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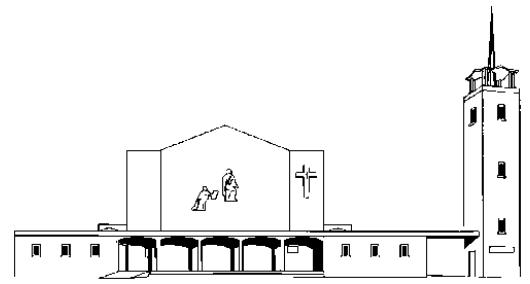
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Year B

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19th APRIL 2015

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 35-48

So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

OUR ONGOING CELEBRATION OF EASTERTIDE brings us today the wonderful passage from Luke's Gospel about the walk to Emmaus on the evening of the Lord's Resurrection day. The disconsolate disciples are filled with joy when they realise that in fact they have been visited by the Risen Jesus, and they hurry back to Jerusalem, from which they had so recently and wearily trudged, to announce to the apostles that they have seen the Lord. One of the most significant elements of this Resurrection appearance is that Jesus's central action for them is that of the Eucharist.



"They recognised Him in the 'Breaking of Bread'." Our Lord has chosen to continue His intimate communion with His Church through the real presence of the sacrament of the Mass. The Mass is all about being with the risen Lord who has conquered death.

THE GENERAL ELECTION IS JUST THREE WEEKS AWAY and whilst on one level we may be a little exhausted of the Election campaign, yet it is only right that we engage fully in the electoral process, and hold the candidates to account for the public duty they seek to fulfil. Our bishops have issued a document for reflection for this General Election 2015, and copies are still available to take from alongside the Newsletters. Please do take a copy and read it. More locally, I and other ministers of the Christian denominations in the constituency have organised an 'Election Hustings' — that is, a chance to see all the 5 election candidates for Broxbourne occupy a platform and answer questions submitted by local people. I know that the sitting MP has a very substantial majority, but even so I believe it is very important to have public debate and show a commitment to an open election. Please come and attend this meeting on **Thursday 30th April, 7.30 for 8pm, Wormley Community Centre, Fairfield Drive.**

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. 48:



By their very nature, the institution of matrimony itself and conjugal love are ordained for the procreation and education of children, and find in them their ultimate crown. Thus a man and a woman, who by their compact of conjugal love "are no longer two, but one flesh," render mutual help and service to each other through an intimate union of their persons and of their actions. Through this union they experience the meaning of their oneness and attain to it with growing perfection day by day. As a mutual gift of two persons, this intimate union and the good of the children impose total fidelity on the spouses and argue for an unbreakable oneness between them. Christ the Lord abundantly blessed this many-faceted love, welling up as it does from the fountain of divine love and structured as it is on the model of His union with His Church.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Marco Teoli and Lindsey Johnson married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Madison Garvey, Leah George and Ava Bernstone who will be baptised this weekend.

MARIE ROSE RICCARDI RIP of Manor Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Thursday 23rd April at 2pm.** May she rest in peace.

SCHOOL MASS will be held in church on **Friday 24th April** at 1.45pm with both schools.

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

MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Sunday 10th 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.**

FR BRIAN REYNOLDS has recently had surgery for cancer and has now been told that the operation was 100% successful and he will not need any chemotherapy. Fr Brian would like to thank everyone for their prayers which were very much appreciated!

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.

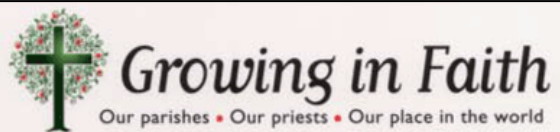
HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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 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. **We have raised 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 is in discussion with another priest of the Diocese who already has plans for a part time post and we look to share together a person to fill his post and our post for 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 rehearsal will be on Saturday 25th April at 11am. **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 on 21st & 28th April and 5th May at 7pm.**

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

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

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: The collection for the Priest Training Fund takes place **next weekend** and all the money that you give will be used to help men considering the priesthood and to pay for the training of those who come forward. Please respond generously to this appeal through your prayers and donations, so that we can prepare our priests to spread the Gospel. The Fund relies entirely on donations. The envelopes are attached to the newsletter. Alternatively, you can make a donation online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

ELECTON 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 on Wednesday afternoon he will be visiting homes in Copthorne Avenue, Bassingbourne Close, Mandeville Close and environs.

LENT LUNCHESES: A total of £646.53 has been raised for Christian Aid from the Lent Lunches this year. This includes £24.70 from card sales. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the lunches and to all the helpers.

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 dates: 3rd, 10th & 17th May.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

**23RD APRIL –
ST GEORGE**
Martyr, Patron of
England

Pictures of St.



George usually show him killing a dragon to rescue a beautiful lady. The dragon stands for wickedness and the lady stands for God's holy truth. St George was a brave martyr who was victorious over the devil. He was a soldier in the army of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, and he was one of the Emperor's favorite soldiers. Diocletian was a pagan and a bitter enemy to the Christians. He put to death every Christian he could find. George was a brave Christian, a real soldier of Christ. Without fear, he went to the Emperor and sternly scolded him for being so cruel. Then he gave up his position in the Roman army. For this he was tortured in many terrible ways and finally beheaded.

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 18th April 10am Mass <i>Pietro Di Leto RIP</i>		PAGE 258 in the Mass books	
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>		1st Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 <i>You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.</i>	
Sun 19th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>Deceased members of Mercurio & Mezzullo Families</i> 11.15am <i>Enrico Rega RIP</i> † 5.00pm Holy Hour		Psalm 4 — Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. 2nd Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5 <i>He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.</i>	
Mon 20th April 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Pat Johnson RIP</i>		Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!</i>	
Tues 21st April 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am <i>Vera Brown RIP</i>		Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48 <i>So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.</i>	
Wed 22nd April 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Antonio & Elvira Beschizza</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		PREFACE TODAY: Easter 2 (p. 60) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)	
Thurs 23rd April ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England 2.00pm Funeral <i>Marie Rose Riccardi RIP</i>		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Fri 24th April STS ERKENWALD & MELLITUS, Bishops <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Adam Daynes Intention</i> 1.45pm Joint schools' Mass in church		1st Reading: Acts 4: 8-12 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2 Gospel: John 10: 11-18	
Sat 25th April ST MARK, Evangelist 10am Mass <i>Pat Gudgeon RIP</i>		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>	
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Maureen Welsh RIP</i>		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
Sun 26th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i> 1.30pm Confirmation 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.	
* 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)		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	
REGULAR EVENTS			
Mon 20th 7pm Confirmation, crypt Tues 21st 1.30pm Guild, crypt Tues 21st 7pm RCIA, presbytery	Wed 22nd 6pm Brownies, crypt Wed 22nd 8pm Parents 1 st HC, crypt Sat 25th 10am 1 st Holy Communion session		

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.*