

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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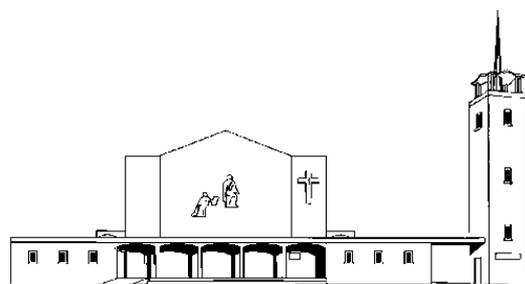
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9th SEPTEMBER 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND OUR COUNTRY'S LONG-AWAITED 'ADOREMUS' National Eucharistic Congress takes place in Liverpool over a 3-day Celebration of Conference, Mass, Adoration and Procession. Several of our parishioners are there with me to experience this occasion along with 10,000 of our fellow Catholics from England & Wales.

To join in with this event from your home, do make sure to purchase a copy of the *Alive Publishing* prayer-reflection booklet available on the small table in the porch (just £1.50/copy). Additionally there will be an opportunity to watch part of it streamed live at <http://www.shalomworldtv.org/adoremus> on the internet. Above all, pray that this national expression of our Catholic life will be a spiritual success for the Church in our land.

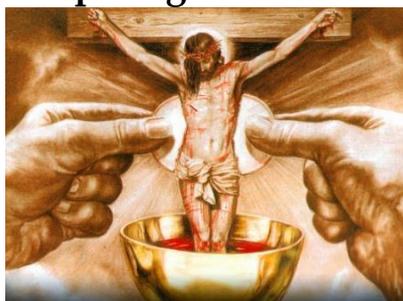


PLEASE WELCOME FR VINCENT OATES MHM TO THE PARISH this weekend. He comes to speak about our support for the 'APF' ('Association for the Propagation of the Faith') which is behind the 'Red Mission Boxes' that many of us have in our homes as a way of collecting regularly for the Church's mission dioceses. Please listen to him and respond generously to his appeal for more 'Red Box' members in this parish. <https://missio.org.uk/about-apf/>

THE BROXBORNE BOROUGH 'WINTER NIGHT SHELTER' – if you have asked to be involved, see the notice inside the Newsletter including the date of a parish meeting of volunteers (Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Oct) and compulsory Volunteer Training for the whole team across the borough (Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – there will be afternoon and evening alternative slots). Others can still volunteer to join the initiative: forms to indicate your interest are available by the Newsletters.

May the blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist fill you with His grace this Sunday! Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 47:



The account [of the Last Supper] continues, ... with Jesus's charge to the disciples to *prepare carefully the "large upper room"* needed for the Passover meal and with the narration of the institution of the Eucharist. Reflecting at least in part the *Jewish rites* of the Passover meal leading up to the singing of the Hallel, the story presents with sobriety and solemnity, even in the variants of the different traditions, the words spoken by Christ over the bread and wine, which he made into concrete expressions of the handing over of his body and the shedding of his blood. All these details are recorded by the Evangelists in the light of a praxis of the "breaking of the bread" already well-established in the early Church. But certainly from the time of Jesus on, the event of Holy Thursday has shown visible traces of a liturgical "sensibility" shaped by Old Testament tradition and open to being reshaped in Christian celebrations in a way consonant with the new content of Easter.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**APF / MILL-HILL MISSION APPEAL:** This weekend we welcome Fr Vincent Oates MHM to make the 5-yearly APF / Mill Hill 'thank you and appeal for new members.' He will explain how we can all be involved in the Mission of the Church in our homes and families. Please note there will be *no* cash collection.

**ADOREMUS:** Let's pray for the success of the Congress, as Catholics from across our country gather in prayer to express the Catholic faith in the presence of Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For parts of each day, Fri/Sat/Sun there will be live streaming of the Congress on <http://www.shalomworldtv.org/adoremus>.

**FRANCESCA CICCHIRILLO RIP** of Middlefield Avenue, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Monday 17th September at 12 noon.** *May she rest in peace.*

**FR PHILIP'S TALKS:** there will be an extra 'bonus' talk on Jewish roots of the Eucharist on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm** in the church. Topic: "The Fourth Cup & the Death of Jesus."

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will next take place **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 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 21<sup>st</sup> September.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS' ROTAS:** The next rota for the period October 2018 - January 2019 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wednesday 26th September AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Telephone 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 WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** is on **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> September:** 10am from arrivals with Mass at 12 noon. This year we haven't been able to organise a coach from this locality, but feel free to attend by driving there – allow 2.5hrs to get there by car.

**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.) 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/bishopstortford>

**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

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The second part of the course will be held on **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Sept from 7.30-9pm in the church.**

**CONFIRMATION 2019:** Don't forget to get copies of Baptism Certificates in to the Presbytery for those not baptized here at St Augustine's. Next meetings: **Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Sept; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 7-8.30pm** for candidates only.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** we are still in need of a parish volunteer to come forward to take a lead in 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 begins Mon 10th September at 7pm.** If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip soon. There are **green leaflets** outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:** those who have applied to be on the **Secondary Schools' Signing Register**, please keep signing the weekly sign-in-sheet after the Saturday evening vigil Masses and the Masses of Sunday. It is now no longer possible to apply to be added to the register for this year. **St Augustine's and St Cross Schools have decided not to require the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Sept 2019 admission into Reception class. There will therefore be no Certificate of Catholic Practice issued this autumn for primary school.** Of course both Parish Primary Schools retain the highest admissions criteria as being for baptized Catholic children.



**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:** the court case being fought for the civil right to pray publicly and assist mothers in need, outside abortion clinics, is in need of funding. A mother, Alina Dulgheriu, who had the opportunity to keep her daughter thanks to the presence of counsellors from the Good Counsel Network, tells her story, and asks for financial assistance to bring the case to the Court of Appeal:

<https://www.gofundme.com/alinallegalfund>

Do think of supporting this crucial cause in the pro-life battle for babies' lives.

**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 from 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: **Sat 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

**BE-FRIENDING GROUP:** We will start visiting parishioners in September and would welcome referrals from anyone housebound who would welcome visits from group members. Contact Janet Lampard on 428490.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will begin a new round of visits, this week, on Wednesday afternoon, with visits in St Margaret's Rd.

**QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of UK Aid Felsted will be held on **Friday 14th Sept** at 7.30pm in the crypt. £5 per person, max 8 per team. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book a table contact Margaret Byrne on 443351 or Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023.

**200 CLUB:** The winner for August was Mr T. Baldwin no. 197 and the winner for September was Mrs J. Percival no. 34. Congratulations!

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

**CRYPT RE-FIT IS NOW COMPLETE.** We have received some generous donations towards the new kitchen, but if any other parishioners wish to contribute to the costs (total £18k), then it will be gratefully received.

**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: 23rd September; 7th & 14th October.

**DATA PROTECTION:** After parish rotas have finished, please shred your rota or return it to the presbytery for shredding. Thank you.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Sept NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> 9.30am NO Adoration 10am Mass <b>Robert Cullen RIP</b>	<b>PAGE 129 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 35: 4–7 <i>The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.</i>  <b>Psalm 145 — My soul, give praise to the Lord.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> James 2: 1–5 <i>God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.</i>  <b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <b>For the Parish</b>  <b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> SEPT 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <b>Helena &amp; Zbigniew Wyremblewski RIP &amp; Stanisława &amp; Jan Wiczorek RIP</b> 11.15am <b>Salvatore Cutillo, Natalina De Pascale &amp; Fiorenzo Petrarca intentions</b> ‡	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 7: 31–37 <i>He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> ad lib. <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> ad lib.  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 50: 5–9 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> James 2: 14–18 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8: 27–35
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass <b>Dennis Dempsey RIP</b>  <b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <b>Michael Connors RIP</b>	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 7: 31–37 <i>He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> ad lib. <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> ad lib.
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <b>Filippa Guddemi RIP</b> — followed by coffee in the crypt  <b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Sept ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop &amp; Dr</b> NO 9.15am Mass	<b>Next Week's Readings</b> <b>24th Sunday of the Year</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 50: 5–9 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> James 2: 14–18 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8: 27–35
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Sept THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12.00 noon Mass <b>John Fallon RIP anniv.</b>  <b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Sept OUR LADY OF SORROWS</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <b>Ken Parker RIP</b>	<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>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <b>Anthony Ogbodu's Intentions</b>  <b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> SEPT 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <b>John Fallon RIP anniv.</b> 11.15am <b>For the Parish</b> 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.  <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.
* 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)	<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 10th</b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery <b>Tues 11th</b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 12th</b> 6pm Brownies, crypt <b>Wed 12th</b> 7.30pm All Saints, 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.*