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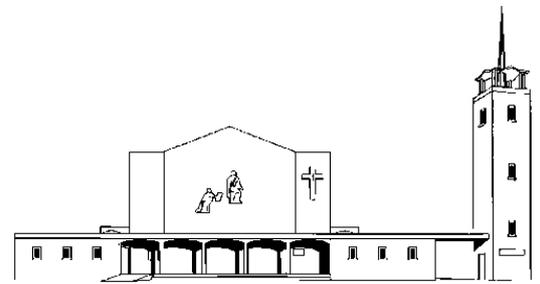
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Year B

EASTER SUNDAY

1st APRIL 2018

GOSPEL: *John 20: 1-9*

He must rise from the dead.

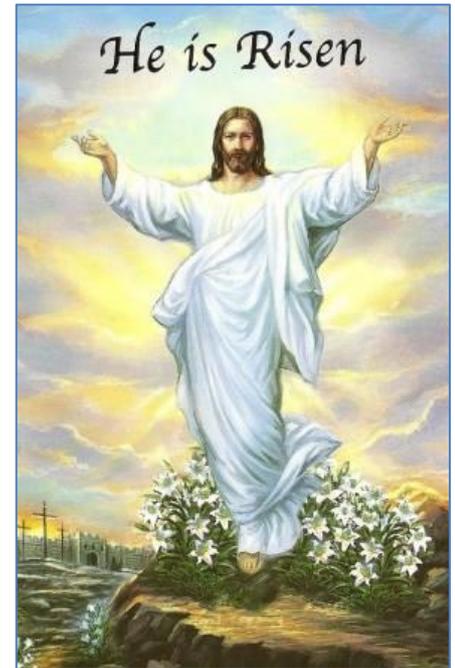
My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

A HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL! This most holy of all our feast days – the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection – brings to its culmination the Holy Week we have just kept. The dates of Lent this year meant that Ash Wednesday fell on St Valentine's Day, and Easter Sunday falls on April Fools' Day, which is amusing and a bit bizarre. But Our Lord's Rising is no joke! It was no hoax, nor are we trying to fool anyone. Various disciples – starting with Mary Magdalene, and then later the apostles, and others – witnessed the Lord's risen presence: they saw Him, they conversed with Him, they were taught by Him, and then they saw Him ascend back to heaven. More than that, they gave their lives, to the shedding of their blood in martyrdom, many of them, attesting to the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus. This they would not have done had the whole thing been a fabrication. This means that we can truly entrust our whole life to Jesus, to following Him on the path of the Church that He has established: a way of faith that leads us without doubt to heavenly, eternal, risen life with Him.

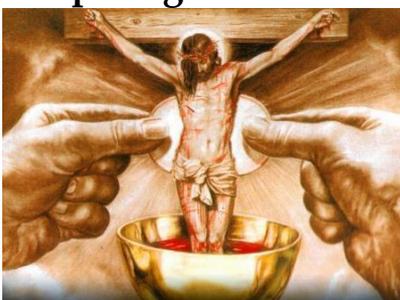
I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL to the many parishioners who have done extra over these recent days to make our celebrations of Holy Week & Easter both prayerful and special. I thank in particular the RCIA catechists; the readers, altar servers and ministers of Holy Communion; the flower arrangers; the cleaners; those leading Children's Liturgy; the organists, musicians and singers; the sacristan; and the parish secretary. The hard work, and faith, of so many make it possible for us all to celebrate these sacred days of prayer and liturgy with such dignity.

Thank you, also, for the cards and greetings and a variety too of tasty gifts that I have received!

May the joy of the Risen Lord fill you and your families this Easter with grace! Fr Philip



Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 22:



By its union with Christ, the People of the New Covenant, ... becomes a 'sacrament' for humanity, a sign and instrument of the salvation achieved by Christ, the light of the world and the salt of the earth, for the redemption of all. The Church's mission stands in continuity with the mission of Christ: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." From the perpetuation of the sacrifice of the Cross and her communion with the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist, the Church draws the spiritual power needed to carry out her mission. The Eucharist thus appears as both *the source* and *the summit* of all evangelization, since its goal is the communion of mankind with Christ and in him with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH
Florence Welsh who will be baptised this weekend.

BANK HOLIDAY MASS on **Monday** will be at 10am due to the Bank Holiday. Please note the church will be closed after Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 6th April**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm **next Sunday 8th April**. (NOTE: NOT 1st Sun of this month.)

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **this Sunday 15th April 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 20th April**. 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: Bill Pollard, David Charles-Edwards, John Askew, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini, Tallulah Scott.

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 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION 2018: The next session will

be on **Tuesday 17th April 7.15pm** for candidates only. Please read chapters 15 & 16 of Mark's Gospel before the session.

"RCIA" – 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion). **The course continues on Monday 16th April.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next meeting for parents is on **Wed 25th April 8–9pm** in the crypt. The next session for children will be on **Mon 30th April, 6pm.**



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 £27k available for our parish project, which is to employ a part-time worker in the area of catechetics and evangelization. Fr Philip is working with the diocese and seeking advice from other diocesan priests to draw up a job description to find the right person for this role.

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

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

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 2019, or if your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2019, then you will need to apply **immediately** to go on the list for requesting a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' towards the end of 2018. An information pack is **available now** from the presbytery. Once you have completed the form and returned it to the presbytery, your name will be added to the weekly sign-in-sheet which will be available in the church porch on the noticeboard (by the fire-exit door) for signing after the Saturday evening vigil Mass and the Masses of Sunday. On this basis Fr Philip will be able to judge whether he can issue the Certificate you ask for.

ST AUGUSTINE'S NURSERY still have places available. Please contact the school on 463549 for further information.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. They are specifically looking for applicants from a Human Resources; Finance; Health & Safety background to complement their existing skillsets, although other backgrounds are also welcome. Training is provided to help governors fulfil their very important role. If you would like to know more, visit the diocesan website which can be found at www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/serving-as-a-governor

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

CAKE SALE will take place at the back of church after Masses on Easter Sunday.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip continues his house visits this week (**Wednesday morning**) to parish homes in: Woodstock Road, Stratfield Drive, Park Lane.

PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY will now be on **Thursday 3rd May**, not 17th May. More details to follow in due course.

CRYPT: apologies for ongoing disruption to the crypt kitchen. Unfortunately, damp has been found, preventing an immediate kitchen re-fit, and we are awaiting the damp-prevention work to be done. Thank you for your patience.

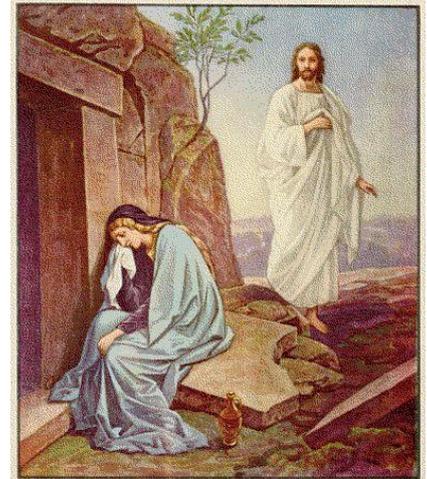
PLANNED GIVING: Boxes of envelopes for the new financial year available from the back of the church. If you would like to start donating through the envelopes/standing orders, forms are available and members of the Finance Committee will be available to help. **GIFT AID** Many parishioners sign Gift-Aid forms, which enables the parish to collect the tax on the donations made through envelopes/standing orders. There is no further cost to the donor but the parish is able to claim another £1 for every £4 donated under Gift Aid. You will need to be a UK taxpayer to sign a Gift-Aid form. **If your circumstances have changed and you pay less or no tax, please inform a.s.a.p. the Gift-Aid Coordinator, Bill Pollard, c/o The Presbytery, and your Gift-Aid declaration will be cancelled.**

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip is aware that even after 10yrs there are many parishioners he has never visited. Sunday lunch (c. 1.30–3pm) is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 8th & 15th April.

CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Tanya McAteer & Francesca Comparetto. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

EASTER PRAYER
taken from
the Easter Vigil *Exsultet*



Rejoice,
heavenly
powers!

Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation.

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever.

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you.
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave You gave away your Son.
O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,
which gained for us so great a Redeemer

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 31st March HOLY SATURDAY 9.45am Morning Prayer 4.00pm* Italian Easter Vigil 9.00pm* Mass of the Easter Vigil <i>Priest's ints.</i></p> <p>Sun 1st April EASTER SUNDAY 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Irechukwu Ugochukwu RIP</i></p>	<p>PAGE 251 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37–43 <i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.</i></p> <p>Psalm 117 — This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1–4 <i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia.</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 1–9 <i>He must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 60) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p.18)</p>
<p>Mon 2nd April MONDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE 10am Mass <i>Giovanni Dellapina RIP</i> PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</p> <p>Tues 3rd April TUESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Dennis Dempsey RIP</i></p> <p>Wed 4th April WEDNESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP & Justin Ighade's intentions</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt</p> <p>Thurs 5th April THURSDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE NO MASS</p> <p>Fri 6th April FRIDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE (NO Abstinence from meat today) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Mary O'Brian Family</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>John Reilly</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour</p> <p>Sat 7th April SATURDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE 10am Mass <i>Antonio Sidoli RIP</i></p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 4: 32–35 2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1–6 Gospel: John 20: 19–31</p>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm Mass <i>Rizalina Gonzales RIP</i></p> <p>Sun 8th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>Aidan & Owen Doyle RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>Paolo Conti RIP anniv.</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p>* 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)</p>	<p>REGULAR EVENTS</p>

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.*