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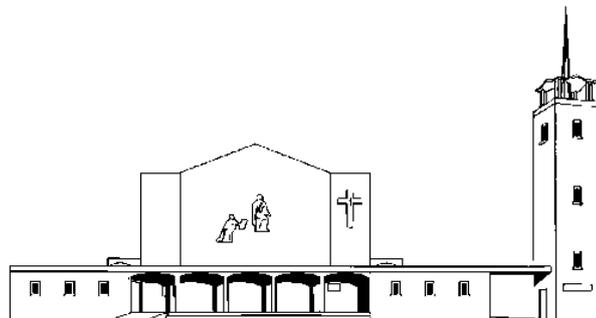
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EASTER SUNDAY

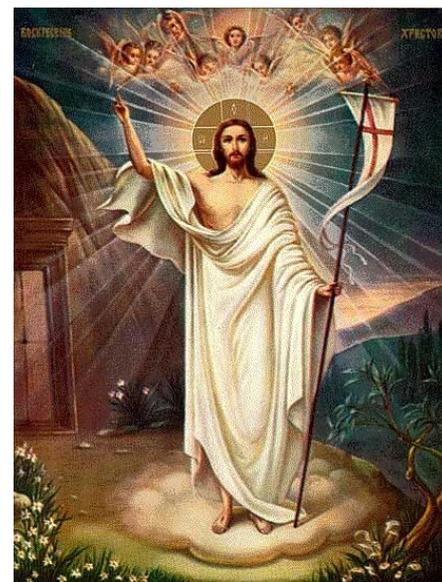
27TH MARCH 2016

GOSPEL: John 20: 1–9

He must rise from the dead.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL! As we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord from the dead this Sunday, we affirm that core belief in our Christian lives that He who truly died on the Cross in the savage cruelty of Calvary then truly rose again that Easter morning, fully God and fully man. In this victory over sin and death, Jesus offers us that opening to eternal life that we could simply not imagine without His Rising. So we must live our Easter faith every day; to be a real Catholic is to practise this love for Jesus by our worship and our charity throughout the year. May His grace and the Easter sacraments fill us with the joy and perseverance to be truly faithful to our divine Lord!



I THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED EXTRA HARD THIS HOLY WEEK! — I think especially of those who have provided the music in these sacred days, the Maundy Thursday choir, our organists, cantors and the Folk Group; the flower-ladies' team who have beautified the church for this Easter Sunday; the sacristan, altar servers, readers and ministers of Holy Communion who have assisted so many times over these days; the RCIA catechists who have accompanied our newly-confirmed parish members through the past months; and to the parish secretary for all her extra responsibilities 'behind the scenes' in the run-up to Easter. Thank you ALL for your wonderful help to celebrate the Lord's Passion and Resurrection so worthily!

I AM ALSO VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EASTER GREETINGS, cards, and gifts; and for the Easter offertory collection which, as always, goes to support me as your Parish Priest. I hope that you, like I, will enjoy this Easter Day with a festive celebration! I shall be away at two friends' weddings later this week, and I thank Mgr Peter Wilson for being here for Masses next Saturday.

Let's give this Eastertide joyfully to Jesus and continue the good works begun in Lent! Fr Philip

From *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 10:



Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church "has an endless desire to show mercy." Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Chloe Smith who will be baptised this weekend; and Laura Chappell received as a Catholic and confirmed. Also, Gisele de França Melo Pereira who has been confirmed.

EASTER MONDAY MASS will be at 10am and there will be no Adoration or Morning Prayer. The church will be closed after Mass.

MICHAELA ('MICKEY') CANTWELL RIP of The Avenue, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **Requiem Mass for her will be on Friday 1st April at 7.30pm** as she chose to give her body to medical science.

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.** *May they rest in peace.*

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 1st April.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm **next Sunday 3rd April.**

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

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!

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

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 **Monday 11th April at 7.30pm** for candidates only.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

SUNDAY COFFEE MONEY: £50 from the refreshment fund has been donated to the Lenten Alms.

LENT HUNGER LUNCHES 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.

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: 3rd & 10th April.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

EASTER PRAYER

taken from the Easter Vigil *Exsultet*

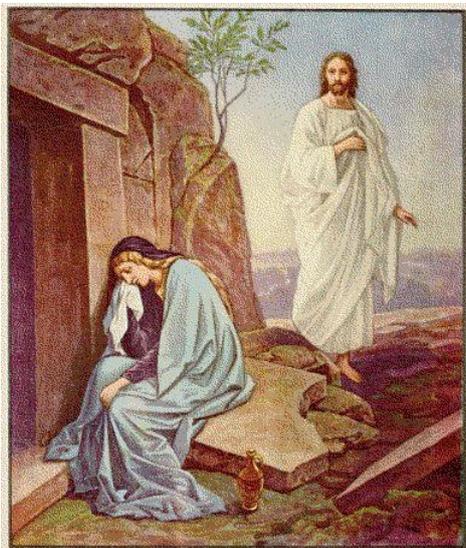
Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation.

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
<p>Sat 26th March HOLY SATURDAY 9.45am Morning Prayer 4.00pm* Italian Easter Vigil 9.00pm* Mass of the Easter Vigil Priest's int's</p> <p>Sun 27th March EASTER SUNDAY 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Maria-Teresa Di-Stefano RIP</i> †</p>	<p>PAGE 258 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37–43 <i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.</i></p> <p>Psalm 117 — This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1–4 <i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia.</p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 1–9 <i>He must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 5: 12–16 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1: 9–13, 17–19 Gospel: John 20: 19–31</p>
<p>Mon 28th March MONDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER 10am Mass <i>Salvatore Russo RIP Anniv</i> PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</p> <p>Tues 29th March TUESDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Kitty O'Rourke RIP</i></p> <p>Wed 30th March WEDNESDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Alice & Mary Coyle RIP — followed by coffee in the crypt</i></p> <p>Thurs 31st March THURSDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER NO Mass</p> <p>Fri 1st April FRIDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER (NO Abstinence from meat today) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Emilia & Stefan Piacentini RIP</i> 7.30pm Requiem Mass <i>Mickey Cantwell RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour</p> <p>Sat 2nd April SATURDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER 10am Mass <i>Margaret Clifford RIP</i></p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i></p> <p>ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Denis O'Donovan RIP & William Phelan RIP</i></p> <p>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> †</p>	<p>REGULAR EVENTS</p>
<p>* 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)</p>	

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.*