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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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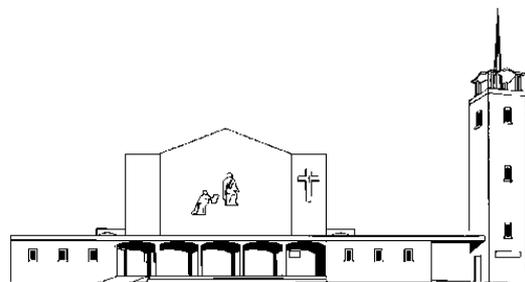
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Year A

EASTER SUNDAY

16th APRIL 2017

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9 — *He must rise from the dead.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER TO YOU! We celebrate the glorious rising of Our Lord Jesus from the dead, into a new and indestructible life, yet still in the human body that He assumed at His Incarnation in Mary's womb. Our Lord's victory over sin and death is the beginning of a new era for humanity: in this way, Christ's Crucifixion & Resurrection mark the 'turning point of history.' No-

one in all the centuries of human existence can offer us the real answer to the meaning of our life, the purpose of our being here, and our innate yearning for life beyond the grave, than Jesus Christ. Only in His taking away of our sins on the Cross, and in His being restored to us on Easter Day, do we see the true meaning of man.

I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED WITH THE HOLY-WEEK CEREMONIES: they have worked very hard in bringing about a dignified and prayerful series of celebrations over the past week. So, a great big 'thank you' from me and from the whole parish to: the Altar Servers, the Music Groups, the Readers, the Sacristan, the Parish Secretary, the Flower-Arranging team, the Church-Cleaning teams, and the Ministers of Holy Communion.

I also thank those who have kindly left me cards and gifts at this time of holy celebration. As the schools resume their term on Tuesday I shall not be away at all, other than to see my family on Easter Sunday afternoon and Bank-Holiday Monday after Mass. [NOTE: the Mass times for Monday (10am), and for Wednesday (9.30am with both our Primary Schools for the start-of-term celebration of Easter: all are welcome!)] I wish you wonderful Easter festivities!

May the Lord bless us as together we rejoice in Jesus's Rising to new life!

Fr Philip



Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 11:



Christians are called to experience the newness of the Gospel, the "law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus." Even in the most complex cases, where there is a temptation to apply a justice derived from rules alone, we must believe in the power flowing from divine grace. We confessors have experienced many conversions that took place before our very eyes. We feel responsible, then, for actions and words that can touch the heart of penitents and enable them to discover the closeness and tenderness of the Father who forgives. Let us not lose such occasions by acting in a way that can contradict the experience of mercy that the penitent seeks. Rather, let

us help light up the space of personal conscience with God's infinite love. The Sacrament of Reconciliation must regain its central place in the Christian life. This requires priests capable of putting their lives at the service of the "ministry of reconciliation," in such a way that, while no sincerely repentant sinner is prevented from drawing near to the love of the Father who awaits his return, everyone is afforded the opportunity of experiencing the liberating power of forgiveness.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Ella Lydon who will be baptised this weekend.

MASS on Monday will be at **10am** due to the Bank Holiday. Please note the church will be closed after Mass.

MASS on Wednesday will be at **9.30am** with both schools in church.

GIUSEPPA PROVENZANO RIP died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Tuesday 25th April at 2pm.**
May she rest in peace.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting April 21st.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place on Sunday, **23rd April** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

THE BIG PICTURE, an inspirational Bible course, resumes on **Tuesday 25th April** at 7:30 in the Crypt with "Incarnation". Further dates are: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd May and 6th June. We are looking forward to seeing all those who took part in the first half, and it's not too late for anyone new. There are a few DVD/Book packs still available. Everyone is very welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least made their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery. Training sessions will be held in the church on **Sat 13th and 20th May at 11am.**

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen & Michael Sherman, Annette Pinto, Siobhan Fiorentini, Toni Randazzo, Doreen Willis, Alan Connolly & Marina Morris.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

Housebound parishioners may 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, Rev Anthony Curran 01438-285138 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION 2017: next session **24th April at 7.15pm** in the crypt for candidates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The 7th meeting for parents will be on **Wed 3rd May 8–9pm** in the crypt. The 7th session for children will be on **Mon 8th May 6–7.30pm.**



Our fundraising began in 2014, and **we have pledged of c. £185k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £51k.** So far we already have £24k available for our parish project, which is to employ a part-time worker in the area of catechetics and evangelization.

Fr Philip is meeting a possible candidate for this role, who has been recommended to us by the diocesan youth-ministry team. Let's pray that this will come to fruition!

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SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S is holding a Table Top sale on **Sat 6th May 10am-1pm.** £10 a table & free entry for buyers. Refreshments available. To book a table call Lynn 460614 or 07752-664846

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S is holding a Quiz on **Saturday 13th May** in the crypt £5.00 per person (tables of up to 8) or just come and join a table. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. 7.30 for 8.00pm start Call 460614 or 07752-664846 to book.

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 2018, or if your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic

Primary school in autumn 2018, then you need to apply **immediately** to go on the list for requesting a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' towards the end of 2017. An information pack is available from the presbytery. Complete the form and return it to the presbytery, and your name will be added to the weekly sign-in-sheet in the church porch on the noticeboard (by the fire-exit door) for signing after Saturday evening vigil Mass and Sunday Masses. On this basis Fr Philip will be in a better position to judge whether he can issue the Certificate.

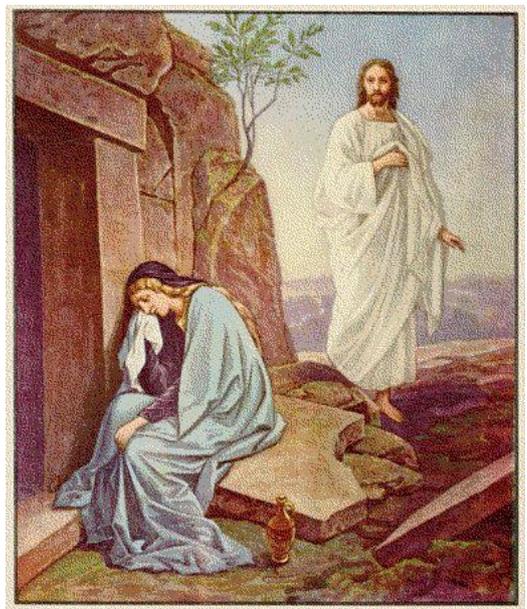
MISCELLANEOUS

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB held in the crypt: dates are **25th April**; 9th & 23rd May; 6th & 20th June; and 4th & 18th July 12.30-2.30pm. Price £4. Anybody & everybody welcome!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make his house visits this week, **Tuesday** afternoon, in: Forres Close, Tregelles Road, Kingsfield.

CHURCH CLEANING: Maria Manzo, Charmaine Collins, Elizabeth Nsonwah and Toni Iamarino. Thank you for your help.

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: 23rd, 30th April; 14th, 21st & 28th May.



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 15th April HOLY SATURDAY 9.45am Morning Prayer 4.00pm* Italian Easter Vigil 9.00pm* Mass of the Easter Vigil Priest's Ints</p> <p>Sun 16th April EASTER SUNDAY 9.15am <i>Dave Greenall RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> †</p>	<p>PAGE 251 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: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia.</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 1–9 <i>He must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 74) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 1st Reading: Acts 2: 42–27 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3–9 Gospel: John 20: 19–31</p>
<p>Mon 17th April MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 10am Mass <i>Pius & Justina Ogbodu RIP; Ighade & Ogbodu Family intentions</i> PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</p> <p>Tues 18th April TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Maureen Norman RIP</i></p> <p>Wed 19th April WED WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Mass Joint schools' Mass in church <i>Deceased members of O'Loughin Family</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt</p> <p>Thurs 20th April THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER NO Mass</p> <p>Fri 21st April FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER (NO Abstinence from meat today) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Private Intention</i></p> <p>Sat 22nd April SAT WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 10am Mass <i>Antonio & Elvira Beschizza 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 any other time.</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* For the Parish</p> <p>Sun 23rd April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>Deceased members of Silenti Family</i> 11.15am <i>Enrico & Maria Rega RIP</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour †</p>	<p>REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Wed 19th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt</p> <p>Fri 21st 7.30pm Prayer group, church</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.*