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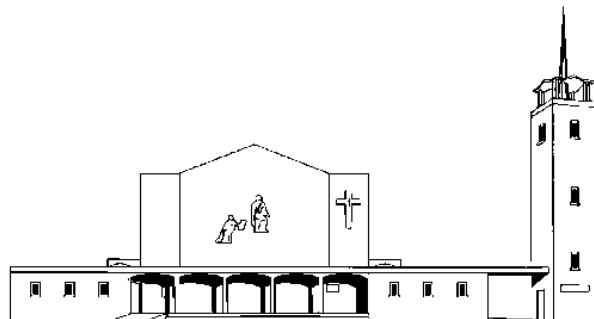
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1ST MAY 2016

GOSPEL: John 14: 23–29

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND, FR ANDRZEJ GOWKIELEWICZ of the Marian Fathers in Ealing will speak about the message and devotion of Divine Mercy as revealed to and promoted by the Polish nun of the early 20th c., St Maria Faustina Kowalska. I thought that, especially in this 'Holy Year of Mercy' it would be good to have the opportunity to hear more about this powerful prayer. Fr Andrzej will preach at all the Sunday Masses this weekend, and we look forward to hearing him.

'**DIVINE MERCY**' DEVOTION MATERIALS FROM THE CTS will be available in the week, as they were not able to be delivered in time for this weekend. But I am sure that we will all be helped by learning about the history and inspiration behind St Faustina's revelation. She lived 1905–1938, a short life, but one devoted to Our Lord especially in her 13 years as a nun in the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

Saint Faustina, you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to whom you will, and when you will." Relying on this, we ask your intercession for the graces we need. Help us, above all, to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of our lives. Amen.

REGARDING THE POPE'S RECENT APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION AMORIS LAETITIA, I promised last weekend that I would spend some weeks' Sunday homilies going through the riches of the document with you. I intend to start that next weekend with Chapter 1, 'In the Light of the Word,' which is the chapter on the Scriptural basis for the Church's teaching on Marriage and Family Life. If you wish to buy a copy of *Amoris Laetitia*, then go to the CTS website (<http://www.ctsbooks.org/>), or if you wish to read it online then go to the Vatican's website (<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html> — click on the tab marked 'Amoris Laetitia').

We ask that the Divine Mercy be generously poured out upon us in our daily lives! Fr Philip

From *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 14:



The practice of *pilgrimage* has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a *viator*, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to

conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us.



PRAYER & LITURGY

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

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.

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

MARIANNE CORRIGAN RIP, former landlady of the Bell pub, Burford Street, died recently in her retirement in Lanzarote. Her family wished her death to be notified to parishioners here.

May they rest in peace.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Katherine Wale, Michael & Samuel Abello and Harry Bennett who will be baptised this weekend.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: MASS will be at 10am. The church will be closed after Mass.

MAY DEVOTIONS

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.

PILGRIMAGE 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, departing from the church at 9am**. 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 medieval Pilgrims' Hall. If you have any special dietary requirements, please contact the presbytery. **Please sign the sheet in the porch and hand your money in to the presbytery.**

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.**

"THE GIFT" is a new experience of the Holy Spirit in our lives: a 6-week course which continues on **Tues 3rd May at 7.30pm**. The third meeting will be on "The Gift of the Spirit."

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 6th May**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 15th May** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

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!

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

CATECHETICS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The eighth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 11th May 8–9pm**. The seventh session for the children will be **Sat 14th May 10am–12noon**. **The final meeting for parents will be on Wednesday 8th June at 8pm**. **The final session for children will be on Saturday 11th June**.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2017: Fr Philip wishes to see each candidate (in next year's year 9 or above) and a parent for a short chat (20-30 minutes) before the summer. **Applications will close for this programme on 8th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30–6.00pm on the following days: 10th, 17th, 24th May, 7th, 14th and 21st June.



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

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

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip hopes to visit parish homes in these streets this Wednesday afternoon: The Lynch, Lampits, Esdaile Lane.

GIFT AID: We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim for the tax paid by parishioners on donations to the church in the year ending 5 April 2016. If you have signed a Gift-Aid form previously and are still paying UK tax, you do not need to take any action. If you are paying enough UK tax and have not yet signed a Gift Aid form you can still do so and it will apply to the previous year as well as future years. Provided you give by envelope or standing order this will enable the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to yourself. Gift-Aid forms are available beside the newsletters at the back of church. However, **if you have previously signed a Gift Aid form and have now stopped paying tax you will need to let the parish know.** If you have any queries or concerns about Gift Aid, please contact Bill Pollard, 461315.

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: 1st & 8th May.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor

banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 30th April 10am Mass <i>Carmelo Ventura RIP</i>	PAGE 273 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 15: 1–2, 22–29 <i>It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.</i> Psalm 66 — Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 10–14, 22–23 <i>He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia.</i> Gospel: John 14: 23–29 <i>The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Easter V (p. 75) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 1st Reading: Acts 1: 1–11 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17–23 Gospel: Luke 24: 46–53
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Francesco Tona RIP Anniv</i> Sun 1st May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>Edward Kenny RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Giuseppa & Antonino Cannatella & Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	
Mon 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS, Bishop & Dr 10am Mass <i>Micky Cantwell RIP</i> PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS Tues 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Peter Tanner RIP</i> Wed 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Private Intention — followed by coffee in crypt</i> Thurs 5th May 8.30am Mass <i>Maureen O'Neill's Intentions</i> Fri 6th May (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Reg, Ivy & Don Gifford RIP</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Antonino Martorana RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour Sat 7th May 10am Mass <i>Fr Anton Cowan RIP</i>	
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<p style="text-align: center;">* 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>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Wed 4th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt	Wed 4th 7.30pm All Saints

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.*