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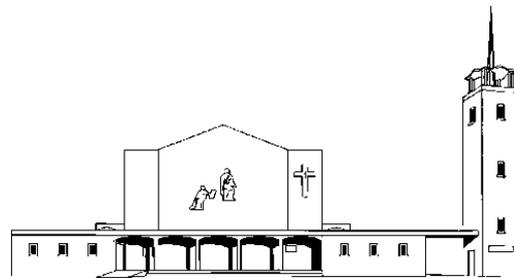
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Year A

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

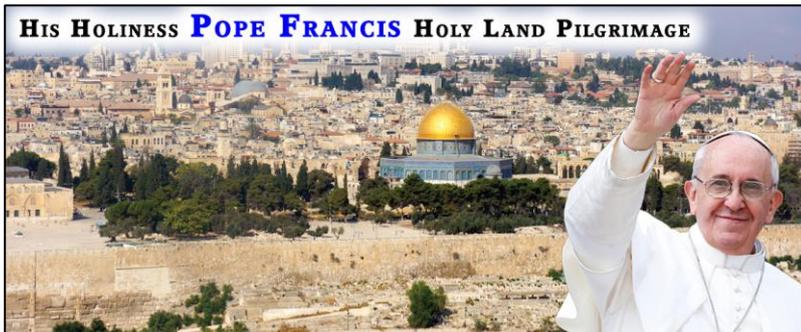
25TH MAY 2014

GOSPEL: John 14: 15–21

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

WE UNITE OUR PRAYERS WITH THE WHOLE CATHOLIC CHURCH for the spiritual success of Pope Francis's pilgrimage to the Holy Land this weekend. May the world come to know the peace that flows from Christ and His Church, by the papal ministry exercised by His Holiness in Jordan, Palestine, and Israel. We hope and pray also that the plight of Palestinian Christians will be highlighted by the Pope's time in the West Bank, where — in Bethlehem — he will celebrate his Sunday Mass.



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I WISH TO THANK SINCERELY ALL THOSE WHO HELPED THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION last weekend to be so beautiful and memorable. I thank: the catechists who accompanied the young people through the past year; the organist and soloist at the Mass, along with the sacristan and servers, and those who prepared the beautiful church flowers. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, inspire and invigorate in faith these young Catholics.

WITH REGARD TO CONFIRMATION IN 2015: if you have a child currently in Year 8 (or above) who wishes to be considered for receiving the Sacrament 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 to see Fr Philip this side of the summer holidays.

I SHALL BE MAKING MY ANNUAL RETREAT IN THE COMING WEEK, returning in time for next weekend's Masses. I am grateful to Fr Joseph for celebrating most of the weekday Masses, and to Mgr Peter Wilson for coming this weekend, and for Friday's noon Mass. Please welcome Fr Peter warmly this Sunday, and assist him in any ways possible over the weekend.

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:



It is the function of the Church, led by the Holy Spirit Who renews and purifies her ceaselessly, to make God the Father and His Incarnate Son present and in a sense visible. This result is achieved chiefly by the witness of a living and mature faith, namely, one trained to see difficulties clearly and to master them. Many martyrs have given luminous witness to this faith and continue to do so. This faith needs to prove its fruitfulness by penetrating the believer's entire life, including its worldly dimensions, and by activating him toward justice and love, especially regarding the needy. What does the most reveal God's presence, however, is the brotherly charity of the faithful who are united in spirit as they work together for the faith of the Gospel and who prove themselves a sign of unity.

PRAYER & LITURGY

MASS on **Monday** will be at 10am due to the Bank Holiday. Please note there will be no Adoration or Morning Prayer next week.

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

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 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!

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, 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: QEll, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Sławek 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 the practical arrangements.** The next meeting for the children will be on **Saturday 7th June at 10am.**

CONFIRMATION: 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: 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 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. 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.

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, children's games and much more. Please bring donations for the local foodbank. All are welcome!

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.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his Wednesday-afternoon visits to parish homes after his return.

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.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Thank you to all who gave to the fund. The amount raised was £688.50

and all of this money will be used to encourage vocations and to fund the training of priests.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 24th May 10am Mass <i>Donato Fonzo RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 268 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 8: 5–8, 14–17 <i>They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p>Psalm 65 — Cry out with joy to God all the earth.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15–18 <i>In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!"</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 14: 15–21 <i>I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: ad lib. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ASCENSION OF THE LORD</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 1: 1–11 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17–23 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16–20</p>
6.30pm* For the Parish Sun 25th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>Mary & John Hayden RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass †	
Mon 26th May ST PHILIP NERI, Priest 10am Mass <i>Mary Perllman RIP</i> PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE LOCKED AFTER MASS	
Tues 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i>	
Wed 28th May 9.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe Palminteri</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	
Thurs 29th May 9.15am Mass <i>Joel Patasin - Thanksgiving</i>	
Fri 30th May <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Private Intention</i>	
Sat 31st May VISITATION OF THE B VIRGIN MARY 10am Mass <i>Francesco Tona RIP</i>	
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 Woolsgrove</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass † 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<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>
<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	
Tues 27th 1.30pm Guild tea and chat, crypt	Thurs 29th 1.30pm Padre Pio, presbytery

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.*