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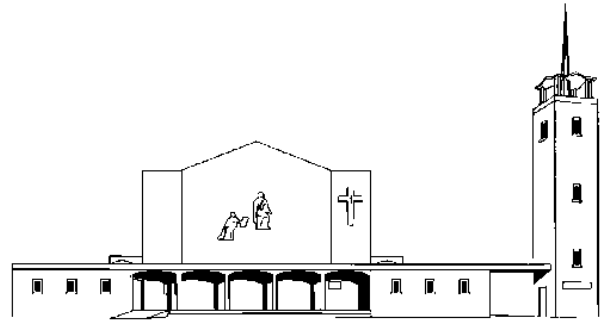
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

3RD APRIL 2016

GOSPEL: John 20: 19–31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

AN ONGOING BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL! Let's not forget that Eastertide is a full 7 weeks' celebration, leading right up to Pentecost (15th May this year). This Second Sunday of Easter is also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, as decreed by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000. It asks us to reflect on the Divine Mercy devotion, promoted by the Polish saint, Faustina Kowalska, after her visions of Our Lord in the 1930s. In the Holy Year of Mercy, this Sunday takes on an increased significance, and in Rome this weekend are special events such as a prayer vigil with the Pope in St Peter's on Saturday evening, and papal Mass on Sunday morning.

In four weekends' time, Fr. Andrzej Gowkielewicz of the Marian Fathers in Ealing is coming to preach to us all the Sunday Masses, so as to explain to us, and promote this Divine Mercy devotion.

WE SHALL BE RUNNING AN EXCITING COURSE, "THE GIFT," on living fully in the Holy Spirit, for 6 Tuesday evenings starting 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, and then next weekend you will hear more about it from some of our parishioners.

I SHALL BE ON A BRIEF VISIT TO ROME THIS WEEK — so I can visit my former seminary, catch up with some friends, and make the pilgrimage to the Holy Doors in the four major basilicas of Rome. I am grateful to Fr Michael Stewart who will come to celebrate Mass here Monday–Wednesday.

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:



Let us not forget the great teaching offered by Saint John Paul II in his second Encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*, which at the time came unexpectedly, its theme catching many by surprise. There are two passages in particular to which I would like to draw attention. First, Saint John Paul II highlighted the fact that we had forgotten the theme of mercy in today's cultural milieu: "The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from

the human heart the very idea of mercy. The word and the concept of 'mercy' seem to cause uneasiness in man, who, thanks to the enormous development of science and technology, never before known in history, has become the master of the earth and has subdued and dominated it. This dominion over the earth, sometimes understood in a one-sided and superficial way, seems to have no room for mercy ... And this is why, in the situation of the Church and the world today, many individuals and groups guided by a lively sense of faith are turning, I would say almost spontaneously, to the mercy of God".

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Lois Joseph who will be baptised this weekend

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER will not take place next week whilst Fr Philip is away.

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

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

May they rest in peace.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting April 15th.** 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 (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 17th 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 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!

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: 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



Growing in Faith

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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.**

CONFIRMATION 2016: The next session held on **Mon 11th April 7.30pm** for candidates only. **The Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday 17th 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.**

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 18th April 2016. For further information please contact the school on 01992-467309.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S is now collecting Sainsbury's school vouchers and there is a box at the back of church if you would like to donate any vouchers.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits on Wednesday 13th April.

LENTEN COLLECTIONS: Thanks to all those who with great generosity contributed to the Lenten Alms box. The total collected was £427.35. £50 was donated to the Lenten Alms from the Sunday refreshment money that has been collected. For the Holy Places' collection after the Passion Liturgy of Good Friday, we raised £547.41.

LENT HUNGER LUNCHEAS AT ST CATHERINE'S. The total raised for Christian Aid was £612.84. This included £18.90 from Easter Cards donated by Card Group. A huge thank you to our speakers, catering teams and everyone who attended.

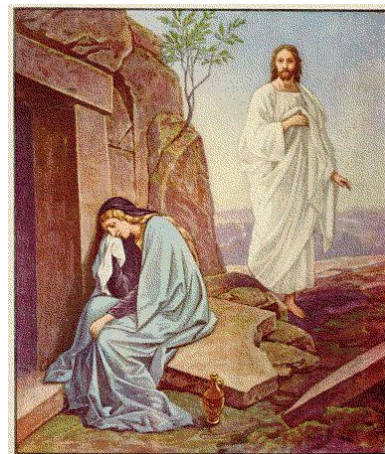
CHARITY NIGHT in aid of Isabel Hospice will be held on **Friday 15th April 7.30pm** at St Cross School. Music will be provided by Mario and a DJ will follow. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available to buy. Tickets are £5 per person for adults and 15 years and above only. Please contact John/Joanne 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: 24th April, 1st, 8th & 15th May.

CHURCH CLEANING: Cheryl Holbourn, Mima Salvo, Mirella DiChiara, Josie Warren and Barbara Wright. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK EASTER PRAYER

taken from the
Easter Vigil
Exsultet



Rejoice,
heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation.

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever.

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in
glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you.
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's
people.

Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave You gave away your
Son.

O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,
which gained for us so great a Redeemer.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 2nd April SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 10am Mass <i>Margaret Clifford RIP</i>	PAGE 262 in the Mass books
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Denis O'Donovan RIP & William Phelan RIP</i>	1st Reading: Acts 5: 12–6 <i>The first numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.</i>
Sun 3rd April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>Aidan * Owen Doyle RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Giovannina Minichiello RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	Psalm 117 — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1: 9–13, 17–19 <i>I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.</i>
Mon 4th April THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 9.15am Mass <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Alleluia.</i>
Tues 5th April 9.15am Mass <i>Kitty O'Rourke RIP</i>	Gospel: John 20: 19–31 <i>Eight days later, Jesus came.</i>
Wed 6th April 9.15am Mass <i>Kenneth Parker RIP anniv. — followed by coffee in the crypt</i>	PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)
Thurs 7th April ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, Priest NO Mass	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Fri 8th April <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Bert & Alice Warden RIP</i>	1st Reading: Acts 5: 27–32, 40–41 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5: 11–14 Gospel: John 21: 1–19
Sat 9th April 10am Mass <i>Gaspare Giammalva RIP</i>	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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Kay Gaffney RIP</i>	ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
Sun 10th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>For the parish</i> 11.15am <i>Paolo Conti RIP</i> †	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.
* 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)	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
REGULAR EVENTS	

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.*