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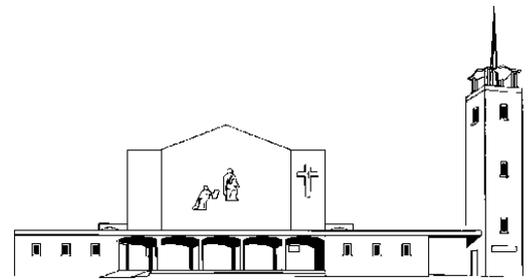
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Year B

PENTECOST SUNDAY

24th MAY 2015

GOSPEL: John 20: 19–23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE CULMINATING FEAST OF THE EASTER SEASON, TODAY, IS PENTECOST. This great feast is, as it were, the Church's "birthday," when the apostles come out into the open, filled with zeal and 'on fire' with the Holy Spirit, and begin the great task of preaching the Gospel. It is a fitting conclusion to the seven great weeks of Eastertide, these weeks of celebration of the transforming effect on

the world of the Resurrection of Jesus. In effect, Pentecost is the natural continuation of Jesus's own ministry: filled with the fullness of understanding of God's plan, and filled with the courage which also comes from, the Spirit, the apostles 'break out' of their hiding place, and go on to the streets of Jerusalem with the Gospel. Following in the footsteps of their Lord and Master, and without fear of the authorities who had crucified Jesus only weeks before, the apostles begin to carry the Good News of Jesus to the known world. Within their own lifetimes, the Gospel will reach Europe and North Africa and the Indian subcontinent, as well as much of the Middle East, spreading in all directions from the Holy City. Let us celebrate Pentecost joyfully, and be filled with the Holy Spirit!

I AM AWAY ON RETREAT in this half-term week, and I am grateful to the Xaverian Missionary priest, Fr Bideri Nyagasaza, who is celebrating the Masses this Pentecost weekend, and giving the annual Mission appeal. Fr Michael Stewart will be offering the Masses of the weekdays in the coming week. Please welcome these supply priests and give them your support as they visit our parish.

THE XAVERIAN MISSIONARIES were founded in 1895 by St Guido Conforti, a priest — and then bishop — of Parma in Italy. St Guido was inspired by the Jesuit saint, Francis Xavier, who travelled to the Far East as a missionary in the 16th c., and he wished to promote the missionary work of the Church in places where the Gospel had not been heard. www.xaviermissionaries.org is the website for the Xaverian Missionaries. Do give as generously as you can at the end of Mass to support the vital work of Fr Bideri and his missionary brothers in our own day.

May the Holy Spirit fill us this Pentecost and give us the zeal to be Jesus's apostles! Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 50:



Parents should regard as their proper mission the task of transmitting human life and educating those to whom it has been transmitted. They should realize that they are thereby co-operators with the love of God the Creator, and are, so to speak, the interpreters of that love. ... Thus, trusting in divine Providence and refining the spirit of sacrifice, married Christians glorify the Creator and strive toward fulfilment in Christ when

with a generous human and Christian sense of responsibility they acquit themselves of the duty to procreate. Among the couples who fulfil their God-given task in this way, those merit special mention who with a gallant heart and with wise and common deliberation, undertake to bring up suitably even a relatively large family.



PRAYER & LITURGY

THE XAVERIAN MISSIONARY FATHERS will be making an appeal **this weekend** at all Masses.

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.

MASSES THIS WEEK. On Bank Holiday Monday Mass will be at 10am. There will be no Adoration of Morning Prayer during the week whilst Fr Philip is away and **no 10am Mass on Saturday 30th May.**

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral is this weekend. We congratulate our parishioners attending: Sean & Leonora Eggenton (25 yrs); Patrick & Pauline Callanan (50 yrs); and Giuseppe & Rosalia Cannatella (50 yrs).

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS: The June – September rota for Readers and Ministers of Communion is to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wed 27th May** at the latest of any weekends 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SIGN-IN: The Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service Guidance on creating a safe environment for Children and Vulnerable adults requires that we keep a register of those present for each church activity. As of **Sunday 31st May** children (and any adults present) will be required to self-register at Children's Liturgy. The leader and helpers will be able to assist them with this. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Safeguarding Rep Claire Hay on 07971-063520

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting June 19th.** 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 21st June** with Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: 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 final meeting for parents will be on **Wed 3rd June 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 6th June 10–12 noon.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 30th June and Friday 10th July** 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.

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: 1st June, 15th June, 22nd June, 6th July and 13th July.

SCHOOLS

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL in Bishop's Stortford require a HR/Compliance Officer for 30 hours per week for term-time only for an immediate start or September 2015. An application form can be found at www.stmarys.net under vacancies.

YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUNG ADULTS: On **Wednesday 17th June** at 7pm in the presbytery, Rebekah Curran from the Westminster Youth Service will be coming to meet young adults and support them in their faith. She will also be speaking about 'World Youth Day', which will be held in Krakow from 18th–31st July 2016. Young adults, 18–30, are welcome to attend this meeting.

BROWNIES will be serving afternoon tea in the presbytery garden on **Wednesday 24th June** from 1–4pm. Tickets are £5 and a selection of teas and freshly baked cakes and scones will be served. This is a Brownie fundraising event and we would love to see you there! To purchase tickets, please contact Maria on 449209.

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 resume his Wednesday afternoon visits to parish homes after the half-term week.

200 CLUB: The winner for May was Mrs Evelyn Hayes number 111. Congratulations!

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

LIFT TO MASS: An elderly lady who resides at at a nearby old people's home needs a lift to

the 11.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please do contact the presbytery.

SPARE ROSARIES: The Catenian 'Rosary group' has been sending Rosaries to Aboriginals in Australia and to third world countries in Africa, but many more are needed. If you have any spare rosaries at home, please do drop them off to the Presbytery — or through the letter box by St Anthony's statue — so that we can pass them on to the Catenians.

CONCERT: Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' is being performed by professional artists, along with the Ware Choral Society, on **Saturday, 6th June**, at 7.30 pm, in The Drill Hall, Amwell End, Ware. For more info and tickets, please call Anne Byrne, 467097, or Theresa, 301551.

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: 31st May and 14th June.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Pentecost Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height, your pure beaming radiance give.
Come, Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure, come, light of all that live!

You, of all consolers best, you, the soul's delightful guest, such refreshing peace bestow.
You in toil are comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, visit now these hearts of thine and our inmost being fill.
If you take your grace away, nothing pure in us will stay, all our good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your dew; wash the stains of sin away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen; warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.

We pray you, we who evermore you confess and you adore, with your sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die; give us life with you on high; give us joys that never end.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 23rd May 10am Mass <i>Nadia Miragliotta RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 286 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 2: 1–11 <i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i></p> <p>Psalm 103 — Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13 <i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 19–23 <i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Pentecost (p. 62) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</p> <p>1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 14-17 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 24th May PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.15am <i>Mary & John Hayden Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</i> †	<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 any other time.</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> <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>
Mon 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, Priest & Dr 10am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i>	
Tues 26th May ST PHILIP NERI, Priest 9.15am Mass <i>Renée Dubost RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Tues 26th 1.30pm Ascent, crypt Thurs 27th 1.30pm Padre Pio, presbytery</p>
Wed 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY 9.15am Mass <i>Denis Ward RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the 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: <i>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.</i></p>
Thurs 28th May NO Mass	
Fri 29th May <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Geraldine Burke</i> Sat 30th May 10am NO Mass	
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> Sun 31st May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>John & Frances Woolsgrove RIP</i> †	
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** 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>	

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