

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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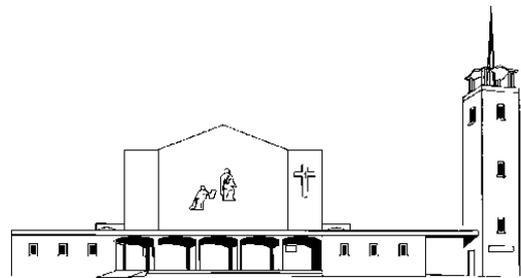
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**Year B**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**3rd MAY 2015**

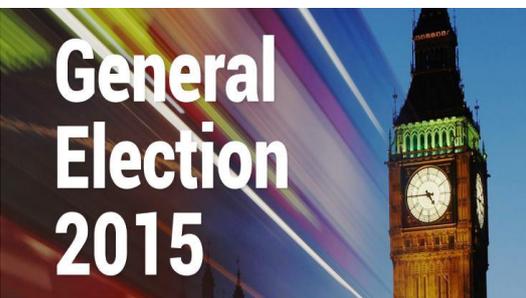
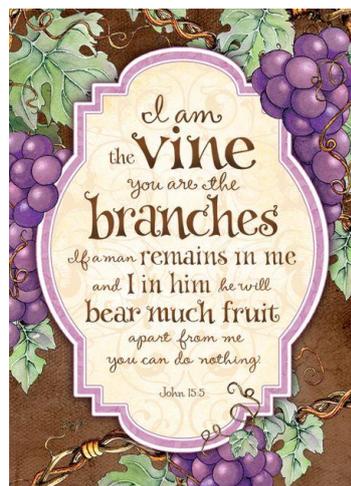
GOSPEL: John 15: 1–8

*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

**JESUS'S IMAGE IN THE EASTERTIDE GOSPEL** is that of the Vine and the branches — a powerful image that Our Lord uses to remind us to remain always grafted on to Him. If we are not in close communion with Him, then we will wither and die; we have to receive His life — think especially of the nourishment of the Eucharist — if we are to flourish as God intended.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ASSISTED AT THE CONFIRMATION MASS** last Sunday. It was a very blessed occasion for the 36 who were confirmed, and I thank very much the Catechists; the Sacristan; the altar servers; the Organist and those who came to lead the singing; and those who prepared the beautiful sanctuary flowers. Thank you, also, parents and sponsors of those confirmed, for your ongoing support for these young people as they grow in their Catholic life as adult Christians.



**WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION IS JUST FOUR DAYS AWAY**, I urge you to pray for this country, and for its 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. 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> . Copies are still available from the church porch.

**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. 48:**



With their parents leading the way by example and family prayer, children and indeed everyone gathered around the family hearth will find a readier path to human maturity, salvation and holiness. Graced with the dignity and office of fatherhood and motherhood, parents will energetically acquit themselves of a duty which devolves primarily on them, namely education and especially religious education. As living members of the family, children contribute in their own way to making their parents holy. For they will respond to the kindness of their parents with sentiments of gratitude, with love and trust. They will stand by them as children should when hardships overtake their parents and old age brings its loneliness. Widowhood, accepted bravely as a continuation of the marriage vocation, should be esteemed by all. ... Thus the Christian family, which springs from marriage as a reflection of the loving covenant uniting Christ with the Church, and as a participation in that covenant, will manifest to all men Christ's living presence in the world, and the genuine nature of the Church. This the family will do by the mutual love of the spouses, by their generous fruitfulness, their solidarity and faithfulness, and by the loving way in which all members of the family assist one another.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Elissa Agathangelou, Diego David, Sofia Alfieri and Sophia & Amelia Socas who will be baptised this weekend.

**MASS** on Monday will be at 10am due to the Bank Holiday.

**CATERINA LO MONACO RIP** of Gladstone Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11am** with Don Antonio.

**GEORGE HEENEY RIP** formerly of Woodstock Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford (Kent) for a day out on **Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> 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. **There are still 25 places, so please do sign the sheet in the porch as soon as possible, if you would like to come and hand your money into the presbytery.**

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 next course will be held on **Fri 8th and Wed 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.

**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](mailto:safahoddesdon@gmail.com).

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**CAFOD NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:** CAFOD has launched a £3m emergency appeal to help the many thousands in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. 8 million people are affected and CAFOD have deployed a team to provide specialist support. **If you would like to donate to the appeal, please use the CAFOD box at the back of church.** Thank you.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND:** Last weekend this parish raised £1,067.20 and all of this money will be used to encourage vocations and to fund the training of our priests.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will be visiting homes on Wednesday afternoon in Bourne Close, St Augustine's Drive, Springfields, St David's Drive.

**THE NADIA MIRAGLIOTTA 'BRIGHTER FUTURE FUND'** is holding a ball on **Sat 20th June** at 7pm at Tewinbury Farm. Tickets (£75) can be purchased with cash or a cheque or online via [nadiasbutterflyball@gmail.com](mailto:nadiasbutterflyball@gmail.com). Please contact Steph Miragliotta on 07958-951214 for info.

**5TH HODDES DON 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.

**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: 10 & 17 May.

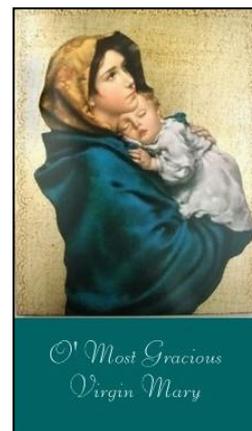
**CHURCH CLEANING:** Judy Livingstone, and Cheryl Holbourn. . Thank you!

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*May is the month of Mary!*

#### **THE MEMORARE**

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy								
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May ST ATHANASIUS, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b> 10am Mass <i>Richard Ashcroft RIP</i>	<p align="center"><b>PAGE 264 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 9: 26–31  <i>Barnabas explained how the Lord has appeared to Saul on his journey.</i></p> <p><b>Psalms 21 — You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 John 3: 18–24  <i>His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love another.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> John 15: 1–8  <i>Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Easter 4 (p. 60)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p align="center"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>          SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 10: 25–26, 34–35, 44–48  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 John 4: 7–10  <b>Gospel:</b> John 15: 9–17</p>								
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <b>Deceased members of Dinato &amp; Soldano Families</b> <b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am <i>Edward Kenny</i> 11.15am <i>Giuseppa &amp; Antonino Cannatella RIP &amp; Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	<p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p align="center">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm          Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am          or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i></p> <p align="center"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p>								
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b> 10.00am Mass <i>Eileen McElligott RIP</i> <b>PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</b>	<p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></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>								
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am <i>Deceased members of Daly Family</i>	<p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></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 align="center"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>								
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<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> NO MASS	<p><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME &amp; PHONE NO. —NEW PARISHIONERS</b> Please take a parish membership form &amp; information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. <b>MOVING HOME?</b> Please post your new details through the presbytery letterbox. <b>PARROCCHIANI:</b> <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>								
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<p 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>									