

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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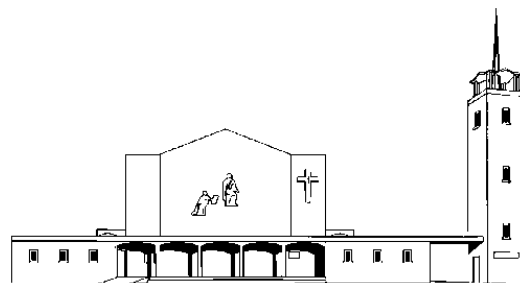
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Year C

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

*This text is being fulfilled today.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL OF ST LUKE will be the dominant Gospel of this church year, ('Year C') and we hear today, after the opening verses of that Gospel, Luke's account of Our Lord preaching in the synagogue back in Nazareth, at the start of His public ministry.

In His home town, Jesus first startles His hearers with His words of wisdom. He quotes from the prophet Isaiah – a passage that speaks of the Messiah, the One anointed with the Holy Spirit – and then utters those simple, but immortal words: "Today, in your hearing, these words are being fulfilled." With simple directness Our Lord is stating: the One longed for, the promised Messiah, I am He. One can imagine that, as this clear meaning dawned on His hearers, many questions would arise in their hearts! They feel they know Him, ... and yet they don't ...

THE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER – a project of the local 'Churches Together' groups in the Borough of Broxbourne – continues smoothly across the seven host venues. Thank you to all those volunteers involved in our Sunday-night / Monday-morning commitment each week. May the patron saint of homeless people, St Joseph Benedict Labre, pray for our guests and our volunteers in this important project and expression of our Christian charity.

May the Lord Jesus work His will in our lives, and form us also anew!

Fr Philip



**St Augustine teaches: Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 3:**

We believe also in His Son, that is to say, God the Father Almighty's, His Only Son, our Lord. When you hear of the Only Son of God, acknowledge Him God. For it could not be that God's Only Son should not be God. What He is, the same did He beget, though He is not that Person Whom He begot. If He be truly Son, He is that which the Father is; if He be not that which the Father is, He is not truly Son. Observe mortal and earthly creatures: what each is, that it engenders. Man begets not an ox, sheep begets not dog, nor dog sheep. Whatever it be that begets, that which it is, it begets. Hold ye therefore boldly, firmly, faithfully, that the Begotten of God the Father is what Himself is, Almighty.

... You know, that when I pronounced to you the Creed, so I said, and so you are bounden to believe; that we believe in God the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ His Only Son. Here too, when you believe that He is the Only, believe Him Almighty: for it is not to be thought that God the Father does what He will, and God the Son does not what He will. One Will of Father and Son, because one Nature. For it is impossible for the will of the Son to be any whit parted from the Father's will. God and God; both one God: Almighty and Almighty; both One Almighty.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**JAMES NEEDHAM RIP** of Rosehill Close, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon.**

*May he rest in peace.*

**FIRST FRIDAY:** The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

**LATIN MASS:** The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.**

**ROTA FOR READER/MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** for the period February - May is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by phone 449282 or e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com by **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please note that there are currently plenty of spaces to have Masses said on weekdays. Please complete a brown envelope and hand it into the presbytery to request a Mass to be offered for an intention.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.** 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 **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE:** Thank you to all those who attended and assisted at the service last weekend. A collection was held for 'Aid to the Church in Need' and a total was £451.54 was raised.

**AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY** will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.** More details will follow in due course. Please put the date in your diary.

**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. The pilgrimage will follow 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 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/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 meeting is **5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7-8.30pm** for candidates only. Please do not forget to bring your copy of the St Mark's Gospel to each session, and please read ch. 11 in preparation for next time.

**NOTE DATE FOR RETREAT:** Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March, 11am-4pm.

Thanks to those candidates who have already signed up to assist with Night-Shelter set-up on Sundays at 12.30pm. **We still need more candidates for the Sundays 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - 3<sup>rd</sup> March, please.** A sign-up list is beside the register.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The first meeting for children will be on **Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 12.30-2pm or Mon 28<sup>th</sup> January 6-7.30pm:** meet at the outside crypt door 10 mins before the class starts. The second meeting for parents will be on **6<sup>th</sup> February 8pm** in the crypt. **Could parents please return their slips requesting their preferred date for the 1st HC as soon as possible to the presbytery please.**

“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 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.**



**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.

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### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**BROXBOURNE BOROUGH WINTER NIGHT SHELTER.** has been launched in the past week, and we host the Night Shelter here at St Augustine’s for 8 Sunday nights. Thank you to all the volunteers who are involved, and let us all pray for the success of this venture by local churches, as we care for the homeless people of the borough.

**SPUC ‘WHITE FLOWER’ APPEAL:** The total collected was £309.90. Thank you! 50 postcards were completed and sent to the Prime Minister.

**CAFOD:** The struggle for social and environmental justice in the Brazilian Amazon – talk and Q&A will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm** at CAFOD’s Volunteer Centre at Catholic Church of Christ the King, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE. This volunteer meeting from 2.30-4pm will include an opportunity to hear a first-hand account of our work to defend indigenous rights and the Amazon in Brazil. Please contact Tony Sheen [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk) for further details or to book a place.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will make his house visits on **Wed afternoon** this week to parish homes in Middlefield Rd (odd nos.), Manor Rd.

**CRIB APPEAL:** This year the amount collected was £434.94 for the Catholic Children’s Society, Westminster. Thank you!

**WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2019** are now available to buy for £4.50 from the back of church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

**PARISH MAGAZINE** is still available to buy for £5 from the back of church or from the presbytery.

**GIFT AID:** Many parishioners have already signed Gift-Aid forms which enables the parish to collect the tax on the donations they have made through envelopes or standing orders. There is no further cost to the donor, but the parish is able to claim another £1 for every £4 donated under Gift Aid. During 2017/2018 we were able to claim £11,837.95 and then received a further £2,000 through the gift aid small donation scheme. If you are able to sign a Gift-Aid form, there are some on the notice board at the back of church, or you can contact the presbytery. You do need to be a UK taxpayer to sign a form.

**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: 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### **SAINT OF THE WEEK ST JOHN BOSCO**

Saint John Bosco, popularly known as ‘Don Bosco,’ was an Italian priest, educator and writer of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System.

***Pray for us, and for our young people!***



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> January SS TIMOTHY &amp; TITUS, Bishops</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <b>Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP, Antonino &amp; Giuseppa Canatella RIP &amp; in honour of Santa Lucia</b>	<b>PAGE 129 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Nehemiah 8: 2–6, 8–10 <i>Ezra read from the law of God and the people understood what was read.</i>  <b>Psalm 18— Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 12–30 <i>You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <b>Martin &amp; Bridget Moriarty RIP</b>  <b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup> January THIRD SUNDAY IN O.T.</b> 9.15am** <b>For the Parish</b> 11.15am <b>Giovannina Minichiello RIP anniv.</b> ‡	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia.</i>  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 1: 1–4, 4: 14–21 <i>This text is being fulfilled today.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 3 (p. 69) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 25)
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> January ST THOMAS AQUINAS, Priest &amp; Dr</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <b>Intentions of those using the Night Shelter</b> 12 noon <b>Funeral James Needham RIP</b>	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 1: 1–4, 4: 14–21 <i>This text is being fulfilled today.</i>  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 1: 4–5, 17–19 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 31–13:13 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 4: 21–30
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> January</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <b>Catherine Marriott RIP &amp; Michael Murphy's intentions</b>	<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> January</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Private intention — followed by coffee in the crypt</b>
<b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> January ST JOHN BOSCO, Priest</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Maria Ligaya Dolentino's intentions</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>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <b>Carmelo Ventura RIP</b> 7.30pm Mass <b>Deceased of Hudson &amp; O'Malley families</b> 8.00pm Holy Hour	<b>ROSARY</b>  The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <b>Marino Zanelli RIP</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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <b>Vincenzo Imbrogino RIP</b>  <b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> February FOURTH SUNDAY IN O.T.</b> 9.15am** <b>Susan Johnson RIP</b> 11.15am <b>Phyllis Dolan RIP 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.</b> 5.00pm Latin Mass <b>For the Parish</b> ‡	<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: 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>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 28th</b> 6pm 1st HC, crypt <b>Mon 28th</b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery	<b>Tues 29th</b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt <b>Wed 30th</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 parrochiani 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.