

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

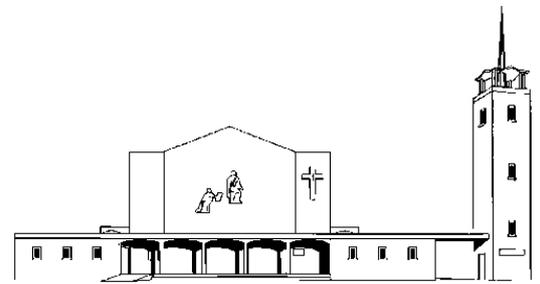
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Year A      **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**      **10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20

*If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.*

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

**I'D LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THREE EVENTS** coming up in our parish this autumn:

1. **Parish Party on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** as a way of marking my 10 years at St Augustine's (I began here on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007) there'll be a parish party after Saturday evening Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> September. I really would love as many parishioners to be here as possible, and to come and celebrate this milestone with me. Fr Brian was here in Hoddesdon some 12yrs, so I haven't quite clocked up as many as him, ... nor anywhere near the 25yrs of Fr Tollemache!

2. **RISE Theatre play about Oscar Romero, 17<sup>th</sup> October:** this is a very powerful production about the life and ministry of the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador, performed by the wonderful RISE Theatre, who have visited our parish several times before, most notably for a play about St Alban the other year. I have seen this play already, when it was launched in London in a church near Leicester Square, and can vouch for its being very moving. Tickets from the Presbytery (£10 each) and on sale after weekend Masses from next weekend.

3. **Parish Mission with John Pridmore, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November:** we welcome a return visit from John Pridmore, the man whose life was turned round by the Lord from involvement in gangster-land crime and violence to a life committed to the spread of the Gospel. It's 3 years since he last came and led us in some days of Mission, and I am delighted that he has agreed to come back to our parish. Do keep these dates free in your diary!

**IN A YEAR'S TIME (SEPT 7<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup>) WE WILL BE GOING TO THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** in Liverpool. By way of preparation for that, our quotations at the foot of the Newsletter's front page each week will be from a beautiful encyclical letter of Pope John Paul II, entitled *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* ("The Church from the Eucharist"). May our love for the Mass grow ever deeper!

**May the Lord bless us all as we centre our lives on His presence in the Eucharist.      Fr Philip**

**Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 1:**



The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates *the heart of the mystery of the Church*. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfilment of the promise: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age," but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity. Ever since Pentecost, when the Church, the People of the New Covenant, began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Luke Alano-Benabid who will be baptised this weekend.

**CONSTANCE KING RIP** of Stortford Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.**

**ORSOLA SCIBELLI RIP** of Nightingale Care Home died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.** *May they rest in peace.*

**CARDINAL CORMAC MURPHY-O'CONNOR's** body will be received into Westminster Cathedral on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** at 10am. The Cardinal's body will lie in the Cathedral throughout the day and all are welcome to pay their respects, pray, and sign the book of condolence. The funeral will be at 12 noon on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September but is *not* 'open access', and is by ticket only.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.** 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, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS' ROTAS:** The next rota for the period October 2017 - January 2018 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept** at the latest of any dates that you are NOT available on 449282 or email [patandcarolkav@btinternet.com](mailto:patandcarolkav@btinternet.com). Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc

'**LOVE IN ACTION**' is a programme being run in our parish starting on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.** Caritas Westminster invite you all to the crypt at 7.30pm to hear more about this. The programme is relevant to everyone as it is about living out our faith in response to the needs around us. We all have something to contribute, so please do come along, so that together as a Parish, we can make a difference. Many thanks. For more details, please call Una Daly on 07801-572434.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** (England's major shrine to Our Lady) will be on **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October** with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The 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 to bring a packed lunch. To attend, please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church. **ONLY 16 PLACES AVAILABLE!**

## 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 **19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm** in the crypt for candidates only. Candidates need to have read chapter 2 of Mark's Gospel.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> & Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

"**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**

## MISCELLANEOUS

**course will begin this Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 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:**

Application forms for the new First Holy Communion Programme (for practising Catholic children in year 3 or above) **are now available to collect after all Masses this weekend** (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.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will visit on **Friday** afternoon parish homes in: Taylors Avenue, Park Road, Park View.

**"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.**

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** will resume on **12<sup>th</sup> September** 12.30-2.30pm in the crypt. Price £4. Anybody & everybody welcome!

**PARISH BARBECUE:** Unfortunately, due to the lack of numbers and unavailability of the band, it has been decided to **cancel the BBQ** this year. We will resume it again next year and will advise you of the date when it has been arranged.

**FR PHILIP** has been in the parish 10 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, so to celebrate there will be a shared meal in the crypt on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September** after the 6.30pm Mass. We hope many parishioners will be able to attend to mark this special occasion. If you are able to bring some **finger food** to share, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church. Drinks provided by the parish!

**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: 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** More cleaners are urgently needed for the Wednesday afternoon team at 1pm as there are now only 2 cleaners. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

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



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 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!

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### 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.**

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p><b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> 10am Mass <i>Jeffrey Dubignon RIP</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* Stanley Abrahams RIP</b></p> <p><b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Neil &amp; Margaret McDonnell 50th Wedding anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡</p>	<p><b>PAGE 125 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezekiel 33: 7–9 <i>If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 94 — O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 13: 8–10 <i>Love is the answer to ever one of the commandments.</i></p>
<p><b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> September</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Justin Ighade's Intentions</i></p> <p><b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> September</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>John Fallon RIP anniv.</i></p> <p><b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> September ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Tony Ogbodu's intentions</i> 1.30pm Mass at St Cross School</p> <p><b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Sept EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> NO Mass</p> <p><b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sept OUR LADY OF SORROWS</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 9.30am Mass at St Augustine's School 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.30 Benediction 12 noon <b>Funeral Constance King RIP</b></p> <p><b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September SS CORNELIUS, POPE &amp; CYPRIAN</b> 10am Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i></p>	<p>Gospel Accl: <b>Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 18: 15–20 <i>If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sunday no. 7 (p. 67) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 24)</p> <p><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiasticus 27: 30–28:7 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 14: 7–9 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 18: 21–35</p>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b></p> <p><b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>John Fallon RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>Alan Connolly RIP</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour ‡</p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p><b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p><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> <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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>* Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> <b>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</b> ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	
<p><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p>	
<p><b>Mon 11th</b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery <b>Tues 12th</b> 12.30pm lunch club, crypt <b>Tues 12th</b> 7.30pm Baptism course, presb</p>	<p><b>Wed 13th</b> 6pm Brownies, crypt <b>Wed 13th</b> 7.30pm All Saints, crypt <b>Fri 15th</b> 7.30pm Prayer group, church</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.*