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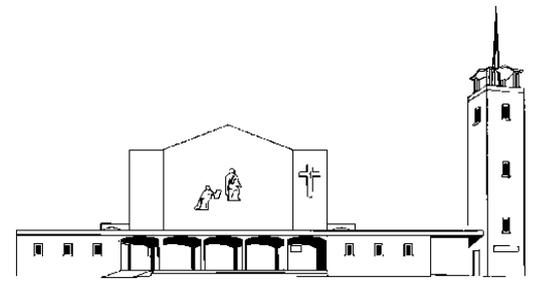
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Year B

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12th APRIL 2015

GOSPEL: John 20: 19–31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

AN ONGOING 'HAPPY EASTER' TO YOU ALL! To those who were away for Easter, I wish you a blessed and joyful Easter, and a reminder to each of us that the celebration of Easter continues through the whole 7 weeks of Eastertide, right up to Pentecost in late May. This is made clear by the Paschal Candle standing in prime position in the centre of the church, as it has done since the Easter Vigil last weekend when it was first lit: "The Light of Christ."



The Gospel passage for this 2nd Sunday of Easter recounts the event of a week after Easter when Our Blessed Lord appears another time to the apostles, with St Thomas present — after his absence, and doubt, a week earlier. St Thomas's recognition of the awesome truth of our Lord's resurrection brings him to pronounce that beautiful affirmation, "My Lord and my God!" He encourages us, especially when we have doubts or our trust in God is at a low ebb, to have extra faith in the Lord. St Thomas saw with his own eyes the evidence of the resurrection, and strengthens us to honour Jesus fully as Lord and God. We can give our whole lives over, in trust, to Christ.

I shall be away this Saturday to concelebrate a friend's wedding in Sussex, and am grateful to Fr Philip Law, chaplain to John Henry Newman School, Stevenage, for coming to celebrate the Saturday evening Mass. In the coming week I shall be on a trip to Rome, and Mgr Peter Wilson, and Fr Joseph Thayil, will celebrate the Mass here Tuesday–Friday.

May God bless us all in our ongoing celebration of Eastertide. Christ is risen, alleluia! Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 47–48:



The well-being of the individual person and of human and Christian society is intimately linked with the healthy condition of that community produced by marriage and family. Hence Christians and all men who hold this community in high esteem sincerely rejoice in the various ways by which men today find help in fostering this community of love and perfecting its life, and by which parents are assisted in their lofty calling.

... The intimate partnership of married life and love has been established by the Creator and qualified by His laws, and is rooted in the conjugal covenant of irrevocable personal consent. Hence by that human act whereby spouses mutually bestow and accept each other a relationship arises which by divine will and in the eyes of society too is a lasting one. For the good of the spouses and their offspring as well as of society, the existence of the sacred bond no longer depends on human decisions alone. For, God Himself is the author of matrimony, endowed as it is with various benefits and purposes. All of these have a very decisive bearing on the continuation of the human race, on the personal development and eternal destiny of the individual members of a family, and on the dignity, stability, peace and prosperity of the family itself and of human society as a whole.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Aiden Cowell, Tiago Ingrao and Luca & Noah Michael who will be baptised this weekend.

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER will only be on Monday this week.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 19th April** with Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

FR BRIAN REYNOLDS has recently had surgery for cancer. Please keep him in your prayers at this time of his treatment.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday (usually) of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting April 24th**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on 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 14th 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 £30.00, 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: Fr Brian Reynolds, Sue Porto, Christopher Browne, John Askew, Alan Dolan, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Mark Reason, Hilda Andrews, Joanne Sheridan, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Bohita Fanor, Jenny Miller, Peter Tanner, John Lumley, Anne Smith, Sylvia Mullick, and Maureen Fallon.

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. 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.

Chaplains are: Lister, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017



Fr Philip thanks those who have recently donated to our 'Growing in Faith' initiative, to benefit both the diocese, and our own parish's project of employing a part-time catechetical co-ordinator. With some very large new donations, **we have raised now pledges of c. £190k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £55k.** An update on 'Growing in Faith' can be seen on the noticeboard above the newspapers, though it doesn't yet include the most recent pledges. Fr Philip continues exploratory discussions with various contacts about filling the post of a catechetical co-ordinator.

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held on **Mon 20th April 7.00pm** for Candidates only. **The Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday 26th April 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 list at the back of the church.**

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The seventh meeting for parents will be on **Wed 22nd April 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 25th April 10–12 noon.**

"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. **The course continues with a final few meetings on 21st April at 7pm.**

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD: The amount collected in March amounted to £327.99. Thank you!

CAFOD invite you for an evening with Fr Pius, one of our partners from Myanmar, to learn more about how your support this Lent is helping communities deal with the challenges posed by climate change. This will be held on **Tuesday, 21st April at 6:30pm** in Romero House, London SE1 7JB. To book online visit <https://cafodclimateevening.eventbrite.co.uk> or call 0208 449 6970.

MISCELLANEOUS

ELECTION HUSTINGS will be held on **Thursday 30th April (7.30pm for 8pm)** at the Wormley Community Centre in Fairfield Drive. All the local parliamentary candidates will be attending.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip has now begun his visits to EN10 (Broxbourne) and in **the week after this one**, he will be visiting homes in Copthorne Avenue, Bassingbourne Close, Mandeville Close and environs.

LENTEN COLLECTIONS: Thanks to all those who with great generosity contributed to the Lenten Alms box. The total collected was £428.95. £70 was donated to the Lenten Alms from the Sunday refreshment money that has been collected. For the Holy Places' collection after the Passion Liturgy of Good Friday, we raised £616.62.

AFTERNOON TEA and entertainment will be held in the crypt on **Sunday 19th April 3–5pm** for the elderly. If anyone is interested in joining us you will be welcome but please let me know ASAP, and also let me know if you need a lift. Margaret Byrne, 443351.

QUIZ NIGHT Friday 17th April in the crypt, to help raise money for **Mary's Meals**, a charity set up in 2002 to provide the poorest of children with breakfast before school. At the time of going to print the number of meals have reached 989, 791. £5 per head — 8 to a team — payable on the night. Bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table! If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation either cash, a bottle of something for the winning team, or maybe something for the Raffle, all donations will be much appreciated, you can drop that off to the presbytery.

SILHOUETTE THEATRE CO in association with Christians @ GSK present "The Good, The Bad and The Bible." This is a mystery play with a difference! This will be held at Allenbury's Social Club, Harris Lane, Ware on **Friday 17th April** at 19.45. Tickets £8. For more info contact Tony Stavrou on 01920.411658.

200 CLUB WINNER for April was Mrs L Jackson no. 193. Congratulations!

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN takes place **17th-19th July** at High Leigh Conference Centre. This year the speakers are David Wells, Director for Parish Formation, Plymouth Diocese, and Fr. David Oakley recently appointed Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott Seminary. This is a

unique opportunity with Eucharist, sport, relaxation, and a bar are included. Many men who have never been on such a weekend before, are quite amazed at how they really relax, have a great time and meet with God. For further information and booking form go to www.harvesters.org.uk

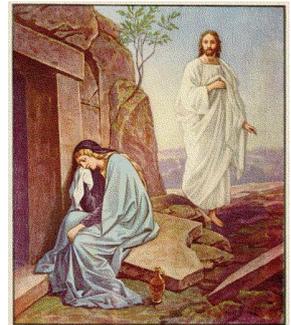
WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY is organising a trip to Taize for the youth of the diocese from the **15th-24th August**. The price for 24 years and under is £170 and for 25-30 years £190. This price includes travel costs and food for the whole event. Pilgrims will need to bring their own tents to stay in over the course of the week and Taize provides space to pitch the tents free of charge. For more information contact youth@rcdow.org.uk.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to meet parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free date: 3rd, 10th & 17th May.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca and Mary Dineen. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

EASTER PRAYER taken from the Easter Vigil *Exsultet*



Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave
you gave away your Son.

O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,
which gained for us so great a Redeemer.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 11th April SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 10am Mass <i>Anne Smith's intentions</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* Benedetto Cicchirillo RIP</p> <p>Sun 12th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am John & Frances Woolsgrove RIP ‡</p> <hr/> <p>Mon 13th April 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Eileen McElligott RIP</i></p> <p>Tues 14th April 9.15am Dennis Dempsey RIP</p> <p>Wed 15th April 9.15am Mass <i>Justin Ighade's intentions</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt</p> <p>Thurs 16th April 9.15am Mass <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i></p> <p>Fri 17th April (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Barbara Wright's intentions</i></p> <p>Sat 18th April 10am Mass <i>Pietro Di Leto RIP</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 19th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** Deceased members of Mercurio & Mezzullo Families 11.15am Enrico Rega RIP 5.00pm Holy Hour ‡</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">* 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)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 255 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 4: 32–35 <i>United, heart and soul.</i></p> <p>Psalms 117 — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1–6 <i>Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 19–31 Eight days later, Jesus came.</p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 60) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 3: 13–15, 17–19 2nd Reading: 1 John 2: 1–5 Gospel: Luke 24: 35–48</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY 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 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 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</p>
REGULAR EVENTS	
<p>Tues 14th 1.30pm Ascent, crypt</p>	

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. —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.*