

# The Announcer

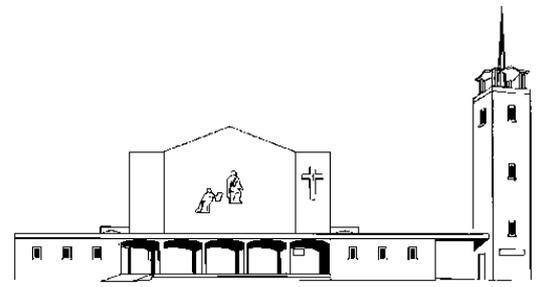
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**Year C**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**11TH AUGUST 2019**

**GOSPEL: Luke 12: 32-48**

*You too must stand ready.*

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

**THE GOSPEL PASSAGE THIS SUNDAY** calls upon us to be ready all the time for the Lord is coming at a time we do not know.

"Happy those servants," he said, "whom the master finds awake when he comes" (Lk 12:37). We must therefore be on watch, praying and doing good all the time.

Jesus describes him as "faithful and prudent." (Luke 12:42). It did not matter whether his master might return today or in a month or a year. That servant knew there was only one thing that would bring him happiness, and that was being faithful and prudent, always doing his duties.

Jesus' parable has an important lesson for each of us. Just as Jesus was faithful and ready to obey his Father's will all the time, we too are called to be faithful and obedient to the Lord's will all the time of our lives. Let us be committed Christians all the time, spending our time wisely considering attentively our destiny.

If the Lord Jesus knocked on your door today, would you be ready and eager to receive him? He wants us to be prepared for his coming – today, tomorrow, at any time. The Lord will reward the faithful servants he will find ready to welcome him at any time he calls on them.

**Appreciation:** This being my last weekend this summer, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Fr Philip for inviting me to cover him, and all the parishioners for wholeheartedly welcoming me. God's abundant blessings to you all. Let us remain united in prayer.

Fr John Baptist Kisembo.

### **St Augustine teaches: *On Patience*, 12**

Whence even if it chance them [who seek patience by their own efforts alone] that they do bear up under any hardships or difficulties, either that they may not displease men, or that they may not suffer worse, or in self-pleasing and love of their own presumption, do with most proud will bear up under these same, it is meet that concerning patience this be said to them, which concerning wisdom the blessed Apostle James says, "This wisdom comes not from above, but is earthly, animal, devilish." For why may there not be a false patience of the proud, as there is a false wisdom of the proud? But from Whom comes true wisdom, from Him comes also true patience. For to Him sings that poor in spirit, "Unto God is my soul subjected, because from Him is my patience."



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Ava Smith and Alessio Donovan who will be baptised this weekend.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** is on **Thursday 15th August** for the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at **9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm.** Eucharistic Ministers, readers and altar servers are needed and if you can assist, please sign your names on the lists at the back of church.

**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 there are now only 14 spaces left on the coach, so if you would like to attend, please hand in your slip a.s.a.p.**

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*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 13<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)

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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. **At the moment, only 10 people have applied to come, so PLEASE DO FILL OUT YOUR FORMS AND HAND THEM IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** 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:** Once again we had a very successful concert last Thursday given by the Ukrainian Duo. Thank you to all who came and supported it, we had a very enjoyable evening. It was well attended, and we made £514 for the charity.

**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:** Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Tony & Linda Barrell.

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**

Prayer for the  
**Feast of the Assumption**  
August 15<sup>th</sup>

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O Immaculate Virgin,  
Mother of God and  
Mother of humanity,  
we believe with all the fervor  
of our faith in your triumphal  
Assumption, both body and  
soul, into heaven, where you  
are acclaimed as Queen by all  
the choirs of angels and all the  
legions of the saints. And we  
unite with them to praise and  
bless the Lord who has exalted  
you above all other pure  
creatures, and to offer you the  
tribute of our devotion and  
our love. -Pope Pius XII

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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](https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 10th August ST LAWRENCE, Deacon &amp; Martyr</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Eddy Ogbodu's intentions</i>	<b>PAGE 121 in the Mass books</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Wisdom 18: 6-9 <i>By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes, you made us glorious by calling us to you.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Terry Cahill RIP anniv</i> <b>Sun 11th August 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Eladio Galang RIP</i> †	<b>Psalm 32 — Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 <i>Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.</i>
<b>Mon 12th August</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Noeleen McCrohan RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer <b>Tues 13th Aug</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass <i>Elena Maria de Aguilon RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer <b>Wed 14th August ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, Priest</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Geraldine Liddell RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt 9am Morning Prayer <b>Thurs 15th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.30 Mass <i>Andy &amp; Mag Connors &amp; Family</i> 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 8pm Mass <i>Mary Beary rec. dec. RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</i> <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12: 32-48 <i>You too must stand ready.</i> <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> ad lib. <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> ad lib.  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 12: 1-4 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12: 49-53
<b>Fri 16th August</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i> <b>Sat 17th August</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mr and Mrs Castaldi 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>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Dennis Dempsey RIP</i> <b>Sun 18th August 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Orsola Scibelli RIP anniv</i> 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>Fri 16th</b> 7.30pm Prayer group, church	

**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.*