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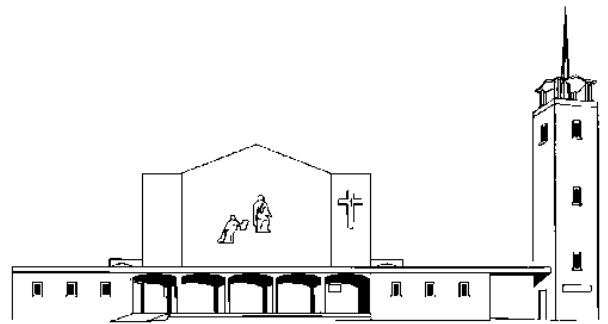
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17TH APRIL 2016

GOSPEL: John 10: 27–30

I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

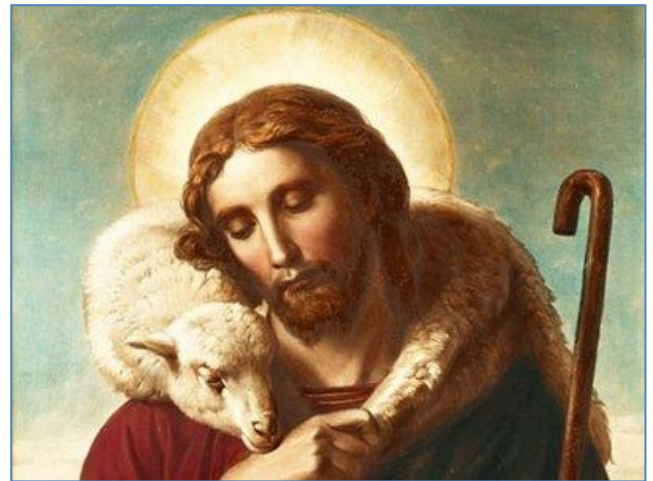
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER IS 'GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY', and we listen to a part of Jn 10 in the Gospel today, the chapter in which Our Lord describes Himself lovingly as 'The Good Shepherd.' As a result, it is also 'Vocations Sunday' when we pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and take our annual collection for the training of priests for Westminster. We are glad to welcome, to speak to us at the end of Masses this weekend, **seminarian**

Michael Maguire from Allen Hall seminary who is to be ordained a deacon this summer. It is a real delight to welcome Mike here this weekend, as I have known him for many years working together with the *malades* in the pilgrim hospital on the Lourdes pilgrimage.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated this Sunday, as our new auxiliary bishop in Hertfordshire, Bishop Paul McAleenan, comes to visit our parish. We congratulate the young people who are making this confirmed commitment to their faith, and we pray for their ongoing growth in Catholic life. Many thanks to Dawn Bates, Mary Briggs, Janet Pearce and Joanne Walsh, for having accompanied the young people throughout their preparation course.

AN EXCITING COURSE, "THE GIFT," on living fully in the Holy Spirit, is beginning here in the parish this week — **starting this Tuesday, 19th 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, if you didn't get on last weekend, and pray about coming to this 6-week course to deepen your life of faith & prayer.

We ask the Holy Spirit to fill our young people with deep & lasting love for the Lord! Fr Philip



From *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 12:



The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person. The Spouse of Christ must pattern her behaviour after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception. In the present day, as the Church is charged with the task of the new evangelization, the theme of mercy needs to be proposed again and again with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action. It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her

message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father. The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.

PRAYER & LITURGY

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate the 21 young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:

Louis Alano-Rhodes	Janelle Baffa
Kayla Bernard	Georgia Cummings
Alessia D'Urso	Alessandra DiMaggio
Clare Eggenton	Giordano Ferlisi
Giuseppe Lo Piccolo	Piero Lo Piccolo
Gabriella Mariconda	Alessia Martorana
Giacomo Misuraca	Archie Moran
Lucy Pearce	Lois Ruane
Enrico Sanzeri	Lucrezia Sanzeri
Ella Vaccaro	Hannah Walsh
Jon-Luca Wilde	

ROCCHINA TEDESCO RIP of Salisbury Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Tuesday 26th April at 1.30pm** with Don Antonio.

PETER TANNER RIP of Cranbourne Drive, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Friday 6th May at 12.30pm** at Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph in Ware. *May they rest in peace.*

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **this Sunday 17th April** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

NO MASS MONDAY: apologies, but owing to a late cancellation by supply priest there will be no Mass celebrated on Monday. Sorry.

“**THE GIFT**” is a new experience of the Holy Spirit in our lives: a 6-week course which begins on **Tues 19th 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!

MASS FOR MIGRANTS: Cardinal Vincent invites you to join him at the annual Mass for Migrants in honour of St Joseph the Worker on Bank Holiday **Monday 2nd May** at Westminster Cathedral. The banner procession will begin at 10am, followed by witness testimonies from two refugees before Mass, which will be followed by an opportunity for Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Sunday 8th 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 peaceful Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford (Kent) for a day out on **Thurs 12th 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.**

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting May 20th**. 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!

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 16th April, or **St Augustine’s, Hoddesdon 21st 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

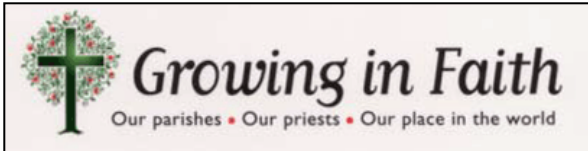
Pray for sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Helen & Michael Sherman, Annette Pinto, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini & Michael Foley.

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

CATECHETICS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The seventh meeting for parents will be on **Wed 20th April 8–9pm**. The seventh session for the children will be **Sat 23rd April 10am–12noon**.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Monday 9th and 16th 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.

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.

QUIZ NIGHT: St Augustine's Under 5's are holding a quiz night on **Saturday 7th May** in the crypt. 7.30pm for 8pm start £5 per person,

maximum 8 per team. Please bring your own nibbles. To book a table call the Under 5's on 460614.

MISCELLANEOUS

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: Today's **second collection** is for the annual Priest Training Fund. It is also Good shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for our priests and future priests. The Fund helps cover the cost of vocations promotion, forming seminarians, the education of priests for special ministries and ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your gift helps ensure the best formation programme possible for these men responding to Christ's call, willing to dedicate their lives to Christ, the Church and service to God's people. Please be generous. Also, please take home with you a prayer card for vocations which are by the newsletters. Alternatively, you can make a donation online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. **This 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 **Tuesday** afternoon: St Cross Court, Sheredes Drive, The Knowle, Sussex Close.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will begin on Tuesday **26th April 12.30–2.30pm** and will be held every 2 weeks in the crypt. Food will be seasonal, starting with soup, rolls/sandwiches. All are very welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there! Please contact Mary Briggs on 07759-504406 for any info.

200 CLUB winner for April was No 101, Mrs J Dawes. Congratulations!

2016 LONDON TO WALSINGHAM MENS' PILGRIMAGE WALK, 1–9 OCT: Applications are invited for the few remaining places on this traditional walking pilgrimage for Catholic men. No special fitness level is necessary and full guidance will be given. Please contact Peter Walters the walk administrator on 01799-550398 or jpw33@live.co.uk www.walsinghamwalkers.co.uk

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: 24th April, 1st & 8th May.

CHURCH CLEANING: Pina Johnson, Maria Manzo, Pam McCarthy, Charmaine Collins and Sara. Thank you!

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 16th April 10am Mass <i>Moyra O'Neill RIP</i>		PAGE 268 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 13: 14, 43–52 <i>We must turn to the pagans.</i> Psalm 99 — We are his people, the sheep of his flock. 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7: 9, 14–17 <i>The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.</i> Gospel: John 10: 27–30 <i>I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Easter III (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 1st Reading: Acts 14: 21–27 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 1–5 Gospel: John 13: 31–35	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Justin Ighade's Intentions</i>			
Sun 17th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Sean Duggan RIP</i> 1.30pm Confirmation Mass 5.00pm Holy Hour †		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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699	
Mon 18th April NO Mass Tues 19th April ST ALPHEGE, Bishop & Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Deirdre Murphy RIP</i> Wed 20th April 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Tony Keen's intentions — foll. by coffee in crypt</i> Thurs 21st April NO Mass Fri 22nd April (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Jim O'Brien RIP anniv.</i> Sat 23rd April ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England 10am Mass <i>Adam Daynes's intentions</i>			
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>		REGULAR EVENTS Wed 20th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt Wed 20th 8.00pm 1 st HC meeting Sat 23rd 10am 1 st HC meeting children crypt	
Sun 24th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>Brian Scanlon RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Kitty O'Rourke RIP</i> †			
* 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)			

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.*