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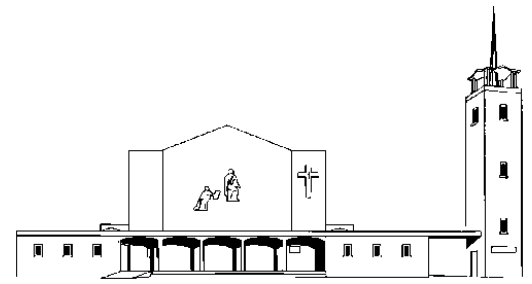
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Year B

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th APRIL 2015

GOSPEL: John 10: 11–18

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

TODAY IS 'GOOD SHEPHERD' SUNDAY, the fourth Sunday of Eastertide, and we hear part of the 10th chapter of St John's Gospel, in which Jesus describes Himself as 'The Good Shepherd.' It is always an occasion to rejoice in the vocation of shepherds to lead the Church, and to pray for vocations. We also take our annual collection this Sunday for the diocesan Priests' Training Fund. May the Good Shepherd indeed provide for His flock, and may those He calls to religious life, and to priestly ordination, have the faith to respond.

JOYOUS CONGRATULATIONS, TODAY, TO THOSE BEING CONFIRMED! Bishop John Sherrington will be here for 1.30pm Mass during which he will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 36 of our young parishioners. May the Holy Spirit fill them on this sacred occasion, and keep them and their families true to the Lord all the days of their life!

THE GENERAL ELECTION IS JUST ELEVEN DAYS AWAY and you may be in need of seeing just who it is who is standing here in our Broxbourne constituency for election to Parliament. The local 'Churches Together' partnership has organised an 'Election Hustings' for local people to come and quiz the candidates. It's this **Thursday 30th April, 7.30 for 8pm, Wormley Community Centre, Fairfield Drive (EN10 6DX)**. Please come and attend this important evening. You can submit a proposed question — either on the 'Churches Together' website <http://cthbw.blogspot.co.uk/> or on the Hustings FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/broxbournehustings>. 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. The bishops have produced a document on how to apply the Gospel at this crucial time of voting: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/General-Election-2015/Election-Letter>.

May God bless us this Vocations Sunday — may we be led as His flock, to heaven! Fr Philip

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



Authentic married love is caught up into divine love and is governed and enriched by Christ's redeeming power and the saving activity of the Church, so that this love may lead the spouses to God with powerful effect and may aid and strengthen them in sublime office of being a father or a mother. For this reason Christian spouses have a special sacrament by which they are fortified and receive a kind of consecration in the

duties and dignity of their state. By virtue of this sacrament, as spouses fulfil their conjugal and family obligation, they are penetrated with the spirit of Christ, which suffuses their whole lives with faith, hope and charity. Thus they increasingly advance the perfection of their own personalities, as well as their mutual sanctification, and hence contribute jointly to the glory of God.



PRAYER & LITURGY

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate the 36 young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:

Luca Acquisto	Luca Amodeo
Maria-Elisa Aversano	Stefania Barone
Ryan Borkett	Sofia Ciccarelli
Max Clark	Ralph Condon
Alfie Cross	Alessio Cuffaro
Lucy Dain-Williams	Chloe Di-Maria
Pietro Ferraro	Ellie Gallimore
Ellisia Giardina	Enzo Giardina
Rebecca Goodwin	Robert Graffato
Antonino Grana	Lucy Hay
Eleanor Hayes	Maria Iameo
Sabrina Iameo	Francesca Imbrogino
Patryk Kos	Felicia Martino
Abigail Nathalie	Panashe Njanji
Giuseppe Padalino	Francois Patasin
Romina Ricottone	Hannah Ruane
Francesca Salvo	Olivia Sellitto
Amy Soldano	Connor Whyton

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 1st May**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 3rd May**.

MONTH OF OUR LADY: During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed before each Sunday Mass.

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.**

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.**

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting May 15th**. 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!

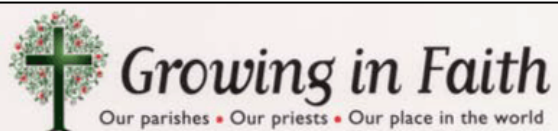
SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 17th May** with Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

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

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The eighth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 13th May 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 16th May 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. **This year's final session will be 28th April at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Friday 8th and Wednesday 20th May** from **7.30pm–9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL: The SAFA committee are holding a pamper night on **Thursday 21st May** which include a variety of stalls. Doors open 6pm, with treatments commencing at 6.15pm. These can be booked from 27th April. Entrance is £3.50 with a complimentary glass of wine. For further info contact Geraldine Jaselsky on 441222 or book online at safahoddesdon@gmail.com.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

FOODBANK DONATIONS: Thank you to everyone who donate to the Foodbank crate at the back of the church – there are always donations, sometimes to overflowing, left weekly. I transport the goods to the Foodbank depot at Brookfield Farm once a week but I am unable to do so in the next few months. If you could help out by taking this over for a limited period please give me a ring to discuss further. Thank you. Jacky Jordan 01992-303794.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND NEEDS OUR HELP: The number of men training for the priesthood has steadily increased in recent years. Thirty five men are currently in formation. This is wonderful news but it also means that the Priests' Training Fund needs to bring in more money to cover the cost of their training. **Please give as much as you can afford to today's collection so that the Priests' Training Fund can continue to seek out, support and train those men who God is calling to the priesthood.** 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 Park Lane, Woodstock Road and Stratfield Drive.

THE NADIA MIRAGLIOTTA 'BRIGHTER FUTURE FUND' is holding a ball on **Saturday 20th June** at 7pm at Tewinbury Farm for £75.00. Tickets can be purchased with cash or a cheque or online via nadiasbutterflyball@gmail.com. Please contact Steph Miragliotta on 07958-951214 for info.

MARY'S MEALS: On 17th April, a Quiz Evening was arranged in the Crypt for the charity 'Mary's Meals'. A magnificent amount of £543.00 was raised, providing enough to feed over 40 schoolchildren A MEAL EVERY SCHOOL DAY FOR A YEAR in parts of the world where otherwise they might not get one! An enjoyable evening was had by all and a huge thanks to Vicki Lee-Lozone and her daughter Charlee for organising the event. Anne Byrne.

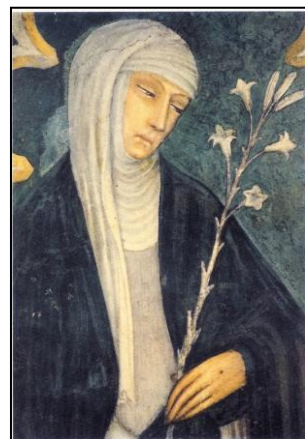
SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to meet parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 3rd, 10th & 17th May.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

29th APRIL – ST
CATHERINE OF SIENA

St. Catherine started having mystical experiences when she was only 6, seeing guardian angels as clearly as the people they protected. She became a Dominican tertiary when she was 16, and continued to have visions of Christ, Mary, and the saints. St. Catherine was one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day, although she never had any formal education. She persuaded the Pope to go back to Rome from Avignon, in 1377, and when she died she was endeavouring to heal the Great Western Schism. In 1375 Our Lord give her the stigmata, which was visible only after her death. She died in 1380 when she was only 33, and her body was found incorrupt in 1430.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy				
Sat 25th April ST MARK 10am Mass <i>Pat Gudgeon RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 261 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 4: 8–12 <i>This is the only name by which we can be saved.</i></p> <p>Psalms 117 — The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1–2 <i>We shall see God as he really is.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 10: 11–18 The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.</p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter 3 (p. 60) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 9: 26–31 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 18–24 Gospel: John 15: 1–8</p>				
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Maureen Welsh RIP</i> 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	<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 <i>any other time.</i></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>				
Mon 27th April 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Eileen McElligott RIP</i> Tues 28th April 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am <i>Giuseppe & Anna Chiparo RIP</i> Wed 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Domenica Pini RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 30th April NO MASS Fri 1st May (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Barbara Wright's intentions</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Bridgie Needham RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour Sat 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS, Bishop & Dr 10am Mass <i>Richard Ashcroft RIP</i>	<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>				
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Deceased members of Dinato & Soldano Families</i> Sun 3rd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>Edward Kenny</i> 11.15am <i>Giuseppa & Antonino Cannatella RIP & Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Tues 28th 1.30pm Ascent crypt</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Wed 29th 6pm Brownies, crypt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues 28th 7pm RCIA, presbytery</td> <td>Thurs 30th 1.30pm Padre Pio, presbytery</td> </tr> </table>	Tues 28th 1.30pm Ascent crypt	Wed 29th 6pm Brownies, crypt	Tues 28th 7pm RCIA, presbytery	Thurs 30th 1.30pm Padre Pio, presbytery
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<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>					

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.*