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St Augustine's Catholic Church

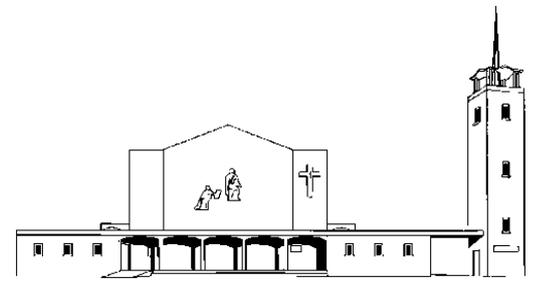
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Year A

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11TH MAY 2014

GOSPEL: John 10: 1–10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED LADY — hence our decade of the holy rosary prior to each Sunday Mass this month. But this

weekend we also have our **annual May Procession, which will take place at 5pm this Sunday (11th May)**. We begin with prayers in the Lady Chapel, and process from there to the 'Lourdes' grotto in the parish garden (weather permitting). After the Procession, there will be tea available in the garden. Please come and make this a beautiful occasion of bringing your prayers and needs for the powerful intercession of Our Blessed Mother. She loves us and prays for us always.

THIS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER IS 'GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY,' when we hear part of chapter 10 of St John's Gospel, the chapter in which Jesus describes Himself as the 'Good Shepherd.' It is, therefore, national Vocations Sunday, when we particularly pray for the grace in the hearts of young men and women to give their lives to God in the service of Him and His Church. The Church constantly needs priests, sisters, monks and friars to live the life of faith at the heart of her people. If anyone wishes to speak in private about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, then just ask me, or contact Fr Richard Nesbit, diocesan vocations director: www.rcdow.org.uk/vocations

OUR GROWING IN FAITH CAMPAIGN is now in its final week. Thank you for the extra gifts and pledges that have come in this week. We are really hoping that with the decisions of those who had yet to finalize their offering, we can now reach our intended goal of £200k over five years. With that, I can confidently start to seek a part-time catechist to initiate many new projects with young people and families in our parish. If you are in a position to pledge a gift to 'Growing in Faith', then just take a pledge form from the little square table in the porch. We close our season on Sunday 11th May, so do please get any remaining forms in today, or a.s.a.p. God bless, and thank you for your financial and prayerful support!

May God bless you all during the joys of Eastertide and Mary's month of May!

Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 19:

VATICAN II,
50 YEARS ON:
THE NEW
EVANGELIZATION

Undeniably, those who wilfully shut out God from their hearts and try to dodge religious questions are not following the dictates of their consciences, and hence are not free of blame; yet believers themselves frequently bear some responsibility for this situation. For, taken as a whole, atheism is not a spontaneous development but stems from a variety of causes, including a critical reaction against religious beliefs, and in some places against the Christian religion in particular. Hence believers can have more than a little to do with the birth of atheism. To the extent that they neglect their own training in the faith, or teach erroneous doctrine, or are deficient in their religious, moral or social life, they must be said to conceal rather than reveal the authentic face of God and religion.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Higgins and Rebecca Fisher married in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Cameron Higgins, Romeo Solazzo and Hayden Long baptized this weekend.

FRANCESCO TONA RIP of Middlefield Avenue died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. The funeral will be on **Monday 12th May at 10am**. There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass on Monday.

ANTONINO QUINTILE RIP of Mylne Close, Cheshunt died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Tuesday 13th May at 11 o'clock** with Don Antonio.

May they rest in peace.

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER will only be on Monday morning as Fr Philip is away from Tuesday.

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 **this Sunday 11th May**, starting in the Church at 5pm, ending in the Grotto in the garden. This will be a service of the rosary, hymns and prayers in honour of our Blessed Lady. Tea and cakes will be available afterwards. **Volunteers are needed to make the refreshments – if you can help, please contact the presbytery.**

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS: The next rota, for June – Sept, is due to be drawn up shortly. Can

you please let Pat Kavanagh know of any dates that you are **NOT** available during this period by 27th May at the latest (final date). Please also advise of any changes in personal details and provide your email address (for sending out future rotas). 449282 or email patandcarolkav@btinternet.com.

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.

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. 21st May "The Ineffable Mystery of God"**. Remaining episodes: 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 rehearsal will be on Saturday 17th May at 11am. **The Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday 18th May at 1.30pm.** If you are a Minister of Holy Communion or altar server and can assist at the Mass, please do sign your name on the lists at the back of the church.

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 remaining dates: 16th, 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 continues with a final few meetings on some Tuesdays, **beginning on Tuesday 20th May.**

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 UNDER 5'S will be holding a quiz night on **Saturday 17th May 7.30pm** in the crypt. Maximum of 8 per table £4 per person – please contact the playgroup on 460614.

ST CROSS will be celebrating their 80th Jubilee year and invite all past pupils or anyone linked to the school to Mass on **Friday 23rd May at 10.30am in church.** Additionally, you are welcome to attend the official opening of the Peace Garden at 1.30pm at the school.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of the church after all Masses **this** weekend.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his Wednesday-afternoon visiting of parish homes in the week after the coming one.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: The annual appeal takes place **this weekend** and all the money that you give will be used to encourage more men to consider the priesthood and to pay for the training of those who come forward. Donations can be made online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. **Please note that if you have given to the Growing in Faith campaign, you are not expected to give to this collection.**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HODDESDON are holding "The Big Picnic" on **Sunday 1st June from 11-4pm** at the Broxbourne Recreation Ground. All are welcome!

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: Michele & Pele De Luca and Bianca Aguilon. Thank you!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy						
Sat 10th May 10am Mass <i>Margaret Galligan RIP</i>	<p align="center">PAGE 262 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36-41 <i>God has made him both Lord and Christ.</i></p> <p>Psalms 22 — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20-25 <i>You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 10: 1-10 <i>I am the gate of the sheepfold.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter III (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 28)</p> <p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 6: 1-7 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4-9 Gospel: John 14: 1-12</p>						
6.30pm* Daniela Ruggiero RIP Sun 11th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Bridget McCarthy RIP</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass ‡ 5.00pm May Procession							
Mon 12th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 10am Funeral Francesco Tona RIP	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p 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 align="center">ROSARY</p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p 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 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 align="center">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>						
Tues 13th May OUR LADY OF FATIMA 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Esther Clucas</i> 11am Funeral Antonino Quintile RIP							
Wed 14th May ST MATTHIAS, Apostle 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Myrtle</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt							
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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.*