

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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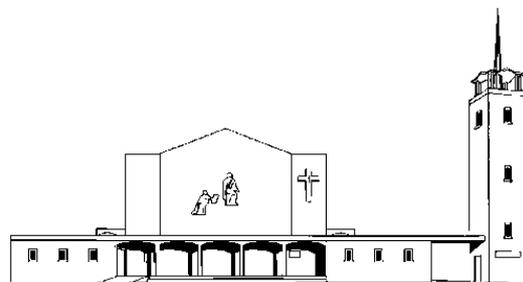
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Year A TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 21-35

*I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

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

**THIS WEEKEND, OUR LOCAL CARITAS WORKER, UNA DALY** is going to speak to us about the 'Love in Action' programme that we are going to be following this autumn, and which is an opportunity for us all to reflect on the Social Teaching of the Church. Please think of coming **this Wednesday evening (7.30pm) to the crypt** to hear more about how this programme will work in our parish.

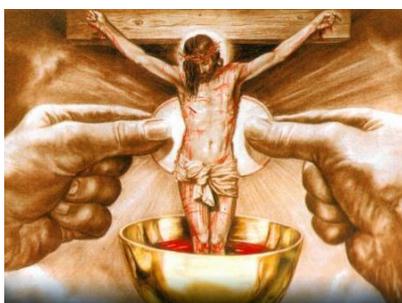
<http://www.stepforwardinlove.org/home.php>. Starting next Sunday, in connection with this programme, I will begin a series of 6 Sunday homilies on the key themes of the Social Teaching. **Please take a flyer today regarding the 'Love in Action' programme!**

**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 (7.30pm) after the Saturday evening 6.30pm 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. If you are able to come – and please do! – then bring some food with you to share: there's a sign-up sheet in the porch to indicate what sort of dish you might bring.

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR THE PLAY ABOUT OSCAR ROMERO,** which we are hosting here at St Augustine's on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. It's a very powerful production about the life and ministry of the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador, performed by the RISE Theatre company, 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.

**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 Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our Passover and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to men." Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of his boundless love.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Emelia Verde who will be baptised this weekend.

**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** This replaces the usual 9.15am Mass this week.

*May she rest in peace.*

**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 **this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

'**LOVE IN ACTION**' is a programme being run in our parish starting on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.** Caritas Westminster invites 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.

**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

**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 11 PLACES LEFT!**

## 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 second part of the course will be held on **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 7.30-9.00pm** in the church.

**"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, 18<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.



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!

[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 PTA** is holding its Annual General Meeting on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm.** All welcome!

### JUSTICE & PEACE

**LEA VALLEY PARISHES – JUSTICE & PEACE OPEN EVENING** will be held on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 7.30pm,** Ware. This is an opportunity to hear how our Parishes are responding to social issues affecting human dignity at home and abroad, and to share experiences and ideas. We shall discuss possible actions for the future and Deacon Adrian will review the recent presentation on Human Trafficking given by Mike Duthie of the Santa Marta organisation. There may not be a Justice and Peace group in every Parish, but

please come along as individuals - and there will be refreshments too! Venue: The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph Parish Centre, 1 King Edwards Rd, Ware, SG12 7EJ, [adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk) or John Vaughan-Shaw 01920-822440.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will visit on **Wednesday** afternoon parish homes in: Kennedy Avenue and Lord Street.

**“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.

**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!

**200 CLUB WINNER** for September was Miss M Pearce. Congratulations!

**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> & 15<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:** Mima Salvo, Josie Warren, Tracey Hayes, Tanya McAteer and Francesca Comparetto. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September SS CORNELIUS, POPE &amp; CYPRIAN</b> 10am Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i>	<b>PAGE 128 in the Mass books</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiasticus 27: 30–28: 7 <i>Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b>	<b>Psalm 102 — The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.</b>
<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 †	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 14: 7–9 <i>Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.</i>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> September</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Joy Ighade's intentions</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> September</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Nora &amp; Ernesto Venturini RIP</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 18: 21–35 <i>I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.</i>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept SS ANDREW KIM TAE-GÔN &amp; COMPS</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 10am <b>Funeral</b> <i>Orsola Scibelli RIP</i>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept ST MATTHEW, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Arthur &amp; Ellen McCarten</i>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 55: 6–9 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 1: 20–24, 27 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 20: 1–16
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Neville Yarwood 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.
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> September DEDICATION OF PARISH CHURCH</b> 10am Mass <i>Jeffrey Dubignon RIP</i>	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* Benefactors of our church and parish</b>	<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.
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †	<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>
<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>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery <b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b> 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt	<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt <b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 7.30pm Baptism course, church

**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.*