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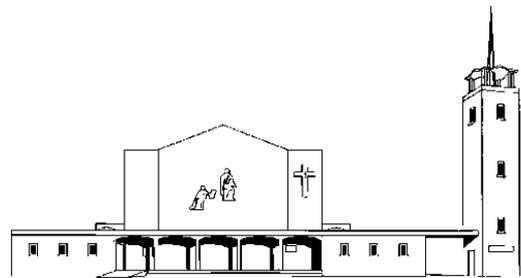
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Year A

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

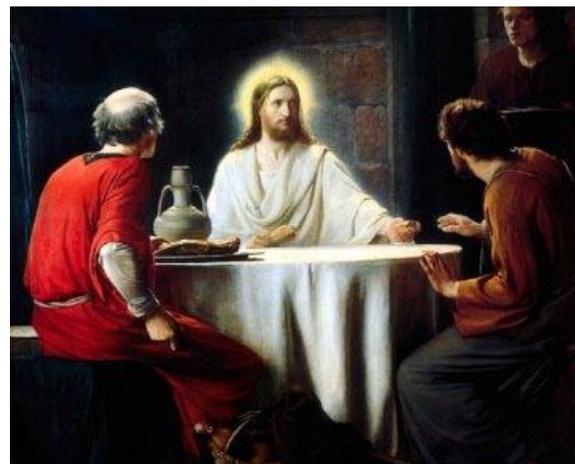
4TH MAY 2014

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 13–35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, we hear in the Gospel one of the most moving accounts of a resurrection appearance of Our Lord, that to the two disciples 'on the road to Emmaus.' The risen Lord explains the Scriptures to them, showing how he fulfils them in His Passion and Death — and then, in celebrating the Eucharist with them at table, He opens their eyes to see who He is, and that He is truly risen from the dead.



OUR GROWING IN FAITH CAMPAIGN is now in its final phase. I am grateful for the many generous gifts and pledges received from you, and especially that last weekend we were able to increase our funds pledged from £133k to £180k. I know that there are quite a number of families still thinking about their contribution, and with those extra gifts/pledges I am sure that we can raise the final £20,000 necessary to reach our goal. With these funds, in the parish portion, we will be able to employ a part-time catechist to initiate many new projects with young people and families. If you are in a position to pledge a gift to 'Growing in Faith', then just take a card from alongside the Newsletters, or a pledge form from the little square table in the porch. We will close our season on Sunday 11th May, so do please, if you can, get any remaining forms in by then. God bless, and thank you for your financial and prayerful support!

I WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION to two things that resumed last week. Firstly, the **Catholicism DVD series** (Wednesday mornings after coffee, c. 10.30–11.30am — dates inside newsletter) which is a very exciting presentation of the faith, so please think of coming to this). Secondly, I have begun once again the sequence of **visiting the homes of our parish** on Wednesdays afternoons. Last year I completed all of EN11 and EN10 over the course of January to December; it was an activity I found very fruitful, and I have re-started that now, beginning at the far north end of the parish. Each week I will try to indicate here in the Newsletter the streets I will visit.

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

The root reason for human dignity lies in man's call to communion with God. From the very circumstance of his origin man is already invited to converse with God. For man would not exist were he not created by God's love and constantly preserved by it; and he cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and devotes

himself to His Creator. Still, many of our contemporaries have never recognized this intimate and vital link with God, or have explicitly rejected it. Thus atheism must be accounted among the most serious problems of this age.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Jessica Alvey baptized this weekend.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm **this Sunday 4th May.**

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 he rest in peace.*

MASS on Bank Holiday Monday will be at 10am.

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 next **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.

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. **Thank you so much to those who pledged last weekend via the cards in the pews!**

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. 7th May "The Teachings of Jesus"**. Remaining episodes: 21st May; 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 next session will be on **TUESDAY 6th May from 7-8.30pm** in the crypt for candidates only. **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: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th June; and 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 **next** weekend.

CAFOD: The amount collected in April was £406.

PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY: Sponsored cycle ride taking place **Sunday, 18th May,** in the Lea Valley country park along either a 10-mile or 19-mile route, to raise funds for CAFOD's work. Register at: cafodpedalagainstopoverty.eventbrite.co.uk or contact CAFOD Westminster: 020-8449-6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk Details on porch noticeboard.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip hopes this Wednesday afternoon to be visiting parish homes in these streets:

Granville Gardens, Beyers Ride/Gardens/Prospect, Caxton Road and Ranworth Avenue.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: The annual appeal takes place **next 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. The envelopes are attached to the newsletter or alternatively, you can make a donation 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.**

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.

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.

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN with Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa preacher to the Papal household, takes place **25th-27th July** at High Leigh Conference Centre. A unique opportunity to hear this most inspirational speaker, and relax in these peaceful surroundings. Eucharist, recreation, and a bar are included. Bishop John Sherrington will be celebrating Mass on the Sunday. For further information and booking form go to www.harvesters.org.uk

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: 4th and 11th May.

CHURCH CLEANING: Judy Livingstone, Elena Sachaj and Eddie and Eileen Linford. Thank you!

Masses this week

Sat 3rd May STS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles
10am Mass *Bridgie Needham RIP*

6.30pm* Antonino & Giuseppa Cannatella RIP

Sun 4th May THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.15am *Edward Kenny RIP Anniv*

11.15am *Brian Geary RIP*

3.30pm Italian Mass †

5.00pm Latin Mass *For the Parish*

Mon 5th May

10am Mass *Piero & Rosa Beschizza RIP*

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS

Tues 6th May

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Deceased members of Daly Family*

Wed 7th May

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Noel Hickey RIP* — followed by coffee in the crypt

Thurs 8th May

9.15am Mass *David Gemmell RIP*

Fri 9th May

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Fred Dale RIP*

Sat 10th May

10am Mass *Margaret Galligan RIP*

6.30pm* Daniela Ruggiero RIP

Sun 11th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.15am** *For the Parish*

11.15am** *Bridget McCarthy RIP*

3.30pm Italian Mass †

5.00pm May Procession

***Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**** 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)

Today's Liturgy

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1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22–33

It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

Psalm 15 — Show us, Lord, the path of life.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17–21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

Gospel Accl: **Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 24: 13–35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread.

PREFACE TODAY: Easter II (p. 74)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36–41

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20–25

Gospel: John 10: 1–10

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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REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 6th 7pm Confirmation, crypt

Tues 6th 2-3.30pm Ascent, crypt

Wed 7th 6–7.30pm Brownies, 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.*