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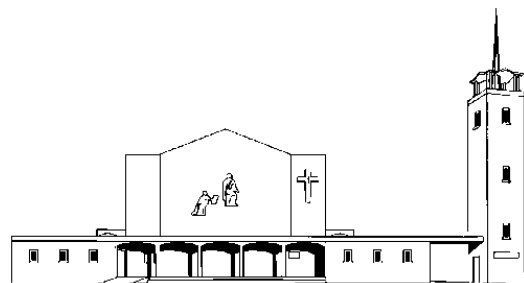
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Year A

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th MAY 2017

GOSPEL: John 14: 1-12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND SEES THE CENTENARY OF THE FIRST OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS, and Pope Francis will be at the shrine in Portugal for the centenary celebrations, at which he will canonize the youngest two of the visionaries, Francisco Marto (1908-1919) and his sister Jacinta Marto (1910-1920). The other child who received the 6 monthly visits from Our Lady in 1917, Lucia Santos, lived a long life (1907-2005): her cause for beatification is currently under consideration. The message of Our Lady of Fatima, coming as it did during the horrors of the First World War tearing apart Europe with such bloodshed, was



one of Prayer, Penance, and Peace. The young shepherd children became the messengers to carry this direct appeal from heaven to the Church and to the whole world, and it had much bearing on the events of the 20th century, including the shooting of Pope John Paul II on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima (13th May 1981), and the eventual collapse of atheistic communism in the Soviet bloc in the late 80s.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA has much to teach us 100 years on, and we would do well to heed her call to constant prayer, especially of the Holy Rosary. I urge you to come to our **May Procession this Sunday (14th May) at 5pm** – starting in the Lady Chapel and processing to the garden Grotto: a chance to unite your prayers with those of Our Lady for all your needs. After the Procession we will have tea & refreshments in the garden.

May the Lord bless us as we honour and heed His holy Mother this May!

Fr Philip

Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 14:



At a time like our own, marked by many crises, including that of the family, it is important to offer a word of comfort and strength to our families. The gift of matrimony is a great calling to which spouses, with the grace of Christ, respond with a love that is generous, faithful and patient. The beauty of the family endures unchanged, despite so many problems and alternative proposals: "The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church." The journey of life that leads a man and a woman to meet one other, to love one another and to promise mutual fidelity before God, is often interrupted by suffering, betrayal and loneliness. Joy at

the gift of children is accompanied by concern about their growth and education, and their prospects for happiness and fulfilment in life.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Kalia Sidharth who will be baptised this weekend.

MONTH OF OUR LADY: During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed before each Sunday Mass.

MAY PROCESSION will be held **this 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.

THE BIG PICTURE, an inspirational Bible course, continues at 7:30 in the crypt on **16th May** further dates: 23rd May, 6th & 13th June. Please NOTE the extra date on the end to complete our reflections.

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.

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!

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS ROTAS: The new rota for the period June–September is due to be drawn up towards the end of May. Can you please advise Pat Kavanagh patandcarolkav@btinternet.com or telephone 449282 **by 25th May at the latest** of any dates during this period that you are NOT available. Can you also advise of any change in personal contact details (address and, in particular, contact telephone number) so that the correct information is distributed.

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 7th June 8–9pm** in the crypt and **all parents are expected to attend**. The final session for children will be on **Mon 12th June 6–7.30pm**.

CONFIRMATION: photos are now available to view online at www.amwellstudio.co.uk. The login details are available for the families from the Presbytery if you don't yet know them.

THANK YOU so much to all who made the double celebration of Confirmation so beautiful last week, including the organist and folk group, flower team, sacristan, servers, and parish secretary. The hard work for the Sunday afternoon Confirmations really paid off, and I am grateful to ALL who put in time and effort to making Confirmation so beautiful and prayerful a n experience for the 41 confirmed.

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 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.**

ST MARY'S SCHOOL is looking for an Assistant Headteacher from September 2017. For further details contact the school on 01279-654901 or e-mail: headspa@stmarys.net.

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW primary school in Stevenage is looking for a deputy headteacher for Sept 2017. For further info contact admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk

MISCELLANEOUS

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: Last weekend the parish raised £511.15 and all of the money will be used to encourage vocations and to fund the training of our priests. Thank you for your support! Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

It's not too late to make a donation if you wish at: www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB held in the crypt: dates are **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 **Monday** afternoon in the following streets: Ware Road (even nos.), Rodney Crescent.

ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL: Volunteers are needed for Brookfield Park, Cheshunt on **2nd & 3rd June**, 10-4pm. We now need 4 collectors per hour which is outside the stores only. Please contact Ellen Bartlett on 464677 if you can spare an hour.

THERE'S NO HEALTH LIKE MENTAL HEALTH: A one day workshop exploring mental health in parish communities will be held on **Saturday 1st 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.

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN will be held **21st-23rd 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.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of UK Aid Felsted will be held on **Friday 23rd 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.

THANK YOU: The Conti Family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral last week of the late Giuseppe Conti.

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: 14th May & 4th June.

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 13th May 10am Mass <i>Julie Saggs RIP & family</i>		PAGE 265 in the Mass books	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Patrick & Thomas Lawlor RIP Anniv		1st Reading: Acts 6: 1–7 <i>They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.</i>	
Sun 14th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>Errol Voisin RIP 1st Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 5.00pm May Procession †		Psalm 32 — May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.	
Mon 15th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Michael McNicholas's intentions</i>		2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4–9 <i>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.</i>	
Tues 16th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Private Intention</i>		Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me." Alleluia</i>	
Wed 17th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Private Intention</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		Gospel: John 14: 1–12 <i>I am the Way, the truth and the Life.</i>	
Thurs 18th May 9.15am Mass <i>Larry & Maureen O'Neill's intentions</i>		PREFACE TODAY: Easter IV (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)	
Fri 19th May <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i>		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Sat 20th May 10am Mass <i>Private Intention</i>		1st Reading: Acts 8: 5-8, 14–17 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15–18 Gospel: John 14: 15–21	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Nadia Miragliotta RIP		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.	
Sun 21st May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>Patrick Carolan RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 5.00pm Holy Hour †		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
* 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 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.	
REGULAR EVENTS		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	
Tues 16th 7.30pm The Big Picture, crypt		Wed 17th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt Fri 19th 7.30pm Prayer group, church	

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.*