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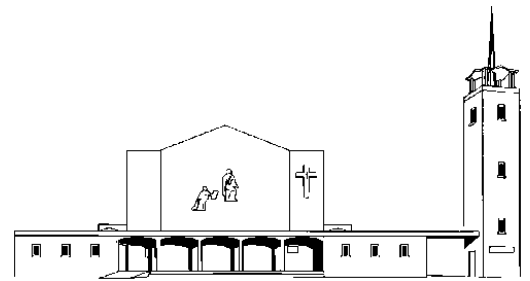
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Year B

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10th MAY 2015

GOSPEL: John 15: 9–17

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY! And it is indeed a beautiful spring month to devote to the Mother of Our Blessed Lord, and to do her honour. As we pay homage to her, we must bear two things in mind: (i) that devotion to Our Lady is never 'on a par' with the worship given to Almighty God — she is His "handmaid," as she said herself; but (ii) that we cannot, and do not, 'un-make' the choice that God Himself made, when He asked her to be the mother of His only Son, and to give Him flesh in this world — and this is why we treat her with such respect and love. Mary of Nazareth is the means by which the Lord came into this world; and for that very reason we rejoice in her maternity, her love and faith. Jesus Himself gave her to be our mother, also, as he hung dying on the Cross. Let us implore her prayers to help us in our daily life. Our annual **May Procession** in honour of Our Lady, and a beautiful expression of our need for her intercession, will be **this Sunday, 5pm, beginning in the Lady Chapel.** Do please come!



**General
Election
2015**



WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION NOW OVER, and with many issues having been strongly debated in these past weeks, our country's political map has once again been re-drawn. As Catholics, let us pray for the new Parliament, that it may, above all, be an assembly that promotes the moral welfare of this country, not least in protecting the right to life — both of the unborn, and the frail, sick and elderly, of our society. Let us hope in faith that

God will inspire the new Government to lead our country in ways that are truly pleasing to God.

May God bless us in this month of devotion to Mary. May she pray for our country! Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 49:

**VATICAN II,
50 YEARS ON:
THE NEW
EVANGELIZATION**

This love [between husband and wife] is uniquely expressed and perfected through the appropriate enterprise of matrimony. The actions within marriage by which the couple are united intimately and chastely are noble and worthy ones. Expressed in a manner which is truly human, these actions promote that mutual self-giving by which spouses enrich each other with a joyful and a ready will. Sealed by mutual faithfulness and hallowed above all by Christ's sacrament, this love remains steadfastly true in body and in mind, in bright days or dark. It will never be profaned by adultery or divorce. Firmly established by the Lord, the unity of marriage will radiate from the equal personal dignity of wife and husband, a dignity acknowledged by mutual and total love. The constant fulfilment of the duties of this Christian vocation demands notable virtue. For this reason, strengthened by grace for holiness of life, the couple will painstakingly cultivate and pray for steadiness of love, large heartedness and the spirit of sacrifice.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Henry Barnes, Amelia Nicastro and Isabelle Price who will be baptised this weekend.

GEORGE HEENEY RIP formerly of Woodstock Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 11th May at 2pm.**

MARY MITCHELL RIP of 'The Hollies' Nursing Home died recently. Mary was well over 90yrs of age, and well known in this parish for her entertaining us at many barbecues and parties with lovely renditions of melodies on the mouth organ. She was brought to Mass over many years — until recent times when she was too frail — by the kind services of Simone Brown, Cathy & Andy Anderson, and Vicky Lee-Lozone. Mary had no living family members, and her funeral is arranged by just one couple who are long-standing friends of hers. I ask you, please, if you can, to come to her funeral, as *this parish* is her extended family, and we should make a special effort in regard to someone who has no family. Her funeral will be on **Tuesday 12th May at 9.15am.** *May they rest in peace.*

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 **this 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.

PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY: Fr Philip will lead a group to the Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford (Kent) for a day out on **Thurs 14th May, departing at 9am from the church.** 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. **There are still 18 places available, so please sign the sheet in the porch THIS WEEKEND if you would like to come as the cut off is Monday 11th.** If you haven't yet paid, please hand your money into the presbytery by Wednesday 13th at the latest. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS: The next rota for Readers and Ministers of Communion for the period June - September is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wednesday 27th May** at the latest of any weekends that you are NOT available and also of any changes in personal details (telephone number, address etc). Please contact Pat Kavanagh patandcarolkav@btinternet.com or by telephone 449282.

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.

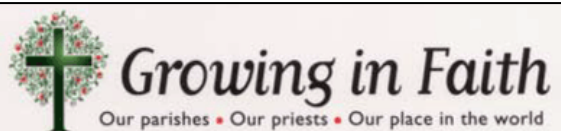
HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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**.

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Tues 19th May** from **7.30pm-9pm** in the church.

CONFIRMATION 2016: 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 13th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30-6pm on the following days: 11th May, 1st June, 15th June, 22nd June, 6th July and 13th July.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE UNDER 5'S are holding a quiz night on **Saturday 16th May** at 7.30pm for 8pm in the crypt. Max 8 per table, or just along and join in! Bring your own drinks and nibbles. To reserve a table call the Under 5's 460614 or Irayna on 07805-542576.

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

CAFOD PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY 2015: A sponsored bike ride will take place on **Sunday 7th June** along the River Lea. Two routes are available — 10 or 19 miles. Registration costs of £6 per rider (covers all admin costs of ride, including a CAFOD cycling vest). Tel. 020-8449-6970, or Westminster@cafod.org.uk for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be visiting homes on Wednesday afternoon this week in New Road, and St Catherine's Road.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HODDESDON are holding "The Big Picnic" on **Sunday 31st May** from 11am at the Broxbourne Recreation Ground. All are welcome!

5TH HODDESDON ST AUGUSTINE BROWNIES are urgently looking for a young woman volunteer, preferably aged 18 to 26 years. No previous Girl Guiding experience is needed, but it would be useful to help out at our weekly meetings. These are held on Wednesdays from 6-7.30pm in the crypt during term time. For further info, please contact Maria Scott 07877-310148 or Mary Briggs on 07759-504406.

THE REPOSITORY now has 1st Holy Communion cards and gifts in stock and is open after Masses at the weekends. Please do go and have a look at the lovely selection available.

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: 17th and 31st May, 7th and 14th June.

LOST PROPERTY: A brown leather jacket has been found in church. Please do contact the presbytery if this belongs to you.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele De Luca, Pele De Luca, Mary Dineen and Josie Warren. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!
HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail Holy Queen,
Mother of mercy, Hail,
our life, our sweetness,
and our hope. To thee do
we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To
thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and
weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most
gracious advocate thine eyes of mercy
towards us. And after this, our exile, show
unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we
may be made worthy of the promises of
Christ. Amen.



Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 9th May 10am Mass <i>Peter Bush RIP</i>		PAGE 266 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 10: 25–26, 34–35, 44–48 <i>The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.</i> Psalm 97 — The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. 2nd Reading: 1 John 4: 7–10 <i>God is love.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him". Alleluia!</i> Gospel: John 15: 9–17 A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. PREFACE TODAY: Easter 5 (p. 61) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 1st Reading: Acts 1: 1–11 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17–23 Gospel: Mark 16: 15–20	
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Francesco Tona RIP Anniv</i>			
Sun 10th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP</i> ‡ 5.00pm May Procession			
Mon 11th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am <i>John Beato Pinto RIP</i> 2pm Funeral <i>George Heeney RIP</i>			
Tues 12th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer???? 9.15am Funeral <i>Mary Mitchell RIP</i>			
Wed 13th May OUR LADY OF FATIMA 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>The Rotondo Family</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt			
Thurs 14th May ST MATTHIAS, Apostle NO MASS — PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD			
Fri 15th May (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Giorgio & Teresa Ermini 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 any other time.	
Sat 16th May 10am Mass <i>Francisco Alfonso Pires & Maria Perreira Luiz Pires</i>		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Mary & Harry Pappin RIP</i>		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.	
Sun 17th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9.15am** <i>Patrick & Tom Lawlor RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡ 5.00pm Holy Hour		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	
* 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)			
REGULAR EVENTS			
Tues 12th	1.30pm Ascent, crypt	Wed 13th	8pm Parents 1 st HC, crypt
Wed 13th	6pm Brownies, crypt	Sat 16th	10am 1 st HC 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.*