

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

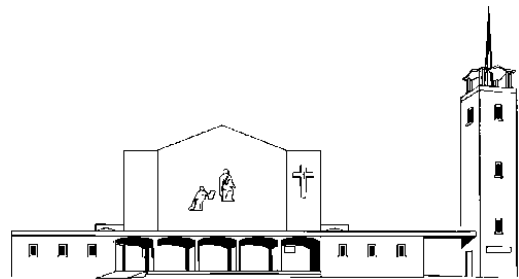
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Year A

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8TH JUNE 2014

GOSPEL: John 20: 19–23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE CLOSING FEAST OF THE EASTER SEASON, PENTECOST DAY, marks the powerful occasion of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles. It is one of the greatest feasts of the Church's year, and a wonderful celebration of all that follows from Easter — the life given to the Church by the Rising and Glorification of Jesus. Pentecost is the 'birthday' of the Church, as she comes out into the world to preach with zeal and grace, 'fired up' by the Holy Spirit, the saving truth of the Gospel.

THIS WEEKEND, WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL PASTORAL LETTER from the Archbishop, Cardinal Nichols, on the Sacrament of Matrimony. However, since we had a visiting missionary speaker already arranged, I have had to limit the Pastoral Letter to printed copies (pink pages) distributed with the Newsletter today. Do, please, read his words, which tie in with a major Cathedral celebration of marriage anniversaries this weekend that some of our own parishioners have happily attended.

OUR VISITING MISSIONARY IS SR GILL HORSFIELD OF THE MEDICAL MISSION SISTERS, a religious order founded in 1925 in the U.S. and dedicated to working with the sick, disabled and poor especially in the area of health care. Today their 600 sisters work across 17 countries of the world. Sr Gill will speak to us after Holy Communion of their work on the missions, including her own experiences in Uganda and Kenya, and we will take a collection for her work — combined with the work of other female missionary institutes — at the end of Mass. Let's welcome Sr Gill warmly, and be generous in supporting her this Pentecost for they truly take the life of the Spirit out to the world!

May God give us the joy and excitement of being His people this Pentecost!

Fr Philip



From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 22:



The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light. For Adam, the first man, was a figure of Him Who was to come, namely Christ the Lord. Christ, the final Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear. ... He Who is "the image of the invisible God" is Himself the perfect man. To the sons of Adam He restores the divine likeness which had been disfigured from the first sin onward. Since human nature as He assumed it was not annulled, by that very fact it has been raised up to a divine dignity in our respect too. For by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man. He worked with human hands, He thought with a human mind, acted by human choice and loved with a human heart. Born of the Virgin Mary, He has truly been made one of us, like us in all things except sin.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Ronan Hankins and Alexander Collins, baptised this weekend.

GIUSEPPINA CONTI RIP of Old Highway, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be Monday 16th June at 1.30pm** with Don Antonio. *May she rest in peace.*

THE MEDICAL MISSION SISTERS: Sr Gill Horsfield will be making an appeal **this weekend** at all Masses.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral this weekend: we congratulate our parishioners attending: Cheryl & Gary Johnston (25 yrs married), Janet & Tony Pearce (25 yrs), Mary & Trevor Thomas (40 yrs) and Catherine and Antonino Soldano (50 yrs).

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!

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION/SERVERS are needed to assist at the First Holy Communion Masses on the **22nd and 29th June at 1.30pm**. If you are able to help, please sign your name on the list at the back of church.

THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION will be held in the church **Fri 5th July to Sun 6th July, 7/8am–9pm**. PLEASE, WE NEED MANY PARISHIONERS to sign up to come and pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: sign your name on lists on the blue board in the porch (half-hr slots).

FRIDAY: 7am Adoration begins
12 noon Mass
12.30pm Adoration resumes
7.30pm Mass; 8.45pm Benediction

SATURDAY: 8am Adoration begins
10am Mass; Adoration resumes
6.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes
8.45pm Benediction

SUNDAY: 8am Adoration begins
9.15am & 11.15am Masses
12.30pm Corpus Christi Procession
1.30pm Adoration resumes
3.30pm Italian Mass
5.00pm Latin Mass
8.45pm Closing Benediction

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. 11th June "Peter,**

Paul and the Missionary Adventure". Remaining episodes: 18th and 25th June; 2nd, 9th and 16th July.
www.catholicismseries.com

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The practice will be held on **Saturday 21st June** at 11.30am for the First Holy Communion on Sunday 22nd June. All children must attend this, so that they know what to do. The **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on **Sunday 6th July** at 11.15am Mass when all First Communicants from both weeks return in their First Communion outfits for the Mass.

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: 30th June; or 14th July.

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held **Mon 9th June from 7.30–9pm** in church.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL 80th Birthday: Please join us to celebrate on **Saturday 14th June from 3pm.** There will be a bouncy castle, carousel, traditional 1930s stalls run by pupils of St Cross, licensed bar, BBQ, DJ, live music from *Acoustic Bass* and *Conchord* and a 16-piece big band playing music from 1930s to present day. Please bring your own chairs, blankets and nibbles and purchase tickets on the door. £4 adults, £2 Children, Under 4's free

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S will be holding their annual Summer Fete on **Saturday 21st June** from 11-1.00pm. There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, tombolas, arts and crafts and much more. Entry £1 per person, children free. All are welcome!

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

HELP AT FOODBANK: The Broxbourne Foodbank will have a collection at Tesco Cheshunt (The Pond) and Tesco Brookfield centre on **3rd, 4th and 5th July.** Collectors are needed at each store, drivers to transport food and volunteers to sort the food. If you can help, even an hour will make a difference, please contact Elaine Batten on 01992.428926 or email volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com.

COMBATTING EUTHANASIA: please make your voice heard against the newly re-introduced Bill to legalize euthanasia/assisted suicide. 1. By signing the online petition at: www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/david-cameron-follow-through-on-your-declared-support-for-the-idea-that-assisted-dying-should-not-be-legalised. 2. By writing to our MP, Mr Charles Walker at his Westminster e-mail address: charles.walker.mp@parliament.uk

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: this week, Fr Philip will make Wednesday-afternoon visits to parish homes in Hertford Road, Goodwood Close, Stockfield Avenue.

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 MAGAZINE: We hope to publish another edition of the magazine at the beginning of September. If you do have an article, please either email it or hand it in to the presbytery by **13th July.**

200 CLUB: The winner for June is Mrs C Ruane — no. 177. Congratulations!

PARISH BBQ: The BBQ will be held on **Sunday 13th July 2pm** with live music. This year, there won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. **Application forms are now available from the back of the church and must be returned to the presbytery with your money by Monday 7th July.** Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's 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, pre-cooking chicken and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen.** Thank you for your support.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pele De Luca. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK St Anthony of Padua *13th June*



Glorious Saint Anthony,
I salute you as a good servant of Christ, and a special friend of God. You once were favored to hold the Christ Child in your arms as you cherished His world in your heart. Today I place all my cares, temptations and anxieties in your hands. I resolve ever to honour you by imitating your example. Powerful patron, model of purity and victor over fleshly impulses, please win for me, and for all devoted to you, perfect purity of body, mind and heart.

I promise by my example and counsel to help others to the knowledge, love and service of God. Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 7th June 10am Mass <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i>	PAGE 288 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 2: 1–11 <i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i> Psalm 103 — Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13 <i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia! Gospel: John 20: 19–23 <i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Pentecost (p. 76) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS MOST HOLY TRINITY 1st Reading: Exodus 34: 4–6, 8–9 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11–13 Gospel: John 3: 16–18
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 †	
Mon 9th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Canon Joseph Theodore David RIP</i> Tues 10th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Martin Curran RIP</i> Wed 11th June ST BARNABAS, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Eileen Crowley RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 12th June 9.15am Mass <i>Marina Cattini RIP</i> Fri 13th June ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, Priest & Dr <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Alan Beschizza RIP</i> Sat 14th June 10am Mass <i>Rorry Kelly RIP</i>	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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
6.30pm* Rosa & Giovanni Scibella Sun 15th June MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am** <i>John Woolsgrove RIP</i> 3.30pm Italian St Anthony Procession & Mass † 5.00pm Holy Hour	
<p style="text-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 9th 7.30pm Baptism course, church	Wed 11th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt
Tues 10th 1.30pm Guild tea and chat crypt	

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.*