

# The Announcer

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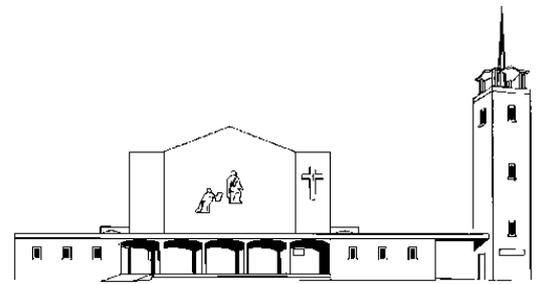
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Year A

PENTECOST SUNDAY

4th JUNE 2017

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-23

*As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.*

**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

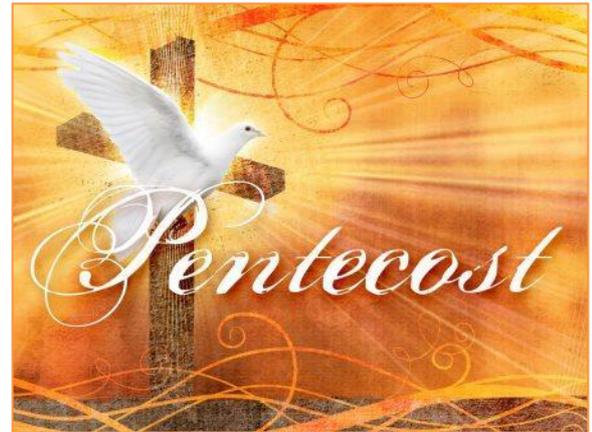
OUR CONCLUDING EASTER CELEBRATION TODAY OF PENTECOST brings to a glorious close these 7 weeks since the feast of Our Lord's Resurrection. With Our Lord's sending of the Holy Spirit, the apostles, as we hear in the Acts 2 reading today, are filled with the courage to proclaim what they had already come to know in the Resurrection: that "Jesus is Lord." Immediately after

Pentecost they begin their years of preaching ministry, travelling far and wide to spread the Good News, and in due course to witness to that Gospel with their blood, in martyrdom. Let's pray this weekend for a deep experience of the Spirit's anointing of us to do His holy will, so we can bring ever more of our family members and friends to real, spiritual, life in Christ!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE MANCHESTER-BOMB VICTIMS, both the deceased, the injured and the bereaved. In particular, do remember in your prayers the girl known to my brother's family – she is from my nieces' school in Cheshire – who is recovering in HDU and undergoing a whole series of operations at present to tackle her multiple injuries.

OUR DEANERY FATIMA PILGRIMAGE was a great success, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the 35 of us who travelled to Our Lady's shrine for the (just after) centenary of the first apparition. It was a beautifully peaceful place, and a very prayerful experience. There are some photos on the parish's FaceBook page, if you use that medium. (Search for "CatholicHoddesdon" and do 'like' the page and use the facility for inviting all your parish friends to 'like' the page too, so we can get the parish's events and activities more widely broadcast.)

**May the Lord fill us with His Holy Spirit as we keep this feast of His anointing us! Fr Philip**



**Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 15:**



We see the particular importance of *the moment of death*. The Church has always experienced this dramatic passage in the light of Christ's resurrection, which opened the way to the certainty of the life to come. We have a great challenge to face, especially in contemporary culture, which often tends to trivialize death to the point of treating it as an illusion or hiding it from sight. Yet death must be faced and prepared for as a painful and inescapable passage, yet one charged with immense meaning, for it is the ultimate act of love towards those we leave behind and towards God whom we go forth to meet. In all religions, the moment of death, like that of birth, is accompanied by a religious presence. As Christians, we celebrate the funeral liturgy as a hope-filled prayer for the soul of the deceased and for the consolation of those who suffer the loss of a loved one.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to Terry Gritton and Antonia Fiori married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Elliott Collins and Ayda Meaney who will be baptised this weekend.

**DIOCESAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING** for the Sacrament of Matrimony is this weekend at Westminster Cathedral. We congratulate our parishioners attending: Damien & Joanne Walsh, Tony & Maria Ruggiero (25 years); Laurence & Giuseppa Cuffaro, Michael & Helen Sherman (30 years); Eugene & Joan Martin, Neil & Margaret McDonnell (50 years).

**THE BIG PICTURE**, an inspirational Bible course, continues at 7.30 in the crypt on 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> June. Please NOTE the extra date on the end to complete our reflections.

**ITALIAN 'ST ANTHONY' PROCESSION** will be held on **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June**. The Procession will begin at 2.45pm from the church. Mass will be at 4pm which will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

**AYLESFORD PRIORY:** The Knights of St Columba have organised a coach to Aylesford on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. Adults £15, school children £7. For further info. Please contact John McKenna on 07806478974.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting June 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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, 18<sup>th</sup> June** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

### 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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The final meeting for parents will be on **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June 8–9pm** in the crypt **and all parents are expected to attend**. The final session for children will be on **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June 6–7.30pm**.

**CONFIRMATION 2018:** 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 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30pm and 6pm on the following days: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith)

## SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** is looking for Foundation Governors. To be considered as a governor you must be a practising Catholic and be committed to putting the children's welfare at the forefront of everything you do at the school. If you are interested, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Gillian Napier on 463549 or the Chair of Governors, Adam Tackley 07852-167935.

**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.**

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** are holding their Summer Fete on **Saturday 17th June** from 11am-1.30pm. There will be Face painting, refreshments, bouncy castle, tombola's, art and craft plus lots more. All welcome

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his house visits on Wednesday afternoon in these streets: Barnfield Close, Thurgood Road, Hamilton Avenue, Middlefield Avenue, Tovey Avenue.

**THERE'S NO HEALTH LIKE MENTAL HEALTH:** A one day workshop exploring mental health in parish communities will be held on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10-3pm** at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City. The day will be facilitated by Ben Bano and supported by *Caritas* Westminster. For further info contact [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk).

**NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN** will be held **21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July** at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon. This is a unique time away to join with other men on a refreshing Summer break with a difference. For further information and booking form go to [www.harvesters.org.uk](http://www.harvesters.org.uk).

**QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of UK Aid Felsted will be held on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** at 7.30pm in the crypt. £5 per person, max 8 per team. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book a table contact Margaret Byrne on 443351 or Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. 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: 4<sup>th</sup> June & 16<sup>th</sup> July.

## Pentecost Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height, Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, Thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure, come, Thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, such refreshing peace bestow. Thou in toil art comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, visit now these hearts of Thine and our inmost being fill. If Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in us will stay, all our good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour Thy dew; wash the stains of sin away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen; warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.

We pray Thee, we who evermore Thee confess and Thee adore, with Thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die; give us life with Thee on high; give us joys that never end.



<b>Masses this week</b>		<b>Today's Liturgy</b>	
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June ST CHARLES LWANGA &amp; COMPANIONS</b> 10am Mass <i>Michael &amp; Helen Sherman (sick)</i>		<b>PAGE 288 in the Mass books</b>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* Bernadette Munday RIP</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 2: 1–11 <i>They were filled up with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i> <b>Psalm 103 — Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.</b>	
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> June PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9.15am** <i>Daniel &amp; Ellen White RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Calogero Nicastro RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13 <i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i>  Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia</i>	
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June ST BONIFACE, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Deceased &amp; injured victims of Manchester bombing</i>		<b>Gospel:</b> John 20: 19–23 <i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i>	
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Patricia Castaldi RIP</i>		<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Pentecost (p. 76) <b>EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)	
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Bashkim Ajasllari RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> MOST HOLY TRINITY	
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Intentions of our country on Election Day</i>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 34: 4–6, 8–9 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 13: 11–13 <b>Gospel:</b> John 3: 16–18	
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+ ) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Stefan &amp; Emilia Piacentini RIP</i>		<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.	
<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> 10am Mass <i>Irene Willmer RIP</i>		<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.	
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b>		<b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> 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.	
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup> June MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> 9.15am** <i>Ted Leatherbarrow RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Antonino &amp; Giuseppa Cannatella &amp; Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</i> ‡		<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.	
* 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)		<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>			
<b>Mon 5th</b>	7.30pm Baptism course, presbytery	<b>Wed 7th</b>	6.00pm Brownies, crypt
<b>Tues 6th</b>	12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 7th</b>	8pm 1st HC meeting, crypt
<b>Tues 6th</b>	7.30pm The Big Picture, 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 parrocciani 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.