

# The Announcer

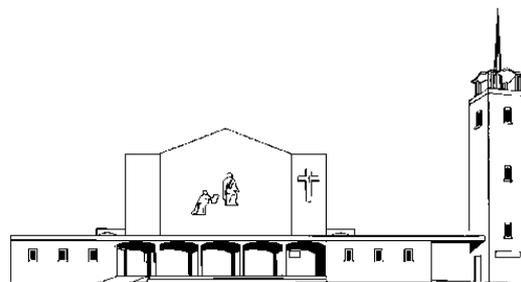
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

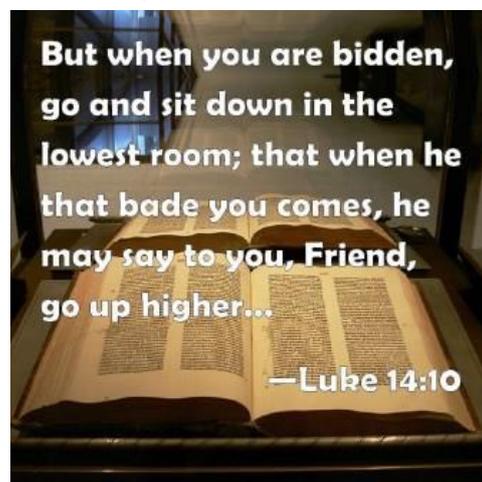
**1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**GOSPEL: Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

*Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.*

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

**THE FIRST READING HAS SOME WISE WORDS FOR US:** "the greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord." Jesus re-iterates this in a variety of ways in the Gospel Reading from St Luke, including those famous words about taking the lowest place. When we reflect on Our Lord's own life and example, we see that we have nothing to boast about, and that humility, and a life of loving service, is the only way to be His disciple. In precisely that way can we have any hope of approaching heavenly glory, to be 'moved up higher' as it were, by the Lord Himself.



**THE PARISH BARBECUE (8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT) IS NOW JUST A WEEK AWAY,** so PLEASE get your ticket requests in **this weekend**. My 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ordination is in this week coming, 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 immediately, and certainly **by Monday morning**.

**THIS WEEKEND WE SEE KEITH NEWELL STEP DOWN AS THE CO-ORDINATOR** of the Sunday Folk Group after about 5 years. We thank him greatly for these years of organisation and leadership, and we thank the rest of the Folk Group for taking on the various tasks that Keith has fulfilled. Still, we will *rather urgently need another guitarist* as Keith will be less available henceforth to play, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> guitarist is really a necessity to have a strong-enough ensemble.

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

**St Augustine teaches: *On Patience*, 17**

But, moreover, grace not only assists the just, but also justifies the ungodly. And therefore even when it does aid the just and seems to be rendered to his merits, not even then does it cease to be grace, because that which it aids it did itself bestow. With a view therefore to this grace, which precedes all good merits of man, not only was Christ put to death by the ungodly, but "died for the ungodly." And before He died, He chose the Apostles, not of course then just, but to be justified: to whom He says, "I have chosen you out of the world." For to whom He said, "You are not of the world," and then, lest they should account themselves never to have been of the world, presently added, "But I have chosen you out of the world"; assuredly that they should not be of the world was by His own choice of them conferred upon them.



**FIRST FRIDAY:** The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

**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.

**THE FOLK GROUP** is losing one of its regular guitarists, and so is in urgent need of another guitarist to play at the 9.15am Mass on alternate Sundays. If you know of anyone willing, please contact the presbytery or speak to a member of the Folk Group after Mass.

**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.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE, Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** coach now full. The coach will pick up at Hoddesdon at **7.15am**, to get us 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.

*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**

**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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE:** application forms and dates for the catechesis for children in Yrs 3+ will be available shortly. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter for announcements.

**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-5s**

**ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE** will be holding an Open Evening on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 5.30-8pm**. The Headteacher's address will be at 7.15pm. Open Mornings will also be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 9-10am.

**SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

**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 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.

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

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** We hope to have the 2019 issue of the magazine ready for sale by the end of the month.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** will be held in the crypt on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** at 10am. All are welcome.

**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 for more information.

**CAFOD** will be hosting a supporter's information morning on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am-12.30am**. There will be a guest speaker, the new Director, Christine Allen, who has first-hand experience of our work in Uganda. The Meeting will be at CAFOD's Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. Bookings required and taken on 020-8449-6970 or e-mail westminster@cafod.org.uk

**APF RED BOX SUPPORTERS** are invited to a Mission Celebration on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2-5pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary & St Dominic, Haverstock Hill, London NW5 4LB. Mass will be said by Bishop Paul McAleenan. Please contact [generaloffice@missio.org.uk](mailto:generaloffice@missio.org.uk) or Catherine Scott (020-7821-9755) to attend.

**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.

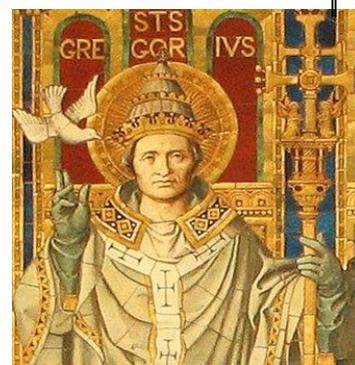
**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES** can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah & Toni Iamarino. 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>.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### ST GREGORY THE GREAT 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER



Pope Gregory I, better known in English as Gregory the Great, was pope from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 590 until his death in 604.

Gregory is well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as pope. Throughout the Middle Ages he was known as “the Father of Christian Worship” because of his exceptional efforts in revising the Roman worship of his day. He was the first of the popes to come from a monastic (Benedictine) background. Gregory is a Doctor of the Church and one of the Latin Fathers. For us in England he is remembered most especially as the Pope who sent St Augustine (“of Canterbury”) from Rome to England to convert the English tribes, which he successfully did. As a result, Pope Gregory is sometimes referred to as the ‘Apostle of the English.’ The image above is part of the decoration in the chapel of the Benedictine saints in Westminster Cathedral. It is the chapel in which Cardinal Hume (himself a Benedictine monk) was buried in 1999. Immediately after his death, Gregory was canonized by popular acclaim. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 31<sup>st</sup> August ST AIDAN</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mary Beary RIP rec. dec.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 130 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiasticus 3: 17–20, 28–29  <i>Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 67 —</b> <i>In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 12: 18–19, 22–24  <i>You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 14: 1, 7–14  <i>Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 6 (p. 67)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Wisdom 9: 13–18  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philemon 9-10, 12–17  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 14: 25–33</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <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 Crimardo RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Croce, Francesco &amp; Lina Cuffaro RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <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 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Rosanna McPeake RIP</i> <b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope &amp; Dr</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Private Intention</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt <b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Ann Murphy RIP rec. dec.</i> <b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Dec'd members of Daly Family</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Francesca Cicchirillo RIP anniv.</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour <b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Elena Maria de Aguilon RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Tues 3rd</b> 12.30pm lunch club, crypt</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Antonino Cicchirillo RIP</i> <b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Linda &amp; Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i> †	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>* Vigil Mass of Sunday</b>  <b>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</b>            † There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>
<p><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME &amp; PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS</b> Please take a parish membership form &amp; information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. <b>MOVING HOME?</b> Please post your new details through the presbytery letterbox. <b>PARROCCHIANI:</b> <i>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.</i></p>	