

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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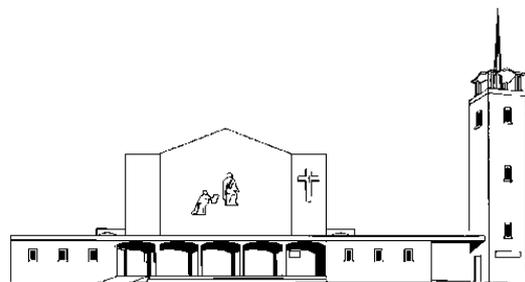
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Year A

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

30th APRIL 2017

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

ON THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, we hear the wonderful passage from St Luke's Gospel of the encounter with the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Understandably, the two disciples are downcast after the events of Good Friday, and as yet they have not heard of Jesus's Resurrection. It is at the point where Our Lord celebrates the Eucharist – makes Himself present with them as He "breaks the bread" – that their eyes are opened, and they realise that they have been walking the road, and hosting in their home, the Risen Lord Himself. No wonder they cast off their tiredness and despondency and return immediately along the 7-mile road all the way back to Jerusalem to share the news with the apostles and others. They show us the great joy that we have at the life-changing news of the Resurrection!



NEXT SUNDAY WILL SEE THE CONFIRMATION DAY FOR 41 OF OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS, so we keep them very much in our prayers as they approach their special day. Bishop Paul McAleenan, the auxiliary bishop in Hertfordshire, will be here to celebrate 2 Confirmation Masses, and we look forward to his presence here. May God bless these young people as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit for their life as disciples of the Lord.

WE WELCOME FR MATHEW KATTIYANGAL TO ST AUGUSTINE'S. Fr Mathew is from the diocese of Kottayam in Kerala, India, and has been appointed to serve as the national chaplain to the Knanayan community within the Syro-Malabar rite. He was ordained in 1989, and as well as serving in his diocese, spent 3 years of further study in Lugano, Switzerland, and 6 years of pastoral work in Los Angeles in the USA. Much of Fr Mathew's time will be spent across the country, in his work with the Knanayan community, but when he is here in Hoddesdon, please make him welcome and at home.

May the Lord give us great joy as we celebrate these blessed weeks of Eastertide! Fr Philip

Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 13:



Another face of mercy is *consolation*. "Comfort, comfort my people" is the heartfelt plea that the prophet continues to make today, so that a word of hope may come to all those who experience suffering and pain. Let us never allow ourselves to be robbed of the hope born of faith in the Risen Lord. True, we are often sorely tested, but we must never lose our certainty of the Lord's love for us. His mercy finds expression also in the closeness, affection and support that many of our brothers and sisters can offer us at times of sadness and affliction. The drying of tears is one way to break the vicious circle of solitude in which we often find ourselves trapped.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Millie Youens who will be baptised this weekend.

MASS on **Monday** will be at 10am due to the Bank Holiday.

GIUSEPPE CONTI RIP formerly of Old Highway died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Friday 5th May at 2pm** with Don Antonio.

May he rest in peace.

THE BIG PICTURE, an inspirational Bible course, continues at 7:30 in the crypt **2nd May** further dates: 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.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 5th May**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY: Fr Philip will lead a group to the peaceful Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford (Kent) for a day out on **Thurs 11th May**. 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 £33.00, and we are given a hot 3-course lunch in the mediaeval Pilgrims' Hall. If you have any special dietary requirements, please contact the presbytery. **Please sign the sheet in the porch if you would like to come and hand your money into the presbytery.**

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**.

MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Sunday 14th 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.**

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place on **Sunday, 21st May** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting May 19th**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

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: The rehearsal will be on Saturday 6th May at 11am. **The Confirmation Masses will be on Sunday 7th May at 1.15pm and 4.00pm.** If you are a Minister of Holy Communion or altar server and can assist at either Mass, please do sign your name on the lists at the back of church.

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**.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Monday 5th June and Tuesday 13th June 7.30–9pm**. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.



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!

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's is also holding a Quiz on **Sat 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. **To book for either of these events:** call Lynn on 460614 or 07752-664846

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is looking for an adult volunteer who can play the guitar, piano or flute. Please contact the school on 463549.

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 continue signing the weekly sign-in-sheet in the church porch on the noticeboard. **Please note that the system for applying for a Certificate of Catholic Practice is now closed.**

MISCELLANEOUS

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place on the **6th / 7th May**. The Fund helps pay for training seminarians (there are currently 39), further studies of our priests for specialised ministries, and for ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. **The Donation envelopes are attached to the newsletter this week** and will be collected on

the 6th/7th May. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his house visits this Wednesday afternoon in the following streets: Kingsfield, Highbury Avenue, Fairfield Road.

ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL: Volunteers are needed for Tesco Brookfield on **2nd & 3rd May** from 10-4pm. Please contact Ellen Bartlett on 464677.

CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Josie Warren, Barbara Wright & Tanya McAteer. 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: 30th April; 14th, 21st & 28th May.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 3rd May
SS PHILIP & JAMES,
Apostles



Philip was one of the first chosen disciples of Christ. On the way from Judea to Galilee Our Lord found Philip and said, "Follow me." Philip obeyed, and then in his zeal and charity sought to win Nathaniel also, saying "We have found Him of whom Moses and the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth." When Nathaniel in wonder asked, "Can any good come out of Nazareth?" Philip simply answered "Come and see" and brought him to Jesus. Saint James the Less (the Younger), author of the canonical Epistle, was the son of Alphaeus, the brother of Saint Jude and a cousin of Our Lord, whom he is said to have resembled. Saint Paul tells us that he was favoured by a special apparition of Christ after the Resurrection. (*1 Corinthians 15:7*) On the dispersion of the Apostles among the nations, Saint James remained as Bishop of Jerusalem, where the Jews held in such high veneration his purity, mortification, and prayer, that they named him *the Just*. He governed that church for 30 years before his martyrdom.

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Dr 10am Mass <i>For the parish, from Frances Rose</i>		PAGE 258 in the Mass books	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Henryk & Assunta Nolewajka RIP anniv.		1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22–23 <i>It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.</i>	
Sun 30th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>For the parish</i> 11.15am Ida D'Onofrio RIP †		Psalm 15 — Show us, Lord, the path of life. 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17–21 <i>Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.</i>	
Mon 1st May 10am Mass <i>Eileen Scallan's intentions</i> PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS		Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.' Alleluia	
Tues 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS, Bishop & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Pasquale, Rosa & Brigida Cattini RIP</i>		Gospel: Luke 24: 13–35 <i>They recognised him at the breaking of bread.</i>	
Wed 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>David Hale RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		PREFACE TODAY: Easter II (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)	
Thurs 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS NO Mass		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Fri 5th May (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>John Doyle RIP Anniv</i> 2pm Funeral Giuseppe Conti RIP 7.30pm Mass <i>Eric Mallinder RIP anniv & Betty Mallinder's intentions</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour		1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36–41 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20–25 Gospel: John 10: 1–10	
Sat 6th May 10am Mass <i>Pietro DiLeto 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* Edward Kenny RIP Anniv		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
Sun 7th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>David Hale RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i> 1.15pm Confirmation Mass 4pm Confirmation Mass †		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			
Tues 2nd 7.30pm The Big Picture, crypt		Wed 3rd 6.00pm Brownies, crypt Wed 3rd 8.00pm 1st Holy Comm meeting	

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.