

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

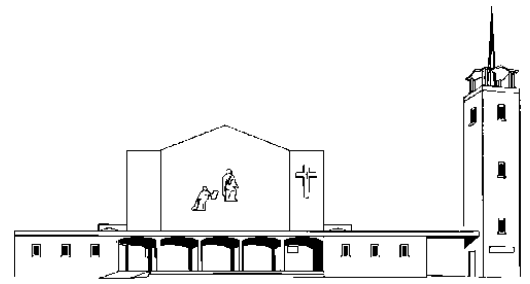
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Year A

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18TH MAY 2014

GOSPEL: John 14: 1–12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS SUNDAY WE WELCOME BACK BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON for the joyful celebration at 1.30pm of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is special moment in the lives of these 40 young people, as they make their own profession of their Baptismal faith, and are “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Let us pray as a parish this weekend for the faith and fervour of these families that they may continue to “fan into a flame” the gifts they receive from God the Holy Spirit — gifts that will serve them well and bring them joy, peace and faith.

Let us each remember the outpouring of the Spirit at our own sacred Confirmation with thanksgiving — or if for some reason we never did receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, consider now coming to see me to discuss the opportunity of preparing to be confirmed as an adult next Easter.

ALREADY I HAVE BEGUN TO MEET THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE ASKING TO BE CONFIRMED IN 2015. If you have a child currently in Year 8 (or above) who wishes to be considered for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year, please note the important item inside the Newsletter (under ‘Catechetics’) and if you have not already done so, please ring to arrange an appointment for you and your child. It has been a joy to begin this process — a new initiative — and to discuss with the young people coming forward just what it means to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in faith.

May God give you the joys of Eastertide and bring you many gifts of the Holy Spirit! Fr Philip



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



[The Church] strives to detect in the atheistic mind the hidden causes for the denial of God; conscious of how weighty are the questions which atheism raises ... The Church holds that the recognition of God is in no way hostile to man's dignity, since this dignity is rooted and perfected in God. For man was made an intelligent and free member of society by

God Who created him, but even more important, he is called as a son to commune with God and share in His happiness. ... By contrast, when divine instruction and the hope of life eternal are wanting, man's dignity is most grievously lacerated, as current events often attest; riddles of life and death, of guilt and of grief go unsolved with the frequent result that men succumb to despair.

PRAYER & LITURGY

ANTONIO COMPANIELLO RIP of Stafford Drive, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Tuesday 20th May at 10.30am** with Don Antonio.

May he rest in peace.

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate the 40 young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:

Veronica Alfano	Erin Brady
Marco Busciglio	Carlo Ciaravella
Luisa Ciccarelli	Ellia Colletti
Sofia Cuffaro	Vincenzo Cuffaro
Alexander Culora	Liana Culora
Elle Cummings	Adam Daynes
Marina Di Maggio	Luisa Dino
Violetta Galione	Scott Hextall
Adam Kasperczyk	Ceri King
Sofia Mariconda	Lara Mattaliano
Alessio Messina	Antonino Montalbano
Nicole Moore	Joseph O'Grady
Ronaldo Pacheco	Mairi Pearce
Sarah Pearce	Serafina Piazza
Emma Russo	Alessandra Sartori
Vanessa Sartori	Gabriella Scibelli
Alessandro Scozzaro	Luca Scozzaro
Sam Skinner	Lois Thompson
Fabrizio Tona	Mariella Tona
Jack Venables	James Wright

MASSES THIS FRIDAY will be at 10.30am in church with St Cross School and at 2pm in church with St Augustine's School. There will therefore be no Exposition or 12 noon Mass.

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.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next **this 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 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!

PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY, the peaceful Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford (Kent) on **Thurs 22nd May, departing church 9am.** 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 medieval Pilgrims' Hall. If you have any special dietary requirements,

please contact the Presbytery. **There are still 16 places left, so please sign the sheet in the porch THIS WEEKEND if you would like to come and hand your money into the Presbytery as soon as possible.**

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.

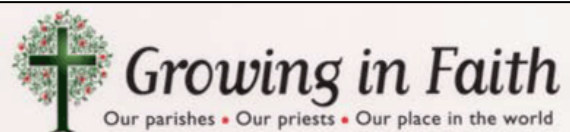
HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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 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. 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 final meeting for parents will be **Wednesday 4th June** from 8–9pm in the crypt. The next meeting for the children will be on **Saturday 7th June at 10am**.

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: 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 two meetings, **Tues 20th May and 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 SCHOOL will be holding a pamper night on **Wednesday 21st May 6.15pm–10pm**. Entry tickets are £3.50 which includes a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles. Many treatments are available, massage, manicure/pedicure, facials, shellac nails and much more: email lauraklydon@hotmail.co.uk to book.

ST CROSS SCHOOL is celebrating its 80th Jubilee and invites 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, 1.30pm at the school.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

MAY PROCESSION: A big thank you to all who helped to make the procession such a success; thanks to the sacristan Ellen Bartlett, Gemma Castle for the beautiful floral arrangements; Mary Lee–Lozone and Marina Morris for the refreshments and thanks to all the Brownies and Brownie leaders.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip hopes this Wednesday afternoon to be visiting parish homes in these streets: Dymokes Way, Danemead, Glenester Close and environs.

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.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy								
Sat 17th May 10am Mass <i>Roy Clucas Int</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 265 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 6: 1–7 <i>They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p>Psalm 32 — May you love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4–9 <i>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me". Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 14: 1–12 <i>I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter IV (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15-18 Gospel: John 14: 15-21</p>								
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<p style="text-align: center;">*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>									

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.*