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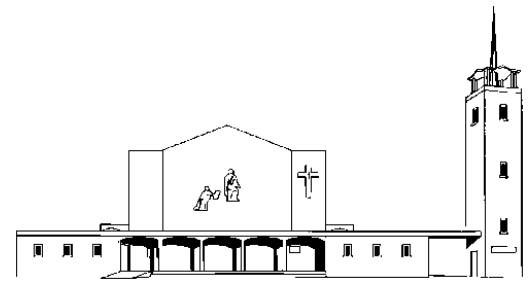
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Year B

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

31st MAY 2015

GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 16–20

Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

HAVING CONCLUDED THE EASTER SEASON LAST SUNDAY, we celebrate this weekend the feast of the Holy Trinity. The One True God who made Himself known to Israel from the time of Abraham almost 4 centuries ago, then chose to reveal more of Himself to the world in Jesus. Thus, we know that the One God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — for Jesus revealed Himself as the Son, calling God His Father, and promising to send from the Father the Spirit of Truth. This is the heart of the Christian mystery, that God is a relationship of three persons, the Father loving the Son; the Son loving the Father; and the Spirit the fruit of love of the two, a fruit that is shared with His people. Over the past two months, with Easter, Ascension and Pentecost, we have celebrated the sacred mysteries that are God's loving plan for His Creation: it's right, then, that this first Sunday after Pentecost, we rejoice in the loving God who is the Holy Trinity. It is our privilege to know that God is truly this three-in-one; He desires that we know this, and has revealed His heart to us through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As Christians we rejoice to know God in this intimate way.



I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NOTICE ABOUT THE 2016 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME. As last year, I wish to meet every candidate (and a parent) who is asking to be accepted on to the coming year's Confirmation programme. It's just a friendly chat, to find out a bit more about you, your commitment to the faith, and to explain to you something about the programme. Please ring for one of the appointment slots, which are on Monday afternoons after school. The programme is open to those in *next year's* Year 9 (or above). Applications for the programme will close *before* the summer holidays, so please apply for an appointment soon!

May the loving God, Father, Son and Spirit, pour out grace upon us as His people! Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 50–51:



Marriage to be sure is not instituted solely for procreation; rather, its very nature as an unbreakable compact between persons, and the welfare of the children, both demand that the mutual love of the spouses be embodied in a rightly ordered manner, that it grow and ripen. Therefore, marriage persists as a whole manner and communion of life, and maintains its value and indissolubility, even when despite the often intense desire of the couple, offspring are lacking. This council realizes that certain modern conditions often keep couples from arranging their married lives harmoniously, and that they find themselves in circumstances where at least temporarily the size of their families should not be increased. As a result, the faithful exercise of love and the full intimacy of their lives is hard to maintain. But where the intimacy of married life is broken off, its faithfulness can sometimes be imperiled and its quality of fruitfulness ruined, for then the upbringing of the children and the courage to accept new ones are both endangered.

PRAYER & LITURGY

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.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Alicia Rak, Charlie Tagliarini and Oliver Raat who will be baptised this weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 5th June**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: monthly Latin Mass, with sung Gregorian chant, but readings in English, will be at 5.00pm **Sunday 7th June** in the Lady Chapel.

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.

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!

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 **this Sunday** 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.

ITALIAN ST ANTHONY PROCESSION will be held on **Saturday 13th June**. The Procession will begin at 3pm from the church and go onto the High Street, turn left into Lord Street, left into Taverners Way, left into Brocket Road and then back onto the High Street to return to the church. Mass will be at 4pm and all are very welcome!

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, Maureen Fallon and Kitty O'Rourke.

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 be speaking about 'World Youth Day,' which will be held in Krakow from 18th-31st July. 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: CAFOD is accepting registrations for the annual sponsored bike ride, until Wednesday, 3 June, so don't let this opportunity 'ride' away! The ride is coming up on **Sunday, 7 June**. With both 10 and 19 miles rides available, riders of all ages and abilities are welcome, so bring along the whole family for a fun and healthy summer day out. Registration costs £6 and under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Register at pedalagainstopoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk or contact CAFOD Westminster on 0208 449 6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk for more information!

MISCELLANEOUS

THE XAVERIAN MISSIONARY FATHERS: Thank you to everyone who gave to the appeal last weekend. The total raised was £504.33.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his Wednesday afternoon visits to parish homes after the half term week.

PARISH BBQ will be on **Sunday 12th July at 2pm** with live music. Application forms will be available shortly, so please keep the date free.

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

LIFT TO MASS: An elderly lady who resides 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.

ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL: Could collectors please note that we are unable to collect at our local Sainsbury's in June this year. I am trying to find another site and will inform you if this is successful. Ellen Bartlett.

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: Judy Livingstone, Cheryl Holbourn, Mima Salvo and Mirella DiChiara. Thank you!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST JUSTIN, MARTYR *1ST JUNE*

June 1 marks the feast day of St. Justin Martyr, an early Father of the Church and one of the first apologists for the Christian faith. Born at Neapolis (modern-day Nablus, in the West Bank)

around the year 100 A.D., Justin was born in a pagan society and was a pagan philosopher until he converted around the age of 30. After converting, Justin became one of the first great apologists of the Church. Using his skill in philosophy to dispute pagans and explain Christian faith, he taught and defended the faith and even opened a school of debate in Rome. The words of the second Eucharistic prayer in the Mass of the Roman Rite are attributed to this great, early saint.



Masses this week

Sat 30th May
10am NO Mass

4.00pm Italian Mass
6.30pm* **Pasquale Ricotta RIP**

Sun 31st May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9.15am **For the Parish**
11.15am **John & Frances Woolsgrove RIP ‡**

Mon 1st June ST JUSTIN, Martyr

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass **Riccardo & Luigia Beschizza RIP**

Tues 2nd June

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass **Thomas Murphy RIP**

Wed 3rd June ST CHARLES LWANGA & companions

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass **Deceased members of Lee-Lozone Family**
— followed by coffee in the crypt

Thurs 4th June

8.30am Mass **Kitty O'Rourke Intention**

Fri 5th June ST BONIFACE, Bishop & Martyr

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)
11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction
12 noon Mass **Margaret Goodwin RIP**
7.30pm Mass **Donald De Carle RIP**
8.00pm Holy Hour

Sat 6th June

10am Mass **Joseph & Doris Penheiro RIP**

4.00pm Italian Mass
6.30pm* **Fr Allen Brennan RIP**

Sun 7th June CORPUS CHRISTI

9.15am** **Ellen & Daniel White Anniv**
11.15am **Francesca Tranquillo & Luigi Maio RIP**
5.00pm Latin Mass **For the Parish ‡**

* 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: Deuteronomy 4: 32–34, 39–40

The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.

Psalm 32 — Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 14–17

You received the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, "Abba, Father!"

Gospel Accl: **Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16–20

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PREFACE TODAY: Trinity (p. 52)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

CORPUS CHRISTI

1st Reading: Exodus 24: 3–8

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 11–15

Gospel: Mark 14: 12–16, 22–26

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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REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 2nd 1.30pm Guild, crypt

Wed 3rd 6pm Brownies, crypt

Wed 3rd 8pm Parents 1st HC meeting

Sat 6th 10am 1st 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.