

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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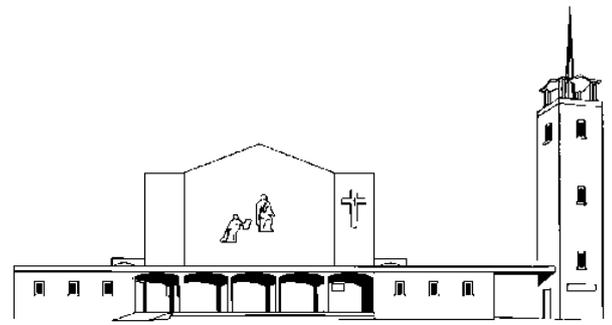
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

GOSPEL: John 21: 1–19

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.*

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

**ON THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**, we hear the great passage from the final chapter of St John's Gospel about the feeding of the apostles by the Risen Jesus on the shores of Lake Galilee. Then, after He has fed them — a reminder again of the Eucharist, and Jesus's feeding us with His risen body — He challenges St Peter to a renewed commitment to his ministry as leader of the apostles. The threefold questioning of Peter undoes the



threefold denial that Peter made in fear when Jesus was on trial: three times he now says to Our Lord, "Yes, Lord, you know I love You" to make reparation for those three times he had denied Him, "I do not even know the Man!" It is a moving and life-giving moment, the forgiveness that St Peter is offered by Jesus setting Peter up for a lifetime of mission and preaching

the Good News. We also want to experience this *life-changing* commitment to Jesus, and know that He also sends *us* out as His baptized people ... AND SO ...

... IT IS GETTING NEARER THE TIME WHEN AN EXCITING COURSE, "THE GIFT," on living fully in the Holy Spirit, is beginning here in the parish: it will run for 6 Tuesday evenings starting 19<sup>th</sup> April. We are very honoured that on the first of these evenings the inspiring local speaker and Catholic evangelist from St Albans, David Payne, is coming to lead this session *in person!* Do take a flyer this weekend, and listen to the invitation made by the parishioners who are working hard to offer this course as a real GIFT to the parish.

**Let's celebrate this Eastertide with great mercy, trusting in the Lord's gifts to us!**

**Fr Philip**

**From *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 11:**



Pope Saint John Paul II pushed for a more urgent proclamation and witness to mercy in the contemporary world: "It is dictated by love for man, for all that is human and which, according to the intuitions of many of our contemporaries, is threatened by an immense danger. The mystery of Christ ... obliges me to proclaim mercy as God's merciful love, revealed in that same mystery of Christ. It likewise obliges me to have recourse to that mercy and to beg for it at this difficult, critical phase of the history of the Church and of the

world". This teaching is more pertinent than ever and deserves to be taken up once again in this Holy Year. Let us listen to his words once more: "The Church lives an authentic life when she professes and proclaims mercy — the most stupendous attribute of the Creator and of the Redeemer — and when she brings people close to the sources of the Saviour's mercy, of which she is the trustee and dispenser".

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Elena Rubino who will be baptised this weekend

**GEORGE STUBBS RIP** of Admirals Walk, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon.**

**ANTONINO MARTORANA RIP** of Sedge Green Road, Roydon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon.**

**ROCCHINA TEDESCO RIP** of Salisbury Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm** with Don Antonio.  
*May they rest in peace.*

**SCHOOL MASS** will be held in church on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 1.45pm** with both schools.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting April 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> April** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

“**THE GIFT**” is a new experience of the Holy Spirit in our lives: a 6-week course which begins on **Tues 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.** The first meeting will be on “The Father’s Loving Plan” and the inspiring Catholic speaker, David Payne, will be present in person to present this first session!

**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY:** Fr Philip will lead a group to the peaceful Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford (Kent) for a day out on **Thurs 12<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 £32.00, 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. **Please sign the sheet in the porch if you would like to come and hand your money into the presbytery.**

**PERMANENT DEACON ‘COME AND SEE’:** Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting from 10am to 12 at Ealing Abbey on

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, or **St Augustine’s, Hoddesdon 21<sup>st</sup> May** from 10am to 12. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961-594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545-373548.

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Pray for sick parishioners & friends: Peter Tanner, John Askew, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Helen & Michael Sherman, Annette Pinto, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini & Michael Foley.*

**PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.**

Housebound parishioners may also like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:  
<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

**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**



On the noticeboard is now posted the most recent summary of our parish’s ‘Growing in Faith’ donations, which 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.**

As yet we have not sourced anyone to take up the post of a parish catechist, but Fr Philip is in discussion with friends in the diocese who have experience in this area, to try and find a recommended and suitably qualified person for the post. Do pray that this can come about soon.

[www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith)

## CATECHETICS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The seventh meeting for parents will be on **Wed 20<sup>th</sup>**

**April 8–9pm.** The seventh session for the children will be **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10am–12noon.**

**CONFIRMATION 2016:** The final session will be held on **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** for candidates only. The rehearsal will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. **The Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm. If you are a Minister of Holy Communion or altar server and can assist at the Mass, please do sign your name on the list at the back of the church.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May** from 7.30–9.00pm in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

### **JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE**

**JUSTICE & PEACE:** The Ware Group will be meeting together and warmly invite St Augustine's Parishioners to join them on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the crypt.** All welcome!

**TRAIDCRAFT** stall will be at the back of the church next weekend after all Masses.

**CAFOD** is looking for volunteers who are confident and experienced at talking with and engaging young people. Volunteers are needed who would like to take the CAFOD message into confirmation groups in parishes (evenings and/or weekends). You will help to inspire young people to put their faith into action by your delivery of interactive workshops. You will be given full training. To find out more please call 0208-449-6970, or e-mail Nalini Nathan: [mnathan@cafod.org.uk](mailto:mnathan@cafod.org.uk) Volunteers will be accepted on successful completion of interview and a DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check.

### **SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s**

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:** If your child is presently in year 5 and would wish to go to St Mary's or another Catholic secondary school in 2017, or if your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2017, then you will need to apply immediately to go on the list for requesting a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' towards the end of 2016. An information pack is available now from the presbytery. Once you have completed the form and returned it to the presbytery, your name will be added to the weekly sign-in-sheet which will be available in the church porch on the noticeboard (by the fire-exit door) for signing

after the Saturday evening vigil Mass and the Masses of Sunday. On this basis Fr Philip will be in a better position to judge whether he can issue the Certificate you ask for.

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** is looking for a class teacher, key stage 1/2. This is initially being offered as fixed-term one-year contract to start in Sept 2016. Applications from experienced teachers and NQTs are welcome. Closing date 8am on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016. For further information please contact the school on 01992-467309.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND:** The collection for the Priest Training Fund takes place **next weekend.** There are currently 29 men in formation for the priesthood. The Fund helps pay for promoting vocations to the priesthood and ongoing training for the priests for specialised ministries such as in hospital, prisons, or university chaplaincy and the like. It costs £25,000 per year, per man to go through the 6-year rigorous formation programme. That's a minimum of £125,000 investment leading to ordination and placement in a parish. Your generous donation helps ensure these men fulfil their commitment of their lives and their all in service to God. The envelopes are attached to the newsletter. Alternatively, you can make a donation online by visiting [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). **Next weekend, there will be a seminarian, Michael Maguire who will be talking at all Masses about his call to the priesthood.**

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip hopes to visit parish homes in these streets this Wednesday afternoon: Lord Street (top end), Rosehill Close.

**CHARITY NIGHT** in aid of the Isabel Hospice will be held on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** at St Cross School. Music will be provided by Mario and a DJ will follow. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available to buy. Tickets are £5 per person for adults and 15 years and above only. Please contact John/Joanne Hay on 07534-097637 or 07984-674856.

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Michele & Pelle De Luca and Mary Dineen. Thank you!

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> 10am Mass <i>Gaspare Giammalva RIP</i>		<b>PAGE 265 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 5: 27–32, 40–41 <i>We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit.</i>  <b>Psalm 29 — I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 5: 11–14 <i>The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.</i>  Gospel Accl: <b>Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia.</b>  <b>Gospel:</b> John 21: 1–19 <i>Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Easter II (p. 74) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 25)  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 13:14, 43–52 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 7: 9, 14–17 <b>Gospel:</b> John 10: 27–30	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Kay Gaffney RIP</i>			
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Paolo Conti RIP</i> †			
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April ST STANISLAUS, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Paddy &amp; Margaret Doran's Intentions</i> 12 noon Funeral <i>George Stubbs RIP</i>			
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Teddy Moran RIP</i> 12 noon Funeral <i>Antonino Martorana RIP</i>			
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Dave Edmonds RIP — foll. by coffee in crypt</i>			
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Mrs Francis's intentions</i>			
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Angelo &amp; Franca Mercurio RIP &amp; deceased members of Mezzullo family</i> 1.45pm Joint schools' Mass in church		<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.  <b>ROSARY</b> Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.  <b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> 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.  <b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>	
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> 10am Mass <i>Moyra O'Neill RIP</i>			
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Justin Ighade's Intentions</i>			
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am** <i>For the parish</i> 11.15am <i>Sean Duggan RIP</i> 1.30pm Confirmation Mass 5.00pm Holy Hour †			
* 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)			
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>			
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7.15pm Confirmation, crypt 6.00pm Brownies, crypt	<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm Prayer group, church 8.00pm Justice & Peace meeting crypt

**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.*