

# The Announcer

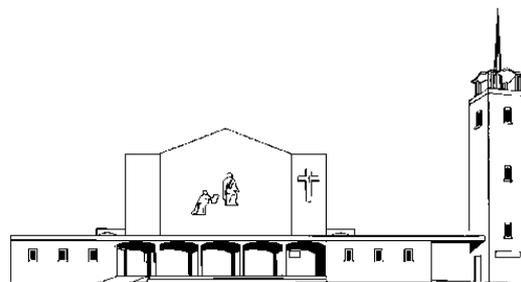
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**28th JULY 2019**

**GOSPEL: Luke 11: 1-13**

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

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

**THE GOSPEL PASSAGE THIS SUNDAY** reminds us of the necessity to persevere in our prayer life.

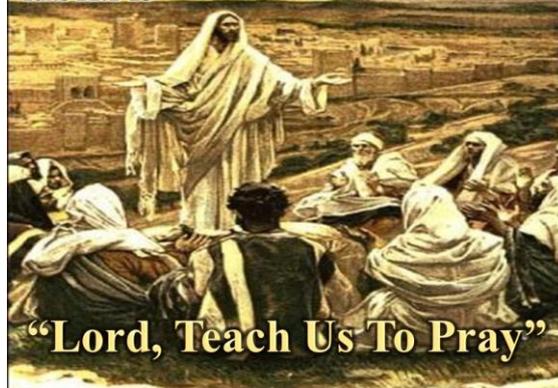
When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, our Lord taught them the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father. This rich prayer begins by praising the Almighty Father, this being followed by our consent to His Divine Will.

To emphasize the importance of persevering in prayer, Jesus gave the story of a friend who arrived at midnight and the necessity to go next door to one's neighbour to borrow three loaves of bread. Under normal circumstances, it is expected that the neighbour will complain because of the hour during which the request is made. It must be realised that in those days, to open the door meant to remove a very large wooden or iron bar from the door that was shut. To do so, was tiresome and noisy. Furthermore, the entire family slept on a mat in the peasant house that was single-roomed. To open the door meant to disturb the entire family from its sleep.

Jesus concluded His teaching by saying that if you ask, it will be given to you; if you search, you will find; and if you knock, the door will be opened to you.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, never give up on prayer; we should be people who always persist in prayer. The Lord has assured us that ask and you will be given, search and you will find, knock at God's door and it will be opened to you. For God to grant us what we need, we have to be people of prayer. Perseverance in prayer is always rewarded.  
Fr John Baptist Kisembo.

Luke 11:1-13



### **St Augustine teaches: On Patience, 11**

Let then the Saints hear from holy Scripture the precepts of patience: "My son, when you come to the service of God, stand in righteousness and fear, and prepare your soul for temptation: bring your heart low, and bear up; that in the last end your life may increase. All that shall come upon you receive you, and in pain bear up, and in your humility have patience. For in the fire gold and silver is proved, but acceptable men in the furnace of humiliation." And in another place we read: "My son, faint not in the discipline of the Lord, neither be wearied when you are chidden of Him. For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives."



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to Elis Troake and Elisa Ingraio married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Henry Noonan who will be baptised this weekend.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 2nd August**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

**ANTONIO MARTUCCI RIP** of Thurgood Road died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 5th August at 11am** with Don Antonio.

*May he rest in peace.*

**FR PHILIP'S TALKS ON MARY:** handouts from all 3 talks are available from Presbytery.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** there are currently plenty of spare *weekday* dates for intentions for you to request Mass to be offered. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. An intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August**. 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 take place **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** as we prepare for the rededication of England to Our Lady as her dowry (March 2020), we have the chance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham with Cardinal Vincent and Catholics from across the diocese this September. The Deanery coach will pick up at Hoddesdon at 7.15am, to get to Walsingham in good time for 12 noon Mass. After lunch we walk the Holy Mile and conclude with Benediction at the old Priory shrine. To book a place on the coach, fill in the slip (opposite) and give it in with the £25 (£20 coach + £5 pilgrims' levy) cost, either as cash or a cheque payable to 'St Augustine's Catholic

Church,' to The Presbytery. **Please note the coach is now half full, so if you would like to attend, please hand in your slip a.s.a.p.**

**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 2020:** an initial meeting for the coming year's programme is yet to be arranged, but will be announced shortly. Sorry for the delay.

**"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 in September.** 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.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30-9.00pm**. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

## SCHOOLS/UNDER-5's

**GOVERNOR VACANCIES:** St. Augustine's School has spaces on its board that need filling from September 2019 for two Foundation Governors. It would be an advantage (but not essential) if you have skills in any of the following areas; health & safety/construction, marketing, safeguarding. The role is a 4-year tenure and requires attendance at 2 meetings

per term plus occasional visits to the school to meet classes and subject teachers. Training is provided to help Governors fulfil their very important role. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in giving something back to your local Catholic school, 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)

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** would like to thank everyone who supported their St Cross Fest. It was a lovely evening and lots of money was raised for the School fund.

**SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes in postcodes "EN11 0" after his Lourdes pilgrimage and holiday.

**PARISH BBQ** will be held on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm. This will also be the parish celebration for Fr Philip's 20th Anniversary.** Forms to request tickets are available at the back of church. We do need final numbers by **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10am**, so that we can order the food. Please complete your form and hand it into the presbytery. There won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE volunteer to assist with the many jobs – setting out chairs/tables before, putting up gazebos, making potato/pasta salads, coleslaw and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen.** In order to organise the raffle, raffle prizes are needed. If you can donate something, please hand it in at the presbytery as we would like to have all raffle prizes by the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Thanks for your support.

**KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDIAN DUO** are giving a concert of Classical and Ukrainian music in St Catherine & St Paul's Church on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm.** This is a free concert, but there will be a donations box in aid of children and families affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. For more info, please contact Margaret Byrne on 443351.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Two more cleaners are needed to help clean the church for one hour per month on a Wednesday. If you can help, please do contact the presbytery.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES** can be viewed

online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. Thanks 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: August 25<sup>th</sup>; Sept 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**ST MARTHA - 29TH JULY**

O blessed St. Martha, your faith led Jesus to proclaim, "I am the resurrection and the life"; and faith let you see beyond his humanity when you cried out, "Lord I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." With firm hope you said, I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him, and Jesus called your brother Lazarus back from the dead. With pure love for Jesus you welcomed him into your home. Friend and servant of our Saviour, I too am "troubled about many things." (*Pause for silent prayer.*) Pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and love, and that Jesus, who sat at your table, will hear me and grant me a place at the banquet of eternal life. Amen

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**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM  
ON 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Name: .....

Contact no.: .....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:

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Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £25.

**PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY**

Your personal details will be held on file. After the Pilgrimage day, your details will be securely destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on [rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> July</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Carlo Ciaravella RIP anniv</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 114 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 18: 20-32  <i>I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me love to speak.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 137 —</b> <i>On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 2: 12-14  <i>He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11: 1-13  <i>Ask and it will be given to you.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> ad lib.  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> ad lib.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2:21-23  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12: 13-21</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Mary &amp; Harry Pappini RIP</i> <b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> July 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Larry O'Neill RIP anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<p><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></p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p><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></p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> July ST MARTHA</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Gerry Corbitt RIP</i> <b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Leonor Medina Tremont RIP</i> <b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Priest</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Kuo Chun Liao RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt <b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> August ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, Bishop</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Helen Mensah's ints and Nsonwah Family intentions</i> <b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Hester Counsell's intentions</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Private intention</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour <b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Maria Petrarca RIP anniv</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Philomena McGahern &amp; Rose Ann McGahern RIP, Michael Page, James McGahern Snr &amp; Jnr</i> <b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> August 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Giuseppe Diesi RIP</i> 11.15am <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.*