

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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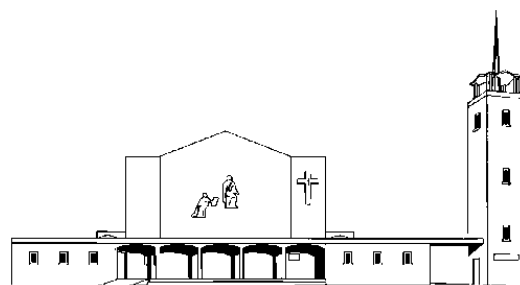
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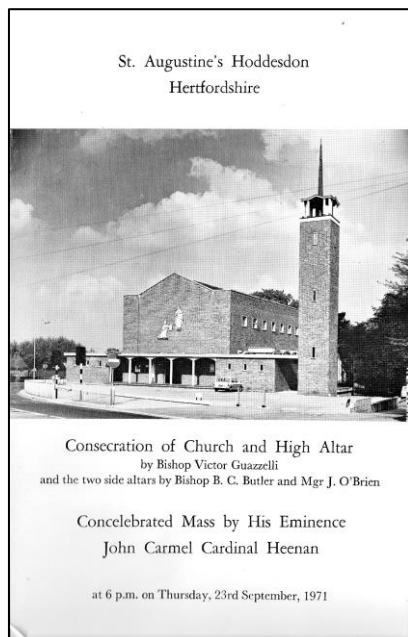
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DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH

23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

GOSPEL: John 2: 13-22

*He was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body.*



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

THE 'ORDINARY SUNDAY OF THE YEAR' THIS WEEKEND is replaced by the solemn feast of the anniversary of the consecration of our parish church. It was built on the site of the former home of the Augustinian canons, Esdaile House, in 1961/62, and was completed for its first celebration of Mass in early August 1962. Nine years later the debt was paid off, and therefore it could be consecrated – this happened on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1971, and involved Cardinal Heenan, auxiliary bishops Guazzelli and Butler, and Mgr O'Brien (later to become Bishop O'Brien, our auxiliary bishop in Hertfordshire, whom many of us remember well). The anniversary of dedication means that *we have special readings this weekend*, which have been duplicated and accompany this Newsletter.

It's also a chance to pray for our benefactors, both living and dead, and to remember in prayerful thanksgiving all those parishioners who by time and financial contributions have built up the spiritual and material fabric of St Augustine's. God bless them and God bless you!

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS in Liverpool recently had as its central focus the addresses by Bishop Robert Barron, whose <https://www.wordonfire.org/> website helps spread the Catholic faith. I am screening them here in the parish crypt – first talk THIS WEEK:

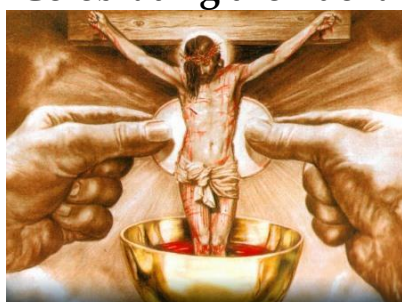
**Wednesday daytime: 10.15am on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept (talk 1) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct (talk 2);**

**Evening slot: 7.30pm on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept (talk 1) and Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Oct (talk 2).**

Please come and hear what Bp Barron had to say to us at the Congress; I guarantee you will not be disappointed! – he is a wonderful communicator of the riches of our faith in Jesus Christ.

**May the Lord fill our parish with joys on this sacred anniversary for our church! Fr Philip**

**Celebrating the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 48:**



Though the idea of a "banquet" naturally suggests familiarity, the Church has never yielded to the temptation to trivialize this "intimacy" with her Spouse by forgetting that he is also her Lord and that the "banquet" always remains a sacrificial banquet marked by the blood shed on Golgotha. *The Eucharistic Banquet is truly a "sacred" banquet*, in which the simplicity of the signs conceals the unfathomable holiness of God: *O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur!* The bread which is broken on our altars, offered to us as wayfarers along the paths of the world, is *panis angelorum*, the bread of angels, which cannot be approached except with the humility of the centurion in the Gospel: "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof."

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Gary Burroughs who will be baptised this weekend.

**ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER** will not take place on Tuesday morning.

**MAURA STARLING RIP** of The Lawns Drive, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Monday 1st October at 2pm.**

**ANTONIO DELLA CERRA RIP** of Middlefield Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. The funeral will be on **Wednesday 3rd October at 1pm** with Don Antonio. *May they rest in peace.*

**ADOREMUS:** after the great event of the National Eucharistic Congress, there are many video clips of the talks available on <http://www.shalomworldtv.org/adoremus> The brilliant talks from world-famous Bishop Robert Barron will be shown by Fr Philip in the crypt on the following dates:

**TALK 1:** Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept (10.15am after morning coffee) or Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept (7.30pm).

**TALK2:** Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct (10.15am after morning coffee) or Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Oct (7.30pm).

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS:** The next rota for the period October 2018 - January 2019 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Telephone 449282 or e-mail [patandcarolkav@btinternet.com](mailto:patandcarolkav@btinternet.com) Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will next take place **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 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 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

**DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW, 26<sup>th</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June 2019** with Fr Philip and Northern Star Travel.\* Price is £700- and further info is available with booking forms by the newsletters. (\* Same operator who took our

Fatima trip in 2017.) **The deadline for booking forms is 31<sup>st</sup> October.** Please ring Presbytery, also, to let us know that you are booking.

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini & 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, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017**

## CATECHETICS

**CONFIRMATION 2019:** The next three meetings are **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> Oct & 6<sup>th</sup> November 7-8.30pm** for candidates only.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** we are still in need of a parish volunteer to come forward to lead the **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation for 2019.** Until we have someone willing to co-ordinate this, we can't yet advertise the course or receive applications.

**"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). **Course continues Mon 1st October at 7pm.** If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip soon.

**FR PHILIP'S TALKS ON THE EUCHARIST:** Handouts from talks 3 & 4 are available to collect from the presbytery if you missed them.

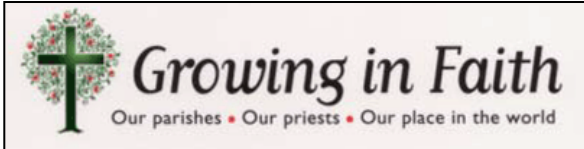
**SCRIPTURE EVENING** will be held on Wed **10th Oct from 7.45pm-9.30pm** in the crypt. The evening explores how as Catholics we can become more familiar with Scripture in our daily lives.

### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:** St Mary's Secondary School and St Augustine's and St Cross Schools no longer require the Certificate for Sept 2019 admissions. No Certificates of Catholic Practice need be issued this autumn. Of course our Catholic Schools retain the highest admissions criterion as being for baptized Catholic children.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is holding its Open Evening on **Wed 26th Sept 6-8.30pm**.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** are looking for practicing Catholics who are willing to join the board of Governors. They are particularly looking for individuals with any of the following skills in: Human Resources; Health & Safety; Finance & Marketing backgrounds although other skills are also welcome. If you are interested, please let Fr Philip know. [www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/ser-ving-as-a-governor](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/ser-ving-as-a-governor)



**We have pledges of c. £185k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £51k.** So far we already have £29k 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.

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

### JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

**PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN:** Thank you to all those who donated to help fund the court case appeal regarding the legality of 'buffer zones' to prevent pro-life prayer witness. The target of £50k has now been almost reached.

**BROXBOURNE FOODBANK** are in *urgent* need of tinned fruit, tea bags 80's, dried pasta 500gms, UHT milk 1 litre and breakfast cereals.

If you can donate, please use the box at the back of the church.

**BROXBOURNE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER:** There will be a parish volunteers' meeting in the crypt on **Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm**. There will also be first-aid training on Sat 27th October or Sat 10th Nov 9-1.30 at a local Red Cross centre which is optional but recommended. There will be a **full training meeting for all the volunteers** from across the borough for the 7 venues in November – date now released: **22nd Nov** (venue & time t.b.c.)

To enable the shelter to run, we need 12 of the following: duvets, duvet covers (singles), pillows, pillow cases and single sheets. Please note that they all need to be clean and good quality; bring what you can to the presbytery.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his new round of visits, this week, on Wednesday afternoon, with visits to parish homes in: Molesworth, Caxton Road, Ranworth Avenue.

**MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING** will be held in the crypt on **Friday 28th September from 10.30am-1pm**. All are welcome!

ALSO: Mrs Napier, Headteacher of St Augustine's School will be donating her hair to make wigs for children who have lost their hair to cancer. The haircutting will take place on **Friday 28th Sept 9am** in the school dining room. If you would like to sponsor her, please visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MrsGillianNapier](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MrsGillianNapier).

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz last week and special thanks to Vicky Lee-Lozone for running the quiz. A total of £350 was raised for UK Aid Felsted.

**CHURCH CLEANERS** are still **urgently** needed to **help on Wed mornings** as there are only 2 cleaners in that group. This will involve **only 1 hour per month**. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. Thank you for your help.

**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: 14th & 28th October.

| Masses this week  | Today's Liturgy   |
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| <b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b><br>9.30am Adoration<br>10am Mass <i>Antonio della Cerra RIP rec. dec.</i>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>As per sheet inserted in the newsletter</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Kings 8: 22–23, 27–30<br><i>Let your eyes watch over this house.</i>   |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass<br>6.30pm* Mass <i>Benefactors of the church</i>   | <b>Psalm 88 — How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.</b>  |
| <b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPT DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH</b><br>9.15am** <i>Nev Yarwood RIP</i><br>11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 12: 18–19, 22–24<br><i>You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.</i>  |
| <b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Sept OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</b><br>8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer<br>9.15 Mass <i>Joan Grady RIP</i>  | <b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that My name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia.</i>   |
| <b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b><br>9.15am Mass <i>Elena Maria Medina RIP</i>   | <b>Gospel:</b> John 2: 13–22<br><i>He was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body.</i>  |
| <b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b><br>8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer<br>9.15am Mass <i>Holy souls in purgatory</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt  | <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Dedication of Church (p. 199)<br><b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)  |
| <b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Sept ST VINCENT DE PAUL, Priest</b><br>8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer<br>9.15am Mass <i>Private Intention</i>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b><br/> <b>26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Numbers 11: 25–29<br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> James 5: 1–6<br><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 9: 38–43, 45, 47–48   |
| <b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b><br><i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i><br>11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction<br>12 noon Mass <i>Aguillon Colina Family intentions</i> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm<br>Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am<br>or ask Fr Philip at any other time.   |
| <b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Sept SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL</b><br>9.30am Adoration<br>10am Mass <i>Margaret Whelehan RIP</i>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.   |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass<br>6.30pm* Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> 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 30<sup>th</sup> SEPT 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b><br>9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i><br>11.15am <i>Giuseppe Repetti RIP</i> ‡   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.<br><br><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b><br><b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b> |
| <b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>   |   |
| <b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt   | <b>Wed 26<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.*