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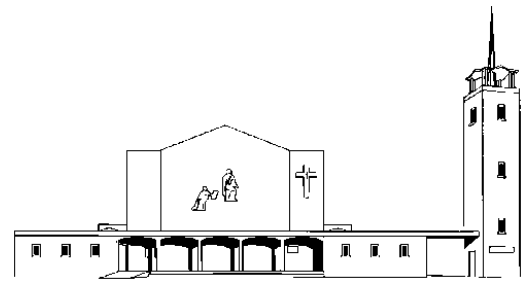
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EASTER SUNDAY

5th April 2015

GOSPEL: John 20: 1–9

He must rise from the dead.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER TO YOU ALL! After our long spiritual preparation in Lent, we come to the greatest feast of the Christian year, the celebration of Our Lord's glorious Resurrection. *Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Cross of Our Lord makes no sense — it is merely a brave human defeat — without the loving answer of the Resurrection. God the Father, who “wills that all men may be saved,” responds to our brutal Crucifixion of His Son with a gentle, at-first-unseen, raising of Him to life. And in this life of

Jesus beyond human death is our own victory: in Baptism, in faith, in our prayer and sacraments, is offered to us also this life beyond the grave. Let us rejoice this Easter most of all in our heartfelt prayer and thanksgiving to God for our being people of deep faith. Let us ask Him to keep us committed to Our Lord every day, so that we will not lose our way on the path to heaven, but will be serving God and each other every day by a determinedly holy way of life!

I am grateful for all those who have worked extra-hard in various capacities in Holy Week and this Easter weekend, to prepare all the necessities for beautiful and sacred celebrations: for the flowers, music, service-sheets, serving, sacristy, cleaning, reading etc. It is right and good that we offer our time and talents to praise the Lord Jesus; and I am happy to acknowledge all the parishioners' many contributions to making this time truly blessed. I thank you all for your kind Easter greetings for me, especially for the cards and gifts received; and I thank you in anticipation for the Easter offertory collection, which is always generous, and which specifically supports me as your Parish Priest.

I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR RECENT PLANNED-GIVING CAMPAIGN, and for thinking carefully about how you support the parish financially through your weekly offertory. Everyone who filled in a pledge card two weekends ago should have collected/received a letter to thank you. If you haven't yet received it, **please visit the 'Planned Giving' table in the porch before you leave the church today,** and also if you have not yet collected your new set of Offertory Envelopes which will be needed for the new tax year, starting next weekend.

Enjoy your Easter weekend, and this great celebration of Resurrection faith in Jesus! Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 45:



The Lord Himself speaks: “Behold I come quickly! And my reward is with me, to render to each one according to his works. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Rev. 22:12–13).



FOR ALL OTHER NOTICES, PLEASE CLICK ON LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER (ANNOUNCER OF 29TH MARCH 2015).

Masses this week

Sat 4th April HOLY SATURDAY

9.45am Morning Prayer

4.00pm* Italian Easter Vigil

9.00pm* **Mass of the Easter Vigil** *Priest's Int's*

Sun 5th April EASTER SUNDAY

9.15am *For the Parish*

11.15am **Paolo Conti & Gaetana Lomanto RIP**



Mon 6th April MONDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

10am Mass *Aiden & Owen Doyle RIP Anniv*

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS

Tues 7th April TUESDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am *Michael Morgan's intentions*

Wed 8th April WEDNESDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *For all parishioners, from Filomena Mezzullo*
— followed by coffee in the crypt

Thurs 9th April THURSDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

9.15am Mass *Cecilia D'Abreu RIP*

Fri 10th April FRIDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

(NO Abstinence from meat today)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Joseph Penheiro RIP*

Sat 11th April SATURDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

10am Mass *Anne Smith's intentions*

6.30pm* **Benedetto Cicchirillo RIP**

Sun 12th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.15am *For the Parish*

11.15am **John & Frances Woolsgrove RIP** ‡

* 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 10: 34, 37–43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Psalm 117 — This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1–4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Accl: *Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia.*

Gospel: John 20: 1–9

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32–35

2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1–6

Gospel: John 20: 19–31

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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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.*