

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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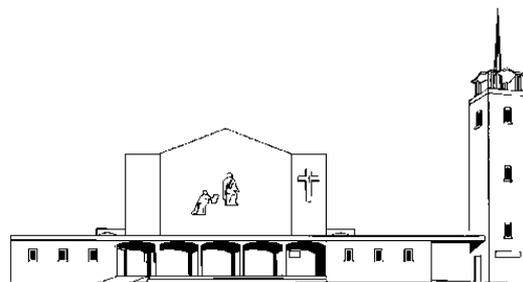
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Year A

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7th MAY 2017

GOSPEL: John 10: 1-10

I am the Gate of the Sheepfold.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – is also Vocations Sunday, and as we reflect on Our Lord's image of Himself as "the Gate of the Sheepfold" and "the Good Shepherd," we also know that we need to pray continually for those who will be shepherds for Our Lord's flock in future years. Part of this keeping of 'Vocations Sunday,' therefore, is our collection for the Fund that covers the priestly training of our diocesan seminarians: please be generous in your giving, as I know from experience how crucial it is to feel supported by the people of the diocese during one's seminary years.



THIS SUNDAY SEES THE CONFIRMATION OF 41 OF OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS, so we pray for them and their families on this sacred day. Bishop Paul McAleenan, the auxiliary bishop in Hertfordshire, will be here to celebrate the 2 Confirmation Masses, and we look forward to his presence here, to confer the blessings of this great Sacrament. *Come, Holy Spirit!*

WE GO TO AYLESFORD THIS THURSDAY (11TH MAY) – there are still places left for our day pilgrimage to the peaceful and holy shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Kent, so please sign up this weekend (list in porch) for the trip, which is always a very lovely day and a special way of paying honour to Our Blessed Lady in her month of May. **We depart the church at 9am.**

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:



All of us need consolation because no one is spared suffering, pain and misunderstanding. How much pain can be caused by a spiteful remark born of envy, jealousy or anger! What great suffering is caused by the experience of betrayal, violence and abandonment! How much sorrow in the face of the death of a loved one! And yet God is never far from us at these moments of sadness and trouble. A reassuring word, an embrace that makes us feel understood, a caress that makes us feel love, a prayer that makes us stronger ... all these things express God's closeness through the consolation offered by our brothers and sisters. Sometimes too, *silence* can be helpful, especially when we cannot find words in response to the questions of those who suffer. A lack of words, however, can be made up for by the compassion of a person who stays at our side, who loves us and who holds out a hand. It is not true that silence is an act of surrender; on the contrary, it is a moment of strength and love. Silence also belongs to our language of consolation, because it becomes a concrete way of sharing in the suffering of a brother or sister.

PRAYER & LITURGY

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate the 41 young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:

Samuel Abbondante	Christina Amodeo
Isabella Babbar	Isabella Bartlett
Teah Bernard	Shannon Borkett
Chiara Castiglione	Daniella Ciaravella
Daniel Clark	Kasey Coyne
Stefanie Curaba	Anna Daynes
Luca Dileto	Aimee Donaghy
Iolanda Fattore	Virgilia Forgione
Ella Gaiteri	Augustine Githinji
Samuel Gunkel	Kyle Hay
Maddie Hay	Oliver Heath
Justin Ighade	Antonia Martino
Antonino Martorana	Elena Martorana
Gianluca Messina	Libby Mputa
Damilola Orekoya	Thomas Patrick
Emilia Pizzo	Louisa Pizzo
Caitlyn Ramos-Stovin	Martina Sanzeri
Joe Smith	Alessandro Soldano
Vincenzo Soldano	Luke Soldano
Oliver Truskowski	Mia Williams
Daniel Wright	

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 **9th May** further dates: 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.

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**. **The coach will depart from the church at 9am**. 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. **There are still 18 spaces, so please sign the sheet in the porch THIS WEEKEND if you would like to come and hand your money into the presbytery by Wednesday 10th May at the very latest.**

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.

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.**

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!

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 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 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 this event:** 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.**

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: Today's **second collection** is for the annual Priests' Training Fund. The Fund helps pay for the training of seminarians (we currently have 39), the education of priests for special ministries, and ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your gift helps ensure we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives serving the Church. Please be as generous as you can. You can donate online 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!

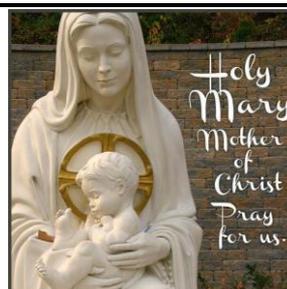
HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his house visits this Wednesday afternoon in the following streets: Kenning Road, Plomer Avenue.

ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL: Volunteers are needed for Tesco Brookfield on **2nd & 3rd June, 10-4pm**. Please contact Ellen Bartlett on 464677 if you can spare an hour.

200 CLUB WINNER for May was Mrs J Dawes. Congratulations!

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca and 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: 14th, 21st & 28th May.



Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 6th May 10am Mass <i>Pietro DiLeto RIP</i>		PAGE 262 in the Mass books	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Edward Kenny RIP Anniv		1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36–41 <i>God has made him both Lord and Christ.</i>	
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 4.00pm Confirmation Mass †		Psalm 22 — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20–25 <i>You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.</i>	
Mon 8th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Domenico Cecere & Family</i>		Gospel: John 10: 1–10 <i>I am the gate of the sheepfold.</i>	
Tues 9th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Deceased members of Murphy Family</i>		PREFACE TODAY: Easter III (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28)	
Wed 10th May 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Thurs 11th May NO Mass – Pilgrimage to Aylesford		1st Reading: Acts 6: 1–7 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4–9 Gospel: John 14: 1–12	
Fri 12th May <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Chiara Beschizza 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 <i>any other time.</i>	
Sat 13th May 10am Mass <i>Julie Saggs RIP & her family</i>		ROSARY	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Patrick & Thomas Lawlor RIP Anniv		Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.	
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 †		SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK	
* 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)		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	
Mon 8th 6.00pm 1st HC crypt	Tues 9th 7.30pm The Big Picture, crypt	Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.	
Tues 9th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	Wed 10th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699	
	Wed 10th 7.30pm All Saints		

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.*