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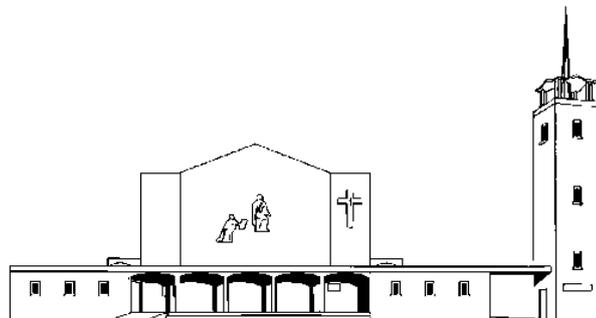
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

22ND MAY 2016

GOSPEL: John 16: 12–15

Everything the Father has is mine; all the Spirit tells you will be taken from what is mine.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS TRINITY SUNDAY MARKS A BEAUTIFUL MOMENT now we have finished Eastertide, a moment to reflect on the great mystery which is the truth of the Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit in a loving communion.

MY HOMILIES ON THE APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION AMORIS

LAETITIA continue this week with the 3rd Chapter of the document, 'Looking to Jesus: The Vocation of the Family,' a brilliant summary of the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and family life.

PLEASE THINK OF COMING ON THESE FORTHCOMING PILGRIMAGES, starting today!

— **This Sunday afternoon** (22nd May at 3pm): **Holy Year Deanery pilgrimage** to the local Door of Mercy at Waltham Cross. Auxiliary Bishop, Paul, will lead us in an afternoon of prayer at the Holy Door.

— Saturday 9th July (all day): **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** (the first for many years) with Cardinal Vincent and parishioners from across the whole diocese. We have a coach going from the parish (details inside Newsletter) and a sign-up sheet in the porch. Please sign up now!

— May 2017 (22nd to 26th): 4-night **Deanery Pilgrimage to Fatima for the Centenary Year** of the Apparitions. I would like to gauge interest from parishioners for a trip to Fatima (Portugal) next year. Price expected to be £575. Please phone up (soon) if you are interested in coming.

After Mass this Wednesday I will be travelling to Lourdes where I will work as an English-speaking chaplain at the shrine for one week. Please welcome the supply priests who will come to celebrate Mass here in my absence. In particular, please give a warm welcome to **Fr Jim Fleming SSC from the Columban Missionaries**, who will be here next weekend to tell you about their work on the missions and to ask you to support them with this annual missions appeal.

May the love of the Holy Trinity be poured into our hearts as we adore God today! Fr Philip

From Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis on the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 15:



In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes which modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! ... During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. Let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from

discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism!

PRAYER & LITURGY

DAVID HALE RIP formerly of Howfield Green died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will take place on **Thursday 26th May at 1.30pm.** *May he rest in peace.*

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Liliana Dennis and Bonnie Gillett who will be baptised this weekend.

MISSION APPEAL: Fr Jim Fleming will be visiting the parish next weekend and making an appeal on behalf of the Columban Mission.

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.

YEAR OF MERCY: this **Sunday at 3pm** there will be a Deanery celebration at the Door of Mercy at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph at Waltham Cross with Bishop Paul McAleenan. All are welcome!

"THE GIFT" is a new experience of the Holy Spirit in our lives: the 6-week course continues on **Tues 24th May at 7.30pm.** The sixth meeting will be on "Living in the Spirit."

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting June 17th.** 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 19th June** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS: The next rota for the period June - September 2016 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wednesday 25th May at the latest** of any dates in this period that you are not available. Please also advise of any changes in personal details e.g. address, telephone number etc. Please contact Pat Kavanagh on 449282 patandcarolkav@btinternet.com.

RELIQS OF ST THOMAS BECKET are returning to England for the first time in over 800 years. Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Cardinal Peter Erdö, Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest, at **Westminster Cathedral on Monday 23rd May 5.30pm.** The relics will arrive at 4.30pm, with Vespers beginning at 5pm. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM (England's major shrine to Our Lady) will be on **Saturday 9th July** with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. There will be a 57-seater coach leaving the church at 8am and departing from Walsingham at 4.30pm. The day includes Mass, Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and Benediction. The cost of the coach will be £14 and you will need to bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend, **please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church.**

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 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 Friday 24th June and Monday 4th July** from 7.30-9.00pm in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To book onto 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: 14th and 21st and 28th 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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S would like to thank everyone who attended the quiz as they raised £259!

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits after he returns from Lourdes.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION gifts and cards are now available to buy from the church shop. Please do pop in and have a browse around.

ISABEL HOSPICE: Collectors are needed for Tesco, Brookfield on **Saturday 18th June** from 10-4pm. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Ellen on 464677.

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN will be held 8th-10th July at High Leigh Conference Centre. This is a great way to grow in your Christian Faith! This year David Payne, and Fr. Mark White are the key speakers. Eucharist, sport, relaxation and a bar are included. For further information go to www.harvesters.org.uk. Contact Tony Barrell on 442430.

AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE: The Knights of St Columba are organising a coach to pick up from church at 8am on Sunday 12th June. The cost is £15 and school children £6. For further info or to book a place, please contact Richard Collison on 440968.

ELGAR'S 'THE KINGDOM' will be performed on Saturday 11th June at 7.30pm in the Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased on the door or from Anne Byrne 467097.

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: 5th & 12th June.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!
**PRAYER TO OUR LADY
OF GOOD COUNSEL**



Most Glorious Virgin, chosen by the Eternal Counsel to be the Mother of the Eternal Word made flesh, thou who art the treasurer of Divine graces, and the advocate of sinners, I, thy most unworthy servant, have recourse to thee; be thou pleased to be my guide and counsellor in this vale of tears. Obtain for me through the Most Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, the forgiveness of my sins, the salvation of my soul, and the means necessary to obtain it. In like manner, obtain for Holy Mother the Church victory over her enemies, and the spread of the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon the whole earth. Amen

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 21st May 10am Mass <i>Patrick Carolan RIP Anniv</i>	PAGE 81 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Proverbs 8: 22–31 <i>Before the earth came into being, Wisdom was born.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	Psalm 8 — How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!
Sun 22nd May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.15am** <i>Nadia Miragliotta RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</i> †	2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1–5 <i>To God, through Christ, in the love poured out by the Spirit.</i>
Mon 23rd May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia.
Tues 24th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Marianne Corrigan RIP</i>	Gospel: John 16: 12–15 <i>Everything the Father has is mine; all the Spirit tells you will be taken from what is mine.</i>
Wed 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, Priest & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i> — followed by coffee in crypt	PREFACE TODAY: Trinity (p. 64) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)
Thurs 26th May ST PHILIP NERI, Priest 1.30pm Funeral <i>David Hale RIP</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS CORPUS CHRISTI
Fri 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Antonio & Domenico Ermini</i>	1st Reading: Genesis 14: 18–10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23–26 Gospel: Luke 9: 11–17
Sat 28th May 10am Mass <i>Donato Fonzo 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>For the Parish</i>	ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.
Sun 29th May CORPUS CHRISTI 9.15am** <i>Mary & John Hayden RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Pasquale Ricotta 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.
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <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)</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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 24th 12.30pm lunch club, crypt	Wed 25th 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.*