

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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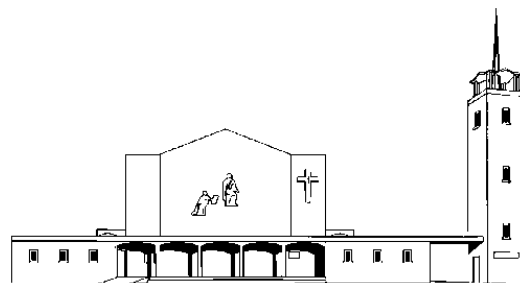
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Year B

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2018

GOSPEL: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

*Your liberation is near at hand.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

TODAY WE BEGIN THE NEW CHURCH YEAR WITH THE SEASON OF ADVENT. This is a precious and beautiful season, a time of hope and longing, and if we keep it well it can be a source of great renewal as we open our hearts to the coming of Christ at Christmas. It is all too easy to be anticipating Christmas, as the shops and streets have been decorated already for ages ... but let's try to keep Advent prayerfully, waiting in hope, as did humanity for centuries, for the coming of the Saviour. *Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

I HAVE DECIDED TO PREACH A SERIES OF 4 ADVENT-SUNDAY HOMILIES on the form of Scripture, taking my lead from a recent Bible-study evening that we hosted here. My idea is to take one part of the Liturgy of the Word each week – namely, the Old Testament, the Psalms, the New Testament and the Gospels – and to explain a little more about how Sacred Scripture fits together. Hopefully this will be an interesting way to open up our hearts to the coming of Christ at Christmas, as He is proclaimed throughout the Holy Bible. **Today, beginning from the prophets who make up much of our Advent reflections, I'll consider the Old Testament.**

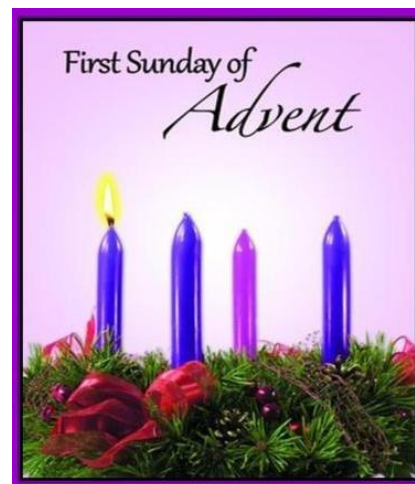
THE CHARITY FAIR, THIS WEEKEND, IN THE CRYPT after all the Masses, is available for you to make some preparations for Christmas through the cards and other items on sale.

Please note these events for late Advent, in the days before Christmas:

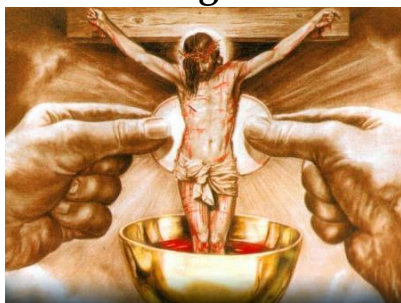
\* 17<sup>th</sup> December (Monday) 11.30am & 7.30pm – PENITENTIAL SERVICES with Confession.

\* 23<sup>rd</sup> December (Sunday) 5pm – PARISH CAROL SERVICE with Refreshments after.

May the Lord bring us new hope as we long for His coming anew in our hearts! Fr Philip



**Celebrating the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 57:**



Experiencing the memorial of Christ's death in the Eucharist also means continually receiving this gift. It means accepting — like John — the one who is given to us anew as our Mother. It also means taking on a commitment to be conformed to Christ, putting ourselves at the school of his Mother and allowing her to accompany us. Mary is present, with the Church and as the Mother of the Church, at each of our celebrations of the Eucharist. If the Church and the Eucharist are inseparably united, the same ought to be said of Mary and the Eucharist. This is one reason why, since ancient times, the commemoration of

Mary has always been part of the Eucharistic celebrations of the Churches of East and West.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**VINCENZO IMBROGINO RIP** of Stortford Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 10.30am.**

**METT CURTIS RIP** formerly a resident of Hoddesdon, died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon.**

*May they rest in peace.*

## ADVENT

**MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND** is **this weekend** after all Masses in the crypt. Please make your way down to the crypt for special refreshments and a sale of charity cards etc. with many different stalls!

**RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS:** Our Parish Penitential Service will be on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am and 7.30pm.** Fr Philip will also hear confessions if possible after Sunday Masses in Advent.

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE** will be held on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 5pm.** Volunteers are needed to help make refreshments afterwards. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

**ADVENT EXTRA** magazine is now available to buy for £2.25 from the back of church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will next take place **this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**HOLY FAMILIES**, the diocesan faith-sharing resource is **now available to buy from the back of the church for £3.** The booklet explores themes from the Holy Father's teaching on marriage and the family in *Amoris Laetitia*.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Children (any age) who have at least made their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery so that training can be arranged.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**December.** 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 POLAND, 26<sup>th</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June 2019** with Fr Philip. Price £700- and further info is available with booking forms by the newsletters. The pilgrimage will be following in the footsteps of John Paul II and will visit Kraków, Wadowice, Częstochowa and Auschwitz. **Space still available**, so take a booking form and submit it as soon as possible. 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 AT HOME.**

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

**CONFIRMATION 2019:** The next three meetings are **4<sup>th</sup> Dec; 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January 7-8.30pm** for candidates only. Please do not forget to bring your copy of the Gospel of St Mark to each session, and please read ch. 8 in preparation for next time.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Application forms (for practising Catholic children in year 3 or above) **are now available to collect after all Masses this weekend.** Please return completed forms to the presbytery **by 3<sup>rd</sup> December.** The **first meeting for parents will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019** at 8pm in the crypt.

**"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. **Course continues Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm.**

### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

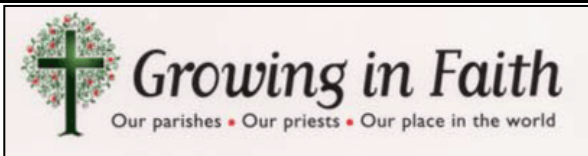
**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** is holding an Open Day for new parents to Nursery 2019/20 on **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 10-11am** and **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2-3pm**. To book a place, please contact the school on 463549.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS:** Nursery applications are open and places will be given on a "first come, first served" basis. Application forms can be picked up at the School Office, by following the link on the home page of the school website or under the 'Admissions' tab. An offer letter will be sent within a week of applications received.

### **VACANCIES FOUNDATION GOVERNORS:**

St. Augustine's School is looking for practising Catholics who are willing to join the board of Governors. The role is a 4-year tenure and requires attendance at 2 meetings per term. Training is provided. If you are interested, please let Father Philip know. More information can be found at [www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/ser-ving-as-a-governor](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/ser-ving-as-a-governor). Please contact the School Office or the Chair of Governors, Mr. Tackley

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** has a vacancy for a School Business Manager. If you are interested in applying for this position, further details and an application form are available [https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.school-business-manager\\_48137.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.school-business-manager_48137.htm)



**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

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world. Catalogues are now available at the back of the church.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will be making house visits this week on **Wednesday afternoon** in: Highbury Avenue, Fairfield Road.

**ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** will be held at Tesco, Brookfield on **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 10-6pm**. Collectors are urgently wanted.

**ISABEL HOSPICE CAROL SINGING** will be held at Sainsbury's Hoddesdon on **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 11-12.30pm** and collectors are needed. Carol singers and instrumentalists (wind and strings) also needed. If you can help with either of these, please contact Ellen on 464677.

**APF RED BOXES** need to be returned with donations by **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** please. 2 boxes have been returned without addresses on. New boxes will be available to collect from the back of church on Sundays 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks for all your support. Ellen B.

**WARE CHORAL SOCIETY** is hosting "Singing Together at Christmas" on **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm** at the Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets £15. Please contact Anne Byrne on 467097.

**BROXBOURNE COMMUNITY CHOIR** are performing a Christmas concert on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm** at St Catherine & St Paul's Church, Hoddesdon. Free entry. All welcome.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES** can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Tony & Linda Barrell. 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: 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December.

*Advent*

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> December</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Pius Ogbodu RIP</i>	<b>PAGE 82 in the Mass books</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 33: 14–16 <i>I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i>	<b>Psalm 24—</b> <i>To you, O Lord, I life up my soul.</i>
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 9.15am** <i>Giuseppe Imbrogino RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Danny Hurley RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 3: 12–4:2 <i>May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.</i>  <b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia.</i>
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> December ST FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Marie-Ange Jordan RIP &amp; George King RIP</i> 10.30am <b>Funeral</b> <i>Vincenzo Imbrogino RIP</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 21: 25–28, 34–36 <i>Your liberation is near at hand.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Advent I (p. 65) <b>EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 25)
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Tiago Paiva</i>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> December</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Gaetana Conti RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Baruch 5: 1–9 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 1:4–6, 8–11 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 3: 1–6
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> December</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Mbogo John Baptist 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>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> December ST AMBROSE, Bishop &amp; Dr</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Melanie Pinto RIP</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Vincenzo Imbrogino RIP</i> 8pm Holy Hour	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> December IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Patrick Walsh RIP</i>	<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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>  <b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 9.15am** <i>Larry O'Neill RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Margherita Barone RIP</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.
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> ** 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 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery <b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm Confirmation, crypt <b>Wed 5<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.*