a social being, intended for community and participation in the life of others. The Church echoes this pattern of human life as God willed it, by being a 'family' bound together in the love of Christ. But we are to model this life of community and participation to the world, too, helping others, especially the lonely and marginalized, to be able to experience the happiness of a shared love.

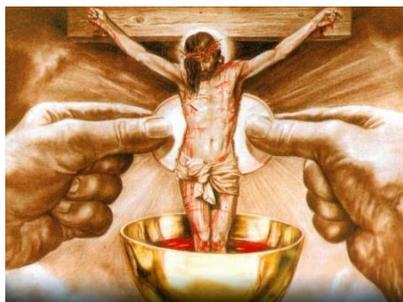
**VERY SOON, ON 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, RISE THEATRE will be here with their play about Oscar Romero:** please, if you have still not got your tickets for this, do buy them this weekend after Mass (£10/ticket). Oscar Romero, as we were reminded last week in the CaFOD talk at the end of Mass, was, as Archbishop of San Salvador, highly committed to the cause of the poor, and was eventually martyred by agents of the state. The play tells his life in a powerful way!

**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME AND CELEBRATED** last weekend my '10 years' at St Augustine's. Particular thanks to all who helped in the Mass and for the party to make it a highly enjoyable occasion. And thanks for cards and gifts, which were all rather unexpected!

**May the Lord bless us as a community in Christ to help each other to flourish!** Fr Philip



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



At every celebration of the Eucharist, we are spiritually brought back to the paschal Triduum: to the events of the evening of Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper and to what followed it. The institution of the Eucharist sacramentally anticipated the events which were about to take place, beginning with the agony in Gethsemane. Once again we see Jesus as he leaves the Upper Room, descends with his disciples to the Kidron valley and goes to the Garden of Olives. Even today that Garden shelters some very ancient olive trees. Perhaps they witnessed what happened beneath their shade that evening, when Christ in prayer was filled with anguish "and his sweat became like drops of blood falling down upon the ground" (cf. Lk 22:44). The blood which shortly before he had given to the Church as the drink of salvation in the sacrament of the Eucharist, *began to be shed*; its outpouring would then be completed on Golgotha to become the means of our redemption: "Christ... as high priest of the good things to come..., entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption."

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**THE ROSARY:** In October, the month of the Rosary, Fr Philip will lead one decade of the Rosary five minutes before each Saturday evening and Sunday Mass. The Rosary will be prayed in Italian on Thursdays at 7pm.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Valentina Cappalonga and Liana Ferraro who will be baptised this weekend.

**BILL ASKEW RIP** of Grosvenor Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral Mass will be on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon.**

*May he rest in peace.*

**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!

**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.

**'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. For more details, please call Una Daly on 07801-572434. This week's theme is 'Community and Participation.' God is three in one; there is diversity and unity. We are made in this image. We are all unique and called to live in unity. To live into this image that we are made of, is to glorify God. "The glory of God is the human person fully alive," said St Irenaeus of Lyons.

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

**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 **17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm** for the 'Oscar Romero' play in church. With regard to the whole programme, **a fee of £10 needs to be paid to cover 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 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The first session for children will be on **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> October 6–7.30pm.** The second meeting for parents will be on **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 8–9pm** in the crypt.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 8pm–9pm** in the presbytery. The two-evening course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on 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](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** will be holding an Open Morning for prospective Reception class parents for 2018/19 academic year on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 1.30pm**. If you would like to go and look around, please contact the school office on 463549.

**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!

**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 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).

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY** was on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** and the Fast-Day envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will also be collected this 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 **Wednesday** afternoon this week the parish homes in: Duke Street, Century Road, North Road, Burford Street, Fawkon Walk.

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** will not meet on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October but will continue on the **17<sup>th</sup> October**.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** We hope to have the magazine ready for sale by the end of the month and we apologise for the delay.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b> 10am Mass <i>Monica Hunter RIP</i>	<b>PAGE 137</b> in the Mass books  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 5: 1–7 The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel.
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b>	<b>Psalm 79 — The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.</b>
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> October 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Mary &amp; Michael Lawlor</i> 11.15am <i>Nicola Barone RIP</i> ‡	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 4: 6–9 <i>The God of peace will be with you.</i>
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Rose Corsini RIP</i>	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Healing &amp; restoration of Theresa Iloba</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 21: 33–43 <i>He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.</i>
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Dennis Cantwell RIP</i>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 3 (p. 66) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 24)
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> NO Mass	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> October ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Casey Coelho RIP</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 25: 6–10 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 4: 12–14 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 22:1–14
<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> October</b> 10am Mass <i>Decimo Castronovo RIP</i>	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b>	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> October 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Annie Doyle RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP Anniv</i> 5pm Holy Hour ‡	<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 style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</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.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm 1st HC meeting <b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery	<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm 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.*