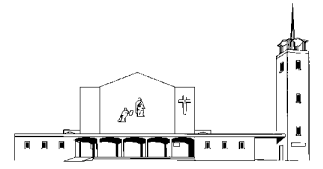




# The Announcer



## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year A**

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

Gospel: *Matthew 13: 1-23*

*A sower went out to sow.*

Our Gospel reading for today seems to present to us - except for the last sentence - the story of a catastrophe. Everything begins in hope and, despite this, it is soon reduced to nothing: the birds eat the seed; stony ground prevents it from taking root; the thorny plants suffocate it... everything follows its desperate course.



### *The Parable of the Sower*

However, in the midst of this catastrophe, God announces his "but": in the middle of the Auschwitz concentration camp, Father Kolbe - dying in the "hunger bunker" - still praises almighty God.

In the parable of the Sower, we encounter God's "but": there is little hope; there is at least one good land to bear a hundred fruits.

It is with the eyes of Jesus that these kinds of catastrophic stories must be read. And we must read them with Jesus to the end. The first part shows that everything is in vain. Yet the story of this defeat leads to an unexpected conclusion. God, in his infinite mercy, does not let the Sower succumb like a tragic character.

Perhaps we have here before us a law that applies to all of God's actions in the world. For God's cause in the world is often poor and inconspicuous. When you take it to heart, you can succumb to the temptation of despair. But God's stories have happy endings. Even if at the beginning nothing suggests it.

Maybe Jesus doesn't just tell this story to the people who are on the shores of the lake. Perhaps he tells it to himself to console himself. He wonders: what will become of what I undertake? He encounters with blindness, rejection, pedantry and violence. He is not unaware of the defeats. "But" his word bears fruit in the hearts of men.

No matter how desperate and catastrophic your situation or story may look now, do NOT despair because God's triumphant intervention will hand you the victory in the end.

Fr Michael Quaioco

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**MASS on Tuesday** will be at 9.15am in the church, but also at 9.30am at St Cross School, in the school garden. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**CLARE BROADBENT** of Beane River View, Hertford died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** at 11.30am.

**THOMAS DUNNE** of Lord Street, died recently. His Requiem will be on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** at 12 noon.

**PROVENDANCA ACCOMANDO** of Chadwick Care Home died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 12 noon.**

*May they rest in peace.*

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Edward Brien, Provendanca Accomando, Thomas Dunne and Clare Broadbent and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Antonio Martucci, Patricia Grant, Pamela Newell, Nicola & Margherita Barone, Maria DiMaggio, David Green, Peter Zwager and Theresa Pomeroy. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Gabby Hanley will be running the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to join the choir, Gabby will be playing **16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July**. Please ensure that your child arrives at church at 9am and goes straight to the organ loft, so there will be time to run through the hymns before Mass.



**YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION:** The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. Young adults will receive formation on topics such as Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham. There are two choices of dates: 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September. To find out more, **please enquire by 31st July** by emailing the COLW Sisters at [freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.** We have the chance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham with Cardinal Vincent and the Auxiliary Bishops. The theme of the Pilgrimage is 'Mary, Mother of the Home.' The theme is not dissimilar to the one for the Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year,



focusing on Our Lady's call for a "Chapel to be built." In both senses, God is continually building up the People of God to journey with him on a pilgrimage of faith. The coach will leave the church at 8am, 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. Please note there will be two collections during the day: one during the Mass which goes towards the upkeep and development of the Walsingham Shrine and a retiring collection after Benediction which also goes towards the cost of the day. We have a 49-seater coach, with a toilet. To book a place on the coach, please fill in the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and give it in with the £29 (£24 coach + £5 pilgrims' levy) cost, either as cash or a cheque payable to 'St Augustine's Catholic Church,' to The Presbytery. **Please note that Mass that evening will therefore be at 8.30pm.**

## FINANCE

**PARISH FINANCE:** Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. Please see the link below <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>40-05-20</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>31264370</b>

## 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/bishopsstortford>

**IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL:** 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 Felix Adiele 01279-973183.

## CATECHETICS

**'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** If you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** in the crypt.



## CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024:

Application forms for the Confirmation programme for young people in Year 9 or above, or going into Year 9 in September are now available to collect from the presbytery either by email or in person. Entry to the Confirmation programme depends on regular attendance at Mass. Please complete the form and post it into the presbytery together with a photo of the candidate.



The programme will begin in early October and more details will follow in due course.

### SCHOOLS/UNDER 5'S

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** are looking to employ a Nursery class teacher. Please contact the Headteacher's PA on 01992 463549 for more info.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** are looking for a candidate to join their team from September. The person should have a good understanding of EYFS and a minimum of a level 2 qualification in Early Years and some experience of being a key person for a small group of children. The role is part time, working mornings with afternoons as required. Please email your CV to [staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk)

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** have two vacancies for a Midday Supervisor Assistant and an Afterschool Club Leader. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 1992467309 or visit the link: <https://www.stcross.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/>

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE



**CAFOD Campaign** - "Sowing the seeds of poverty: how the World Bank harms poor farmers"! It's based on CAFOD's latest report which shows how the World Bank is damaging local seed systems by forcing low-

income countries to subsidise commercial seeds from big agribusinesses. Read the full report at [cafod.org.uk/sowingtheseeds](http://cafod.org.uk/sowingtheseeds). **This weekend, parishioners are being asked to sign a giant letter from Salina, an organic farmer and seed saver in Bangladesh.**

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**PARISH PICNIC:** We are holding a Parish picnic on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August in the presbytery garden and the band will be playing.** Parishioners are asked to bring food to share with others, and it doesn't have to be finger food. Please do bring your own drink and glasses, but paper plates and plastic cutlery will be provided. **There are now lists on the blue board at the back of church for you to fill out,**



**so everyone can see what food is being brought to share, so we don't end up with too much of the same thing.** In order to get a rough idea on numbers, if you would like to attend, can you please fill out the tear off slip and return it to the presbytery. **Raffle prizes are needed for the raffle, so if you can donate something, please do hand it in at the presbytery.** So far, only 30 people have confirmed they would like to attend. If you would like to come, please do let us know so that we can start planning the event.

### SEPARATION SUPPORT

**GROUP:** The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> July 4.30pm** in the presbytery. If you need support and would like to join the group, please do contact the presbytery.



**200 CLUB WINNER** for July is Trish Pollard, number 41. Congratulations.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Michele & Pelle De Luca, Sophie Lenguito & Alex Thomson. Thank you for your help.

### PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM ON 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER

Name: .....

Contact no.: .....

Email address.....

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 £29.

#### 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).

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### PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Name: .....

Contact no: .....

Email address.....

How many people attending.....

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Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p><b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July St Bonaventure, Bishop &amp; Dr</b>            9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            10am Mass <b>Sidoli, Beschizza, Venturini, Schia, Conti &amp; Corsini Families</b></p>	<p><b>Page 102 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 55: 10-11  <i>The rain makes the earth give growth.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass*            6.30pm Mass <b>Justin Ighade's intentions</b></p>	<p><b>Ps 64 — Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.</b></p>
<p><b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>            9.15am Mass <b>For the Parish</b>            11.15am Mass <b>Nicola &amp; Margherita Barone RIP</b></p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 8: 18-23  <i>The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.</i></p>
<p><b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>            8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            9.15am Mass <b>Geogio Azzotardi RIP</b>            6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 13: 1-23  <i>A sower went out to sow.</i></p>
<p><b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>            8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            9.15am Mass <b>David Green RIP</b>            9.30am Mass at St Cross School in the garden            6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)</b></p>
<p><b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>            8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            9.15am Mass with St Augustine's School <b>Dave Robinson RIP</b> followed by coffee in the crypt  <b>11.30am Funeral Clare Broadbent RIP</b>            6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 8: 26-27  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 13: 24-43</p>
<p><b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July St Apollinaris, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>            7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            8am Mass <b>Godwin Castaldi RIP</b>            NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b>            Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.45 – 9am &amp; 10.45 – 11am            or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p>
<p><b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest &amp; Dr</b>            (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)            11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction  <b>12 noon Funeral Thomas Dunne RIP</b>            6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>ROSARY</b>            The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p><b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July ST MARY MAGDALENE</b>            9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            10am Mass <b>Luigia Tozzi Magnavacca RIP</b></p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b>            Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass*            6.30pm Mass <b>Pius Ogbodu RIP</b></p>	<p><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>
<p><b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>            9.15am Mass <b>Rosalia &amp; Luciano Dilena RIP</b>            11.15am Mass <b>For the Parish</b></p>	<p><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<p><b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b> 1 pm lunch club, crypt</p>	<p><b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm RCIA, crypt</p>
<p><b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt</p>	<p><b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt</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 in the porch. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post 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.*