

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

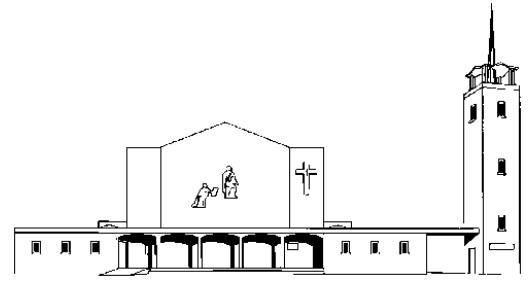
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Year A

EASTER SUNDAY

20TH APRIL 2014

GOSPEL: John 20: 1–9 *He must rise from the dead.*



My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER SUNDAY TO YOU! May the grace of the Resurrection fill your hearts on this sacred feastday, that you may know the power and the triumph of Our Lord Jesus over the tragedies of sin and death. This wonderful feast of Easter is the heart of our Catholic year, and marks the loving response of God to the brutality of humanity's evil treatment of Jesus in crucifying Him. God responds to that dreadful sin with the awesome gentleness of divine forgiveness; and from this saving event, His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, comes our salvation. *The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia Alleluia!* May you all enjoy an Easter Sunday — and the seven weeks of Eastertide— full of gratitude and faith in God's transformation of Christ's death into our life.

OUR GROWING IN FAITH CAMPAIGN is now in its final phase — we will conclude with the 'Commitment Weekend' next weekend. I do appeal to you to make your final decisions re your commitment to the scheme by filling in your pledge form and return it to the Presbytery (or to the 'Growing in Faith' box in the church porch). If you haven't had a pledge form yet, then there are some included with the Newsletters, and others alongside the Newsletters. I am grateful to all those who have already generously pledged. We just need, now, to raise the final $\frac{1}{3}$ of the £200,000.

May God bless you all with a happy celebration of Jesus's rising from the dead!

Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 18:

VATICAN II,
50 YEARS ON:
THE NEW
EVANGELIZATION

It is in the face of death that the riddle of human existence grows most acute. Not only is man tormented by pain and by the advancing deterioration of his body, but even more so by a dread of perpetual extinction. He rightly follows the intuition of his heart when he abhors and repudiates the utter ruin and total disappearance of his own person.

He rebels against death because he bears in himself an eternal seed which cannot be reduced to sheer matter. All the endeavours of technology, though useful in the extreme, cannot calm his anxiety; for prolongation of biological life is unable to satisfy that desire for higher life which is inescapably lodged in his breast.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH those baptized &/or Confirmed at the Easter Vigil: Louise Elve, Kate Ferraro, Paul Higgins, Emmalene Joseph and Lesley Mazziotta. CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM! And we also welcome into the Church babies Alessia Drago and Rebecca Chamberlain, baptized this weekend.

MARY PERLLMAN RIP of Walnut Tree Close, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Thursday 1st May at 12 noon.** *May she rest in peace.*

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place 5pm **Sunday 18th May.** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 16th May.** A semi-formal quiet hour in the Lady Chapel once a month to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

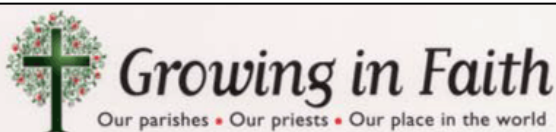
HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Porto, Christopher Browne, John Askew, Alan Dolan, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Mark Reason, Hilda Andrews, Joanne Sheridan, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Bohita Fanor, Jill Logsdail, Joe Barr, Margaret Johns, Jenny Miller, and Joseph Penheiro.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain, as this information is now systematically withheld from Chaplains. 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.

The Chaplains are: QEll, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Slawek Jedrych 01279-426017



Our parish's **Growing in Faith** season runs January–Easter, with our chance, along with all Westminster Catholics, to support the needs of the local Church.

The aim of *Growing in Faith* is three-fold:

1. To build up parish life.*

2. To support priests' welfare, in particular the funding of priestly training for our many seminarians; and care for those priests in retirement and sickness.

3. To further the work of our diocesan *Caritas* which promotes initiatives for the poor, needy and vulnerable in our diocese.

* **Our local parish project is a very important one: to employ a part-time parish catechist** to add to the great work already going on at St Augustine's in First Holy Communion and Confirmation, RCIA etc. by wonderful volunteers. There are so many other opportunities for catechesis and work amongst the youth & young adults of our parish which we could begin through a new employee. **Please think of making a contribution via the pledge forms available with this week's Announcer. Thank you!**

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

CATECHETICS

FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: the next meeting for parents will be **Wed 23rd April** from 8–9pm in the crypt. The next meeting for the children will be on **Saturday 26th April at 10am.**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The Reconciliation Service will be on **Mon 28th April 7–8pm** for candidates and parents in the church. Four priests will be available, so that both candidates and parents can all avail themselves of the Sacrament.

"RCIA" – The '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). **The course continues with a final few meetings on some Tuesdays (dates t.b.c.)**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Monday 2nd and 9th June from 7.30–9.00pm** in the presbytery. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL are holding a car-boot sale on **Sat 3rd May.** Doors open for sellers at 11; and buyers from 1pm until 4pm. Cars £7, and vans £10. Entrance is 50p. For more information email lauraklydon@hotmail.co.uk.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT: Everyone is invited to an introduction to Clean & Fair, a new range of fairtrade cleaning materials from Traidcraft on **Saturday May 17th 2:30 pm** at the Parish Centre, St Augustine's Church, Broxbourne. At 3:15pm Church coffee makers are particularly invited to try out filter coffee

from a new percolator. Tea and cake too! Children welcome. Come and have your say! Any help for this event will be most welcome. Judith - hydehaven@ntlworld.com

PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY: A sponsored cycle ride is taking place on **Sunday, 18th May**, in the Lee Valley country park along either a 10 miles or 19 miles route, to raise funds for CAFOD's poverty-fighting work overseas. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. To register, visit: cafodpedalagainstopoverty.eventbrite.co.uk or, contact CAFOD Westminster: 0208 449 6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk Details on the noticeboard at back of church. Get together with friends and make a good day of it!

MISCELLANEOUS

GIFT AID: We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim for the tax paid by parishioners on donations to the church in the year ending 5 April 2014. If you have signed a Gift-Aid form previously and are still paying UK tax, you do not need to take any action. If you are paying enough UK tax and have not yet signed a Gift Aid form you can still do so and it will apply to the previous year as well as future years. Provided you give by envelope or standing order this will enable the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to yourself. Gift-Aid forms are available beside the newsletters at the back of church. However, **if you have previously signed a Gift Aid form and have now stopped paying tax you will need to let the parish know.** If you have any queries or concerns about Gift Aid, please contact Bill Pollard, 461315.

THE ENGLISH & WELSH BRANCH OF THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

(www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org) will be launched **Fri 9th May, 10:30am–3pm** in Westminster Cathedral Hall, SW1P 1EP. Any grandparents wishing to represent the parish at the launch should contact edmundadamus@rcdow.org.uk or 020-7798-9363 as soon as possible as space is limited.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2014: flyers are now available for the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage — a special 25th annual pilgrimage! — with the Cardinal to the Marian shrine of Lourdes. Fr Philip will be going, as usual (staying at Metropole Hotel), and it would be lovely if this year a group of parishioners would want to come too. If there are parishioners who would need a certain degree of medical/nursing/personal care whilst in Lourdes, then this can be arranged through the special 'St Frai' accommodation. **Please pick up a flyer from alongside the parish newsletters now.**

DIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2014: Cardinal Vincent invites you to join him on the 4th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 17th–

25th Nov 2014. Price: £1495 per person sharing a room; £275 single room supplement. For further details and a booking form contact Gerald Daly at the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office: 020-7798-9173, email: gerald Daly@rcdow.org.uk or Gill Didino at Tangney Tours, 01732-886666.

WALSINGHAM WALK, 4th to 12th October 2014. There are several vacancies for this year's London to Walsingham Pilgrimage Walk. No special fitness or long distance walking experience is required and full guidance will be given. If you are a Catholic man and able to commit to this 9-day period, you will be very welcome to join us. We also need the use of a 6+ seater back-up vehicle with driver. For further details, please contact the Walk administrator, Peter Walters (01799-550398, email: jpw33@live.co.uk).

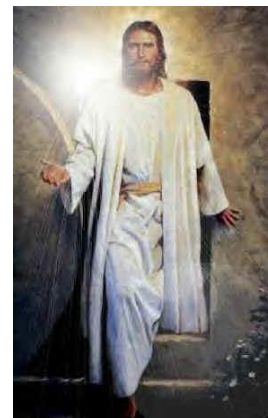
GOVERNANCE & OFFICE MANAGER: The Diocese is currently seeking to appoint a Governance and Office Manager to oversee the administration of Foundation Governors for the Diocese of Westminster. Salary: £30k–35k per annum Hours of work: 35 hours per week (9am–5pm Mon to Fri) Closing date: 28 April 2014; interview date: 7 May 2014. More info and application details are at <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting further parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 27th April, 4th and 11th May.

CHURCH CLEANING: Joanne Dawes, Lena Tona, Carmela Tona and Giuseppina Tuzzeo. Thank you!

Marian Prayer for the Easter Season

Queen of heaven, rejoice,
alleluia,
For he whom you were worthy
to bear, alleluia,
Has risen, as he foretold,
alleluia;
Pray for us to God, alleluia.



Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has indeed risen, alleluia.

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Masses this week

Sat 19th April HOLY SATURDAY

9.45am Morning Prayer

9.00pm* Mass of the Easter Vigil *Priest's Int's*

Sun 20th April EASTER SUNDAY

9.15am *For the Parish*

11.15am *John & Frances Woolsgrove*

3.30pm NO Italian Mass †

Mon 21st April MONDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

10am Mass *Kevin O'Neill Ints*

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS

Tues 22nd April TUESDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Elvira & Antonio Beschizza RIP*

Wed 23rd April WEDNESDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Adam Daynes Ints* — followed by coffee in the crypt

Thurs 24th April THURSDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

8.30am Mass *Mary Perllman RIP*

Fri 25th April FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Emilia & Stefano Piacentini RIP Anniv & Donald Gifford RIP Anniv*

1.45pm Mass with both Primary Schools

Sat 26th April SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER

10am Mass *Delia Virgo RIP*

6.30pm* *Bernadette O'Dwyer RIP*

Sun 27th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.15am** *For the Parish*

11.15am** *Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo*

3.30pm Italian Mass †

***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)

Today's Liturgy

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1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37–43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Psalms 117 — **This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1–4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Accl: **Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 20: 1–9

He must rise from the dead.

PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 74)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 2; 42–47

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3–9

Gospel: John 20: 19–31

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm

Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am

or ask Fr Philip at *any other time.*

ROSARY

Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

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REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 22nd 2–3.30pm Ascent, crypt

Wed 23rd 6–7.30pm Brownies, crypt

Wed 23rd 8pm 1st HC parents meeting

Thurs 24th 1.30pm Padre pio, presbytery

Sat 26th First Holy Communion session

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — THANK YOU. **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.*