

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

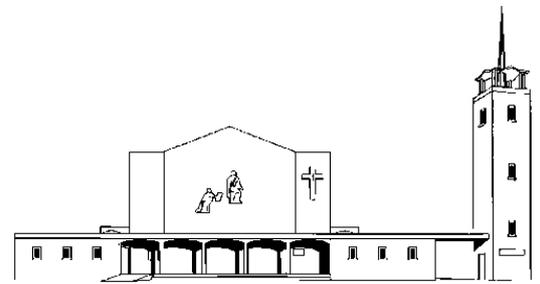
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Year B

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

27th MAY 2018

GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 16-20

*Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

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

THE SEASON OF EASTER IS FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF FEASTS that continue to unfold the mystery of God's plan for humanity in Christ. Today's feast is that of the **Most Holy Trinity**, as we deepen our understanding of God made known to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This mystery makes sense of the revelation of Jesus as Son through His life, death and resurrection; and of the Holy Spirit's coming down in power at Pentecost. This is why we keep this feast immediately after Easter and Pentecost.



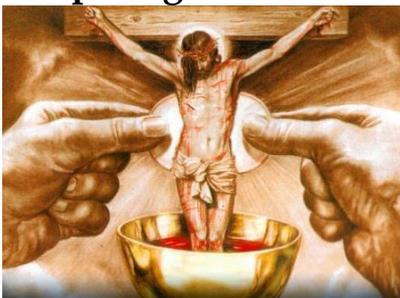
The Holy Trinity – "God is three and God is one" – is not meant to be a conundrum, but in fact the joyful knowledge that at the heart of all reality is a mystery of love: the Father and the Son bound in a bond of love which is the Holy Spirit. This makes all the more accessible to us, I think, the truth of God. "God is Love," says St John, and this is made manifest in the truth of God's inner life as the Blessed Trinity. He is the source of all loving – the source of our capacity to love! We honour and adore God the Holy Trinity, and thank Him for the love which He has poured out upon the world that we might exist, and know true love.

I SHALL BE TAKING MY ANNUAL RETREAT THIS WEEK, during half term, and am grateful to Fr Michael Stewart and to Fr Mark Higgins for celebrating the Masses over the coming week and next weekend. I shall keep you all in my prayers at the Abbey where I shall be staying for the coming seven days. A blessed half term to our school-children, and teachers! And we pray especially for those revising for public GCSE and 'A' levels at this important time of year.

**May Christ, risen and ascended to glory, fill you with His grace this week!**

**Fr Philip**

**Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 29:**



"The ministerial priest, acting in the person of Christ, brings about the Eucharistic Sacrifice," ... The phrase *in persona Christi* "means more than offering 'in the name of' or 'in the place of' Christ. *In persona* means in specific sacramental identification with the eternal High Priest who is the author and principal subject of this sacrifice of his, a sacrifice in which, in truth, nobody can take his place." ... The assembly gathered together for the celebration of the Eucharist, if it is to be a truly Eucharistic assembly, absolutely requires the presence of an ordained priest as its president. On the other hand, the community is by itself incapable of providing an ordained minister. This minister is a gift which the assembly *receives through episcopal succession going back to the Apostles*. It is the Bishop who, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, makes a new presbyter by conferring upon him the power to consecrate the Eucharist.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**BANK HOLIDAY MASS** on **Monday** will be at 10am. Please note the church will be closed after Mass.

**ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER** will not take place next week whilst Fr Philip is away on retreat.

**FIRST-FRIDAY EVENING MASS** on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June** will not take place as Fr Philip is away on retreat.

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS ROTAS:** The next rota for the period June - September is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh tel 449282 or e-mail [patandcarolkav@btinternet.com](mailto:patandcarolkav@btinternet.com) by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc.

**ST ANTHONY'S PROCESSION** will be held on **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June**. The Procession will begin at 2.45pm from the church. Mass will be at 4pm which will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

**FR PHILIP'S TALKS** on the Jewish background to the Holy Eucharist will be monthly on **Tuesdays: 12<sup>th</sup> June 'The Manna in the Desert'**; and 10<sup>th</sup> July 'The Bread of the Presence'. All are welcome in church for these.

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

**SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** based at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane (Covent Garden) is a guild of prayer in particular honour of the Holy Eucharist. Details of membership and monthly Masses can be found at: <https://sodality.co.uk/> On Corpus Christi (3<sup>rd</sup> June) the church will have its solemn re-opening by Cardinal Vincent at the 11am Mass.

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Bill Pollard, John Askew, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini, Piotr Michalska & Tallulah Scott.*

**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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The final meeting for parents is on **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June 8-9pm** and all parents need to attend in the crypt. The final session for children will be on **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm**.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30-9pm**. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

**CONFIRMATION 2019:** an initial meeting date for the coming year's programme will soon be announced, so please 'watch this space'!

**"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 will begin Monday, 3<sup>rd</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.



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 £27k 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.

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### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

#### **CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:**

those who have applied to be on the Schools' Signing Register, please keep signing the weekly sign-in-sheet on the church-porch noticeboard (by fire-exit door) after the Saturday evening vigil Masses and the Masses of Sunday. On this basis Fr Philip will be able to judge whether he can issue the Certificate you ask for. It is now no longer possible to apply to be added to the register for this year.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's** would like to thank everyone who attended the quiz night. A total of £300 was raised.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's** is holding its Summer Fete on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June** from 11am-1.30pm. There will be face painting, refreshments, bouncy castle, tombola's, art and craft and lots more! All welcome

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** has some Nursery places available for 2018-2019. For info on how to apply see the school website or contact the office on 463549 **by 20<sup>th</sup> July**. Places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

### JUSTICE & PEACE / PRO-LIFE

#### **BROXBOURNE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER.**

Thank you to the 24 volunteers from our parish who have already signed up to help. There are letters/slips alongside the Newsletters, for those of you who missed one previously and still wish to express an interest in volunteering for next Jan/Feb. Training will be given by the 'Housing Justice' Christian charity which has huge expertise in the setting-up of Night Shelters, and **this will take place in November.**

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will resume his house visits after the half-term week.

**CRYPT RE-FIT:** Fitting of the new units and appliances has begun! We have already received some generous donations towards the new kitchen, but if any other parishioners wish to contribute to the costs (which total £18,000), then it will be gratefully welcomed. The new kitchen will last us well in to the future!

#### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR):**

As part of the expectations of the GDPR laws, we need to ensure that the data we hold is up to date. If you think your data isn't up to date, e.g you have moved or changed phone number, please let us know, in writing, so that we can check.

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** will be held this **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May** and will be fish & chips.

**PARISH BBQ** will now be held on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm**. Forms to request tickets are available at the back of church. We do need final numbers by **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July**, so please complete your form soon and hand it into the presbytery. Lists for volunteers available soon.

**THANK YOU:** "I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for my recovery from my ongoing health problems over the last few years. Thanks to both the skills of the specialists & nurses and my treatment, I am happy to say I am now in remission." – John Lumley.

#### **MISSIO RED BOXES AND YEARLY MEMBERS:**

The parish raised the total of £1962.94 in 2017. My sincere thanks for all your support. If you have a red box which has not yet been opened, please contact Ellen on 464677.

#### **ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL**

will be held at Tesco, Brookfield on the **22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June**. Collectors are urgently needed. Please contact Ellen on 464677. (Table & chair will be available on the day.)

**CHURCH CLEANERS** are **urgently** needed to help on Wed mornings as there are now only 2 cleaners. This will involve one hour per month. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Mima Salvo & Francesca Comparetto. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May ST PHILIP NERI, Priest</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mary &amp; John Hayden RIP Anniv</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 83 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Deuteronomy 4: 32–34, 39–40  <i>The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 32 — Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 8: 14–17  <i>You received the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was and who is to come. Alleluia.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 28: 16–20  <i>Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Trinity (p. 52)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 24)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            CORPUS CHRISTI</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 24: 3–8  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 9: 11–15  <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 14: 12–16, 22–26</p>
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup> May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> 9.15am <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †	<p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b>            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>            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>            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>
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> 10am Mass <i>Giuliana Schia RIP</i> <b>PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p>
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Marianna Cattini RIP</i>	<p><b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup></b>      12.30pm Lunch club, crypt</p>
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Maree Anne Kelly RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	
<b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June ST JUSTIN, Martyr</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP anniv.</i> <b>NO EVENING MASS THIS MONTH</b>	
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> 9.30am NO Adoration 10am Mass <i>Gaspere Giamalva RIP</i>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>John Andrews RIP</i> <b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> June CORPUS CHRISTI</b> 9.15am** <i>Daniel &amp; Ellen White RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Calogero Nicastro RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</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.*