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St Augustine's Catholic Church

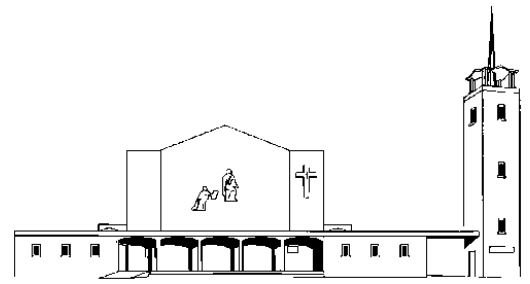
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Year A

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

27TH APRIL 2014

GOSPEL: John 20: 19–31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, we continue our ongoing celebration of the glorious life-giving Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We hear of Christ's resurrection appearances to the apostles, and in particular to St Thomas, curing his doubts in the reality of His rising from the dead. We too want to profess in our lives, with St Thomas, that the risen Jesus is truly "My Lord and My God."

IN ROME THIS SUNDAY POPE FRANCIS WILL CANONIZE TWO POPES of recent history, Pope John XXIII (Pope from 1958–1963), and Pope John Paul II (1978–2005). This will be a huge ceremony at St Peter's, with 1million+ pilgrims present for the occasion. May the prayers of these two Pope saints assist the Church always in her God given mission to convert the world to the knowledge and love of Our Blessed Lord.

OUR GROWING IN FAITH CAMPAIGN is now in its final phase — we conclude with the 'Commitment Weekend' this weekend. I am grateful for the many generous gifts and pledges received from you, and today the rest of us have a chance to make that commitment too. After the Gospel, I will speak briefly once again about the need for the funds — at the diocesan level and for our parish project — and then we will have a chance to make our decision using the 'commitment cards' distributed. Whether you have already made a financial contribution, or whether you still intend to, or whether you are unable to at this time, there is space to indicate this on the card. All I ask is for your goodwill and to assist 'Growing in Faith' as best you can in your individual circumstances. We need to raise today the final 30% of our £200,000 goal — I am sure that we can do that, so as to benefit our diocese and parish for many decades to come. Thanks for ALL your help!

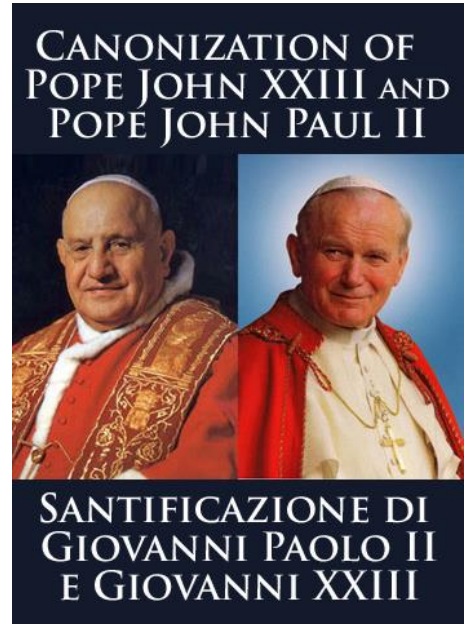
May God bless you all with a happy celebration of Jesus's rising from the dead! Fr Philip

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



Although the mystery of death utterly beggars the imagination, the Church has been taught by divine revelation and firmly teaches that man has been created by God for a blissful purpose beyond the reach of earthly misery. In addition, that bodily death from which man would have been immune had he not sinned will be vanquished, according to the

Christian faith, when man who was ruined by his own doing is restored to wholeness by an almighty and merciful Saviour. ... Christ won this victory when He rose to life, for by His death He freed man from death. Hence to every thoughtful man a solidly established faith provides the answer to his anxiety about what the future holds for him. At the same time faith gives him the power to be united in Christ with his loved ones who have already been snatched away by death; faith arouses the hope that they have found true life with God.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Sam Camfield and Francesco Gullo married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Rocco Pucino and Archie Norman, 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.*

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 2nd May.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 4th May.**

MONTH OF OUR LADY: During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed before each Sunday Mass. The Rosary in Italian will be said on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Sunday 11th May,** starting in the Church at 5pm, ending in the Grotto in the garden. This is a chance to honour our Blessed Lady in her month of May.

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!

PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY: Fr Philip will lead a group to the peaceful Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford (Kent) for a day out on **Thurs 22nd May.** We'll arrive for midday Mass in cloister chapel; lunch in pilgrims' Hall; follow the rosary way and have Benediction, departing after tea at about 4pm. The total cost (incl. the coach) is £28.50, and we are given a hot 3-course lunch in the mediaeval Pilgrims' Hall. If you have any special dietary requirements, please contact the presbytery. Please sign the sheet in the porch if you would like to come and hand your money into the presbytery.

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: QEII, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Sławek 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 cards that you will receive during Mass today. Thank you so much!**

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

CATECHETICS

CATHOLICISM DVDs: There will be another chance to see Fr Robert Barron's acclaimed series "CATHOLICISM," about the Catholic faith on Wednesdays in the crypt. Please arrive at 10.15am (coffee is available) to **begin watching at 10.30am.** **DATES:** 30th April; 7th and 21st May; 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th June; 2nd, 9th and 16th July.

www.catholicismseries.com

FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: the next meeting for parents will be **TUESDAY 13th May** from

8–9pm in the crypt. The next meeting for the children will be on Saturday 17th May 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.

CONFIRMATION 2015. Fr Philip wishes to see each candidate (in *next year's* year 9 or above) and a parent for a short chat (20–30 minutes) before the summer. **Applications will close for this programme on 20th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general these will be between 4–6pm on the following days: 12th May; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th June; and 14th July.

“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

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! Last year more than 200 riders helped CAFOD raise enough money to develop 2 new health clinics in El Salvador. Join in and help make an even bigger difference this year!

MISCELLANEOUS

LENTEN COLLECTIONS: Thanks to all those who with great generosity contributed to the Lenten Alms box. The total collected was £532. For the Holy Places' collection after the Passion Liturgy of Good Friday, we raised £455.92.

APF MEMBERS: The total the parish raised in 2013 was £2,315. My sincere thanks to you all for your support. New gift aid forms have to be filled in due to error. Ellen Bartlett.

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: geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk or Gill Didino at Tangney Tours, 01732-886666.

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: 4th and 11th May.

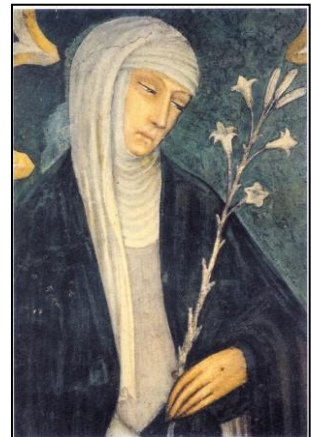
CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Dave & Kathy Greenall, Maria Ventura and Theresa Casbard. Thank you!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

29th APRIL – ST

CATHERINE OF SIENA

St. Catherine started having mystical experiences when she was only 6, seeing guardian angels as clearly as the people they protected. She became a Dominican tertiary when she was 16, and continued to have visions of Christ, Mary, and the saints. St. Catherine was one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day, although she never had any formal education. She persuaded the Pope to go back to Rome from Avignon, in 1377, and when she died she was endeavoring to heal the Great Western Schism. In 1375 Our Lord give her the Stigmata, which was visible only after her death. She died when she was only 33, and her body was found incorrupt in 1430.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy				
Sat 26th April SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 10am Mass <i>Delia Virgo RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 255 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 2: 42–47 <i>The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.</i></p> <p>Psalms 117 — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his love has no end.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3–9 <i>In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: “You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 19–31 <i>Eight days later, Jesus came.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 2; 22–33 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17–21 Gospel: Luke 24: 13–35</p>				
6.30pm* Bernadette O'Dwyer RIP Sun 27th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass †	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p>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;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</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;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>				
Mon 28th April ST GEORGE, MARTYR, Patron of England 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe Palminteri RIP</i> Tues 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ida D'Onofrio RIP</i> Wed 30th April 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 1st May ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 12 noon Funeral <i>Mary Perllman RIP</i> Fri 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS, Bishop & Dr <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Roy Lucas Int</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Salvatore Russo RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour Sat 3rd May STS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles 10am Mass <i>Bridgie Needham RIP</i>					
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<p style="text-align: center;">*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)</p>					

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.*