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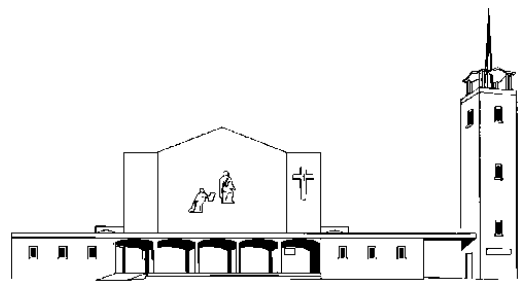
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Year A

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1ST JUNE 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 16–20

All authority, in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD TO HEAVEN

marks a special moment in our keeping of the Easter season. The days of His resurrection appearances over, Jesus withdraws from their sight, yet with that powerful divine promise, "I am with you always, yes, to the end of time." His withdrawing from our visible sight is not in any sense an abandoning of us; He comes to be with us in a new and intimate way through the Holy Spirit, most especially in the Sacraments. Think, for example, how closely He comes to be with us — *in us!* — when we are able to receive Him in Holy Communion at Mass. Jesus said to His apostles at the Last Supper, "You should be glad that I am going to the Father." Indeed, we know that heaven is home: home for Jesus the Son of God, and home for us too, where He goes to "prepare for us a place."



These days ahead between today and Pentecost next Sunday are days of intense prayer as we ask for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon us. May we as a parish, and as individual Christians, be filled to overflowing with a desire for the Spirit to inhabit our lives, and our every decision.

THE 9.15AM MASS THIS SUNDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED BY BISHOP JOSE PORUNNEDOM who is Fr Joseph's diocesan bishop in Kerala, India. We welcome him to our parish, where he has been staying for a few days as a base from where to make a visitation to the Syro-Malabar community in Westminster diocese, and lead a pilgrimage with them to Aylesford last Friday.

May God give us the joys of Eastertide and make us yearn for Holy Spirit's coming! Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 21:



While rejecting atheism, root and branch, the Church sincerely professes that all men, believers and unbelievers alike, ought to work for the rightful betterment of this world in which all alike live; such an ideal cannot be realized, however, apart from sincere and prudent dialogue. Hence the Church protests against the distinction which some state authorities make between believers and unbelievers, with prejudice to the fundamental rights of the human person. The Church calls for the active liberty of believers to build up in this world God's temple too. She courteously invites atheists to examine the Gospel of Christ with an open mind. Above all the Church knows that her message is in harmony with the most secret desires of the human heart when she champions the dignity of the human vocation, restoring hope to those who have already despaired of anything higher than their present lot. Far from diminishing man, her message brings to his development light, life and freedom. Apart from this message nothing will avail to fill the heart of man: "Thou hast made us for Thyself," O Lord, "and our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee." (St Augustine)

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Santino Vazquez, Lennon Walker and James Smith who will be baptised this weekend.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be held **this Sunday 1st June** at 5.30pm.

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

THE MEDICAL MISSION SISTERS will be making an appeal next weekend at all Masses.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place 5pm **Sunday 15th June**. Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 20th June**. 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, 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 Slawek Jedrych 01279-426017



Our parish's **Growing in Faith** season has run from January–Easter, giving us the chance, along with all Westminster Catholics, to support the needs of the local Church.

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 PRAY that the right person can now be sought

If there are still families who are intending to give a gift/pledge to the *Growing in Faith* campaign, please drop the pledge form into the Presbytery, or send it directly to Westminster. If you are need of a pledge form, please ask at the Presbytery.

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

CATECHETICS

CATHOLICISM DVDs: This is 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. 4th June "Mary, the Mother of God"**. Remaining episodes: 11th, 18th and 25th June; 2nd, 9th and 16th July.

www.catholicismseries.com

FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: the final meeting for parents will be **Wednesday 4th June** from 8–9pm in the crypt. **ALL parents must attend the final meeting as this is about the practical arrangements.** The final meeting for the children will be on **Saturday 7th June at 10am.**

CONFIRMATION 2014: The photos are now available to view online at Amwell Studios at www.amwellstudio.co.uk. Click on "online galleries" and then St Augustine's Confirmation. The username is staugustine and the password is 180514.

CONFIRMATION 2015. Fr Philip wishes to see each prospective 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 14th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general these will be between 4–6pm on the following remaining dates: 23rd and 30th June; or 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 concludes on **3rd June at 7pm.**

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 NURSERY: If your child was born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 and would like a place in the nursery, please contact the school on 463549 as places are still available for the autumn intake. Please note that you do not need a priest's reference for the nursery.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

HELP AT FOODBANK: the Foodbank distribution centre at the Baptist church foyer (Essex Road, Hoddesdon) runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays 4–5pm. More volunteers are needed to help and if you can assist please contact revjlavery@gmail.com.

CAFOD: The amount collected for May was £226 – thank you to all those who donated.

CAFOD: On **Tuesday 3rd June** visitors from Ethiopia will be giving a first hand account of how your donations are enabling communities in Ethiopia improve access to clean water. The talk will be from 6-8.30pm at CAFOD's office in Lambeth SE1 7JB. To book for this event, contact CAFOD on 0208 449 6970, or email westminster@cafod.org.uk

MISCELLANEOUS

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HODDESDON are holding "The Big Picnic" on **Sunday 1st June from 11-4pm** at the Broxbourne Recreation Ground. Please bring your own food and something to sit on and entertainment will be provided. There is live music, with our own parishioner's band "Acoustic Bass" playing at 12 noon. There will also be children's games and much more. Please bring donations for the local Foodbank. All are welcome!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his Wednesday-afternoon visits to parish homes in Glenester Close, Wallers Way, and environs.

ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL: Collectors are needed for **Friday 6th and Sat 7th June** at Sainsbury's Hoddesdon. This is a very important collection to help keep our services going for the local community. If you can help for one hour, please contact Ellen on 464677.

APF will be holding their Annual Mission Mass on **Sunday 22nd June** at the Holy Apostles Church, London SW1V 4LY at 3pm. For further details please see the poster at the back of the church. If you would like to attend, please contact Ellen Bartlett on 464677 by the 16th June.

PARISH BBQ will be held on **Sunday 13th July** at 2pm with live music. Application forms will be available shortly, so please do keep the date free.

200 CLUB RENEWALS: If you have yet to renew your membership, could you **please do so as soon as possible**. If you have decided to cancel, then please email me on t.casbard@ntlworld.com or ring 301551 to let me know. Theresa Casbard.

AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE: The Knights of St Columba are organising a coach on the **8th June** to Aylesford. Adults are £13 and school children £6. Bookings can be made to Richard Collison on 01992.440968.

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: 1st, 8th, 15th June.

CHURCH CLEANING: Judy Livingstone, Eddie & Eileen Linford. Thank you

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sunday 1st June

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

PRAYER

O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.

Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 31st May VISITATION OF THE B VIRGIN MARY 10am Mass <i>Francesco Tona RIP</i>	<p align="center">PAGE 272 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 1: 1–11 <i>He was lifted up while they looked on.</i></p> <p>Psalms 46 — God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17–23 <i>He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 28: 16–20 <i>All authority, in heaven and on earth has been given to me.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Ascension (p. 75) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28)</p> <p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS PENTECOST SUNDAY</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 2: 1–11 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13 Gospel: John 20: 19–23</p>
6.30pm* Pasquale Ricotta Sun 1st June ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9.15am** <i>Daniel & Ellen White RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am** <i>John & Frances Woolgrove</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass † 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	
Mon 2nd June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i> Tues 3rd June ST CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Riccardo & Luigia Beschizza</i> Wed 4th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>David Lloyd Jones RIP Anniv</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 5th June ST BONIFACE, Bishop & Martyr 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Bone RIP</i> Fri 6th June <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Pat Castaldi RIP Anniv</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Mary Perllman RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour Sat 7th June 10am Mass <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i>	
6.30pm* For the Parish Sun 8th June PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.15am** <i>Joy Ighade ints. & Justina Ogbodu RIP</i> 11.15am** <i>Michael Hay RIP</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass † <p align="right">*Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** 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>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Mon 2nd 7.30pm Baptism course, presb Tues 3rd 2-3.30pm Ascent, crypt Tues 3rd 7pm RCIA, presbytery	Wed 4th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt Wed 4th 8.00pm Parents 1 st HC crypt Sat 7th 10am 1 st HC session

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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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.*