

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

Tel: 01992-440986

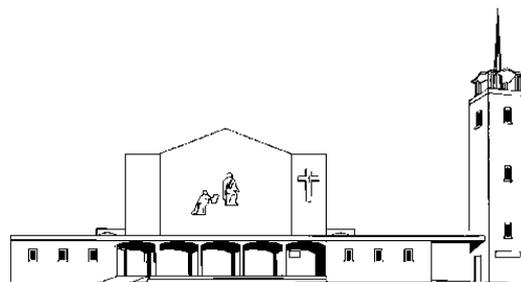
Fax: 01992-440244

Web-site: www.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon

Parish Priest: Fr Philip Miller.

Secretary: Dawn Bates (Mon & Wed-Fri, 9am-3pm)

Also in residence: Fr Mathew Kattiyangal (National chaplain to Knanayan community)



E-mail: hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk

FaceBook: "CatholicHoddesdon"

Year A

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21st MAY 2017

GOSPEL: John 14: 15-21

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

I URGE YOU TAKE PART IN THE NOVENA 'THY KINGDOM COME', an ecumenical prayer running from the (traditional) feast of Ascension (Thurs 25th May) to Pentecost. We haven't enough of the prayer cards, but the essence of the novena is here. It's a special time for Christians, as we await Pentecost and long for the Holy Spirit for ourselves, our community, our nation. Add your light to the prayer map at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> with your pledge to pray!

Praying the Novena

Each day during the Novena start with the sign of the Cross, and say the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer.

Then meditate on the words from Scripture for that day. Consider the life of Jesus, what his words meant to the Apostles, and what they now mean for us in our daily lives. Think on how the mission of Jesus to bring the Kingdom of God into our world is now our mission. Remember that as we carry forward our mission: Jesus is always with us and sends the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us. Finish your daily prayer and meditation by saying the Prayer, 'Come Holy Spirit'.

The Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

Almighty God,

your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 1: For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me. John 7:33 - We pray for the sick and carers.

Day 2: But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26 - We pray for children, young people and their families.

Day 3: Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.' John 20:17 - We pray for married life and those who feel the pain of separation.

Day 4: "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" Luke 24:32 - We pray for bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and for vocations.

Day 5: While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke: 24:36 - We pray for the homeless and refugees.

Day 6: Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21-22 - We pray for the newly baptised and those preparing for the Sacraments.

Day 7: And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. Acts 1:9 - We pray for victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery.

Day 8: So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. Mark 16:19 - We pray for the work of evangelisation in our country.

Day 9: They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:3-4 - We pray for missionaries overseas.

THIS WEEK I WILL BE IN FATIMA (PORTUGAL) ON PILGRIMAGE with 30+ parishioners from the Lea-Valley Deanery. We will be remembering you all in our prayers. If you have specific requests that you wish us to take to Our Lady's shrine, then simply fill in a sheet (available from the table in the porch) and return it to the Presbytery by Sunday night. I am grateful to Fr Mathew and to Fr Michael Stewart for celebrating the weekday Masses this coming week.

May the Lord bless us as we honour His holy Mother in her month of May!

Fr Philip

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



The grace of the sacrament of Marriage not only strengthens the family to be a privileged place for practising mercy, but also commits the Christian community and all its pastoral activity to uphold the great positive value of the family. This Jubilee Year cannot overlook the complexity of the current realities of family life. The experience of mercy enables us to regard all human problems from the standpoint of God's love, which never tires of welcoming and accompanying.

PRAYER & LITURGY

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

THE BIG PICTURE, an inspirational Bible course, continues at 7:30 in the crypt on **23rd May** further dates: 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 June 16th.** 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 **this 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.

AYLESFORD PRIORY: The Knights of St Columba have organised a coach to Aylesford on **Sunday 11th June.** Adults £15, school children £7. For further info. Please contact John McKenna on 01992-713167.

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 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 7th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30pm and 6pm on the following days: 5th, 6th, 13th, 19th, 20th and 26th June.

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 pledges 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 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 would like to thank everyone who attended the quiz night. The total raised was £525.50 which was great!

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of the church next weekend.

MISCELLANEOUS

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!

MAY PROCESSION: A big thank you to all who helped to make the procession such a success; thanks to the sacristan Ellen Bartlett, Gemma Castle for the beautiful floral arrangements, and all who helped with the refreshments.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his house visits after his return from Fatima.

THANK YOU: The Greenall family would like to thank everyone for their love and intentions following the loss of David, a sadly missed husband and father. The donations given instead of flowers ensured £800 has been passed to CAFOD, David's favourite charity, and the generosity shown is greatly appreciated.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah, Laura Harwood & Tony & Linda Barrell. Thank you for your help.

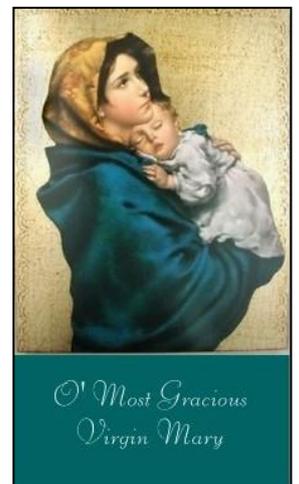
SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 4th June & 16th July.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.



Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 20th May 10am Mass <i>Private Intention</i>		PAGE 268 in the Mass books	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Nadia Miragliotta RIP		1st Reading: Acts 8: 5–8, 14–17 <i>They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.</i>	
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 †		Psalm 65 — Cry out with joy to God all the earth. 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15–18 <i>In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.</i>	
Mon 22nd May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Alberto Beschizza RIP Anniv</i>		Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we shall come to him. 'Alleluia</i>	
Tues 23rd May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Dave Greenall RIP</i>		Gospel: John 14: 15–21 <i>I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.</i>	
Wed 24th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Arthur Collins</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		PREFACE TODAY: Easter V (p. 75) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)	
Thurs 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, Priest & Dr NO Mass		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
Fri 26th May ST PHILIP NERI, Priest <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>David Lloyd-Jones RIP</i>		1st Reading: Acts 1: 1–11 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17–23 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16–20	
Sat 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bp 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* May & John Hayden RIP Anniv		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
Sun 28th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9.15am** <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</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.	
* 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 23rd 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Tues 23rd 7.30pm The Big Picture, crypt		Wed 24th 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.*