

# The Announcer

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**Year C**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019**

**GOSPEL: Luke 13: 22-30**

*Men from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.*

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

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE FROM ST LUKE FOR THIS SUNDAY continues Our Lord's instructions for living a good and holy life. The Lord reminds us that we do not 'breeze' into heaven, but that the path to eternal life demands commitment and real focus. He uses the image of the 'narrow way' – the path that we need to stick to, and not stray from, if we are to come to eternal happiness. Jesus's whole concern for humanity is to prevent us from risking damnation. He urges us repeatedly to attend to our spiritual lives, which means attention to the Sacraments; to



weekly attendance at Sunday Mass; to the frequent use of Confession to unburden our souls of sin; and to the loving service of our neighbour, be he near or far.

THIS WEEK SEES OUR PARISH PATRONAL FEAST – ST AUGUSTINE'S DAY – which falls on Wednesday. His mother's feast (St Monica) is the day before, so we have a special week ahead with regard to these great saints. PLEASE, if you are able, come to Mass on St Augustine's Day at 9.15am, and if the weather is nice we will then take our tea & coffee & cakes in the parish garden.

THE PARISH BARBECUE (8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT) IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING, so PLEASE get your ticket requests in a.s.ap. My 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ordination is also around this time, so the 11.15am Mass on the 8<sup>th</sup> Sept will be a special marking of that occasion, and then we can continue the celebration with the lunchtime barbecue. I would love it that lots of you come to celebrate this as a parish, and with me, so please take a ticket-request form, and get the forms back, if possible, this week.

**May the Lord bless us with His holy grace for the week ahead.**

**Fr Philip.**

### **St Augustine teaches: *On Patience*, 16**

Here some man shall say; "If the concupiscence of the bad, whereby it comes that they bear all evils for that which they lust after, be of the world, how is it said to be of their will?" As if, truly, they were not themselves also of the world, when they love the world, forsaking Him by Whom the world was made. For they serve the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Whether then by the word "world," the Apostle John signifies lovers of the world, the will, as it is of themselves, is therefore of the world: or whether under the name of the world he comprises heaven and earth, and all that is therein, that is the creature universally, it is plain that the will of the creature, not being that of the Creator, is of the world. For which cause to such the Lord says, "You are from beneath, I am from above: you are of this world, I am not of this world."



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Oliver Kilgannon Hart who will be baptised this weekend.

**BANK HOLIDAY MASS** this Monday will be at 10am. Please note the church will be closed after Mass.

**FERGAL LAWLOR RIP** of Lord Street, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon.**

**ANN MURPHY RIP** of McKenzie Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon.**

*May they rest in peace.*

**ST AUGUSTINE'S FEASTDAY** occurs this Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August. Mass will be at the usual time of 9.15am, but after Mass, if the weather is fine, we will take our refreshments in the parish garden, with cakes too. Please think of coming to celebrate St Augustine's Day, our parish's patronal feast!

**LATIN MASS:** The monthly Latin Mass with sung chants will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

**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.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will take place **Sunday 15<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 20<sup>th</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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** coach is now full. 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.

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Bridget Newson, 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

**"COME AND SEE"** – we are going to be running a course through the autumn, starting late September, which is open to all parishioners – and also to non-parishioners, especially those adults thinking of seeking Baptism or the other Sacraments of the Catholic Church.\* This course, using very good video materials produced by a priest of this diocese, will enable all those attending to think through their faith, the reasons for their belief and their further commitment to Our Lord Jesus Christ. (\* This would include also those Catholic adults who have never been prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.)

Please keep an eye out for the dates, which are likely to be from the last full week of September, to mid-December. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

**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.

**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.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes on Tuesday afternoon this week in Stanstead Road and environs.

**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. **PLEASE 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 5s 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.

**CARITAS IN YOUR COMMUNITY:** On **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**, Caritas will be holding a gathering at the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Waltham Cross. The gathering is an opportunity for parish groups and social action projects to learn about Caritas Westminster and recruit volunteers. It is an opportunity to learn about projects local to you and find out about Caritas' work across the Diocese. We will also be running the Universal Credit Savvy course on the day. It is from 9am-12pm. Contact [francesmoore@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:francesmoore@rcdow.org.uk) for more information.

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

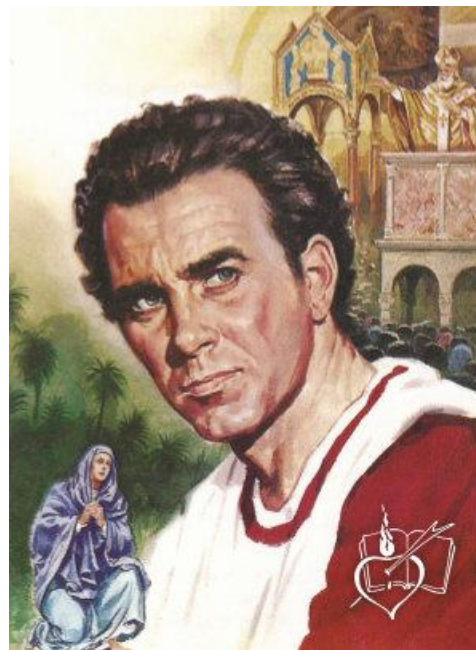
**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES** can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

**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: Sept 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

St Augustine – 28<sup>th</sup> August



#### **From St Augustine's Confessions**

"Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved You! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for You. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which You created. You were with me, but I was not with You. Created things kept me from You; yet if they had not been in You they would not have been at all. You called, You shouted, and You broke through my deafness. You flashed, You shone, and You dispelled my blindness. You breathed Your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for You. I have tasted You, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for Your peace."

(bk X, xvii, §38)

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> August ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Genuardi RIP anniv.</i>	<b>PAGE 127 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 66: 18–21 <i>They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Toni Randazzo RIP anniv.</i>  <b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> August 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Gaetana Conti RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †	<b>Psalm 116 — Go out to the whole world proclaim in the Good News.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 12: 5–7, 11–13 <i>The Lord trains the one that he loves.</i>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> August BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI</b> 10am Mass <i>Fr Terry Phipp's intentions</i> <b>PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</b>	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Aug ST MONICA</b> 8.15am Adoration <span style="float: right;">9am Morning Prayer</span> 9.15 Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 13: 22–30 <i>Men from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.</i>
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> August ST AUGUSTINE, Bishop &amp; Dr PATRONAL FEAST OF THE PARISH</b> 8.15am Adoration <span style="float: right;">9am Morning Prayer</span> 9.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe Distefano RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt <b>12 noon Funeral Fergal Lawlor RIP</b>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 5 (p. 67) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 27)  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Aug BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> 8.15am Adoration <span style="float: right;">9am Morning Prayer</span> 9.15am Mass <i>Anitha Sabu ints</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiasticus 3: 17–20, 28–29 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 12: 18–19, 22–24 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 14: 1, 7–14
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> August ST MARGARET CLITHEROW</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon <b>Funeral Ann Murphy 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.
<b>Sat 31<sup>st</sup> August ST AIDAN</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mary Beary RIP</i>  4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Patrick Malone RIP</i>  <b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>Francesca Crimauo RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Croce, Francesco &amp; Lina Cuffaro RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</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.  <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</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>‡ 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>	

**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 parroccchiani 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.*