

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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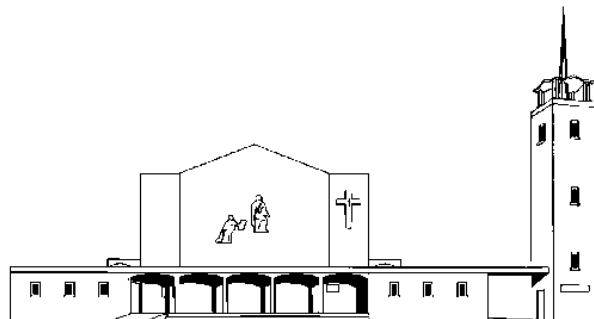
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

GOSPEL: John 13: 31–35

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

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

**THIS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WE HAVE A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL** (brought forward from next Sunday, as we have a visiting preacher next weekend ... see below). In it he presents to us some of the themes from the Pope's recent Apostolic Exhortation (a teaching document following on from the Oct 2014 and Oct 2015 synods of bishops at the Vatican). *Amoris Laetitia* is a very beautiful presentation on marriage and family life, and I will look for ways of sharing its contents more deeply with you in the coming weeks.

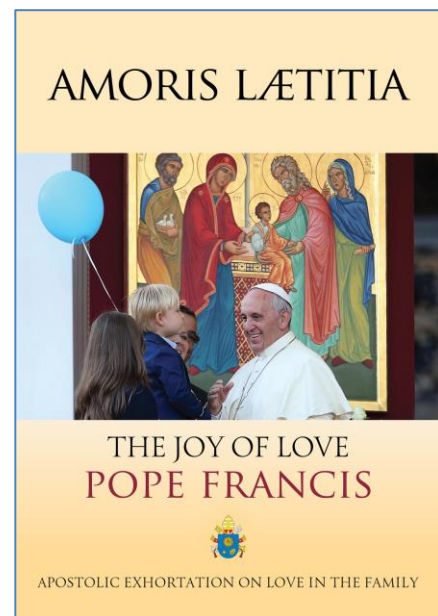
**THE 'DIVINE MERCY' DEVOTION**, about which I preached on the Second Sunday of Easter, is a powerful prayer that was revealed to and promoted by the Polish nun of the early 20<sup>th</sup> c., St Faustina Kowalska. Next Sunday, a Polish priest from the community of Marian Fathers in Ealing, Fr Andrzej, will be coming to preach to us at each of the Masses about this 'Divine Mercy' prayer. We look forward to his visit so as to deepen our appreciation of the Lord's deep and everlasting mercy for each one of us in our daily lives.

**OUR PARISH COURSE, "THE GIFT,"** on living fully in the Holy Spirit, began very encouragingly last Tuesday, with many attendees, but there is still some room for more if you wish to attend. There are 5 more weeks of the course to run, each Tuesday at 7.30pm, so please feel free to come along this Tuesday for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session, on "The Joy of the Gospel."

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WELCOME LAST SUNDAY** to Mike Maguire from the seminary. I know that many of you enjoyed his presence at Mass and his address. We pray for him as he continues forward to his diaconal ordination this summer (11<sup>th</sup> June in the cathedral, 10.30am, if you wish to attend).

**THANKS, TOO, TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE THE CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION** very beautiful and deeply moving last Sunday, including those who assisted with the flower decorations and the music at the Mass, as well as the Confirmation catechists. Many blessings to you, the newly confirmed!

**We ask the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with a deep & lasting love for the Lord!** **Fr Philip**



**From Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 13:**



We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: *Merciful like the Father*. The Evangelist reminds us of the teaching of Jesus who says, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful." It is a programme of life as demanding as it is rich with joy and peace. Jesus's command is directed to anyone willing to listen to his voice. In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In

this way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**FR ANTON COWAN RIP**, former parish priest of St Paul's, Cheshunt, died recently. His funeral details will be made available shortly.

**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.

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

**JOHN DEMPSEY RIP** formerly of Belvedere Court, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11am**.

*May they rest in peace.*

**LATIN MASS:** The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be held next **Sun 1<sup>st</sup> May** at 5.00pm.

**YEAR OF MERCY:** next weekend Fr. Andrzej Gowkielewicz of the Marian Fathers in Ealing will speak about the message and devotion of Divine Mercy as given to St. Faustina.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May** 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 continues on **Tues 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**. The second meeting will be on "The Joy of the Gospel."

**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.

**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 8<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 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.**

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting May 20<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!

**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

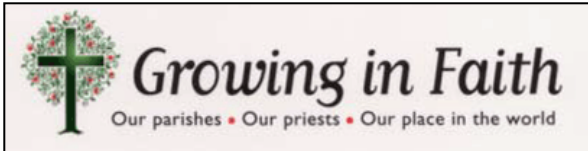
*Pray for sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Helen & Michael Sherman, Annette Pinto, Anne Smith, Siobhan Fiorentini & Michael Foley.*

**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 eighth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May 8–9pm**. The seventh session for the children will be **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am–12noon**.

**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.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip hopes to visit parish homes in these streets this Wednesday afternoon: Duke Street, Burford Street, and environs.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND:** Last weekend the parish raised £582.90 and all of this money will be used to encourage vocations and to fund the training of our priests. The numbers of seminarians has increased in recent years which is a blessing. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** will begin on Tuesday **26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** is required at the Hertford parish to provide administrative support to the parish including office administration and secretarial duties. For a full job description and application form please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

**KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDION** will be hosting their concert on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** so please do put the date in your diary. This is in aid of UK-AID, Felsted Aid for Deprived Children in Ukraine. More details to follow in due course.

**SUMMER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON:** Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offer comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Rooms are from £50 per night (including breakfast). Please visit [www.allenhall.org.uk](http://www.allenhall.org.uk) [allenhall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:allenhall@rcdow.org.uk) 020 7349 5600.

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Filomena Mezzullo, Theresa Casbard, Elizabeth Nsonwah and Laura Harwood. Thank you!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England</b> 10am Mass <i>Adam Daynes's Intentions</i>	<b>PAGE 271 in the Mass books</b>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 14: 21–27 <i>They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.</i>
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am** <i>Brian Scanlon RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Kitty O'Rourke RIP</i> †	<b>Psalm 144 — I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 21: 1–5 <i>God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.</i>
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April ST MARK, Evangelist</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Tom &amp; Eileen McElligott RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.' Alleluia.</i>
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Tony Keen's Intentions</i> 1.30pm Funeral <i>Rocchina Tedesco RIP</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> John 13: 31–35 <i>I give you a new commandment: love one another.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Easter IV (p. 74) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Micky Cantwell RIP — followed by coffee in crypt</i>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> NO Mass	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 15: 1–2, 22–29 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 21: 10–14, 22–23 <b>Gospel:</b> John 14: 23–29
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin &amp; Dr</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Donald De Carle RIP</i>	<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>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> 10am Mass <i>Carmelo Ventura RIP</i>	<b>ROSARY</b> Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Francesco Tona RIP Anniv</i>	<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>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am** <i>Edward Kenny RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Giuseppa &amp; Antonino Cannatella &amp; Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	<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.
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</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)	<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm Tuesday lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b> 6.00pm Brownies, 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.*