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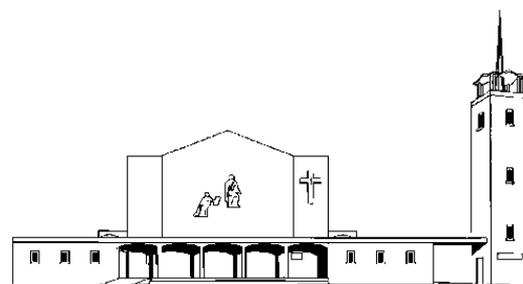
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Year B

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

15th APRIL 2018

GOSPEL: *Luke 24: 35-48*

So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

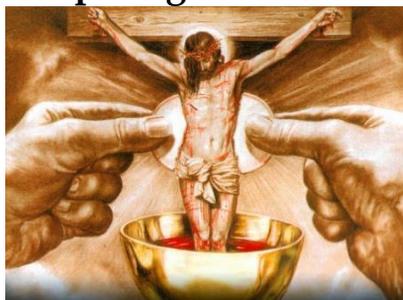
ON THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE we hear of Our Lord appearing, risen, to His apostles, and sending them out with the Gospel message "to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." The Lord rose to bring new life and hope to humanity. I am keen to bring to your attention this weekend two ways in which we can and ought to "go out" and witness to our faith in the care we give to the human person made in the image and likeness of God.

1. The 'March for Life' on Saturday 5th May. Annually since 2012 a UK 'March for Life' to proclaim the Pro-Life message of defence of the unborn child has been held in Birmingham city centre. This has rapidly grown into a large rally and peaceful procession (last year, 4000 participants) and now it has been decided that it will move to London. I urge you, please, to consider attending this year's 'March for Life' which begins c. 1pm outside the Connaught Rooms (Great Queen Street, WC2B 5DA) and processes to Parliament Square (c. 4pm). There is much more information and a full itinerary at: <http://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>. This is even more urgent, given last week's assault on free association and liberty of expression that represents the decision of Ealing Borough Council to ban peaceful prayer vigils and the simple offer of support to pregnant woman within a 'buffer zone' around an abortion clinic in their borough.

2. Broxbourne 'Winter Night Shelter' for 2019. Enclosed in your Newsletter this weekend is a proposal to assist in the local Winter Night Shelter at the start of next year. Our parishioner, Martin Coleston, has written a moving account of his 3-yr association with a shelter in a north-London parish, and has kindly taken on the role of co-ordinator for our parish. Already some parishioners have indicated their keenness to be involved, and I now invite many others of you to have a chance to volunteer in this project, which will be for 1 night per week for 8 weeks. Please return the volunteer slips to me here at the Presbytery so that we can show we are able to offer a viable night's shelter here at St Augustine's. Thank you, in anticipation, for your offers of help!

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*, 24:



The gift of Christ and his Spirit which we receive in Eucharistic communion superabundantly fulfils the yearning for fraternal unity deeply rooted in the human heart; at the same time it elevates the experience of fraternity already present in our common sharing at the same Eucharistic table to a degree which far surpasses that of the simple human experience of sharing a meal. Through her communion with the body of Christ the Church comes to be ever more profoundly "in Christ in the nature of a sacrament, that is, a sign and instrument of intimate unity with God and of the unity of the whole human race." The seeds of disunity, which daily experience shows to be so deeply rooted in humanity as a result of sin, are countered by *the unifying power* of the body of Christ. The Eucharist, precisely by building up the Church, creates human community.

PRAYER & LITURGY

ROSALIA CASTAGNA RIP of Middlefield Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. The funeral will be on **Tuesday 17th April at 1.30pm** with Don Antonio.

DAVID CHARLES-EDWARDS RIP of Churchfields, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Wednesday 9th May at 12 noon.**

May they rest in peace.

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.

AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY: Fr Philip will lead a group to the Marian Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford (Kent) for a day out on **Thurs 3rd May leaving 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 £35.00, 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. **Please sign the sheet in the porch if you would like to come and hand your money into the presbytery.**

MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Sunday 13th 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.**

FR PHILIP'S HOMILIES are available to view online: link from the front page of our website.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Bill Pollard, 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 last session will be on **Tuesday 17th April 7.15pm** for candidates only. Please read chapters 15 & 16 of Mark's Gospel before the session. The rehearsal will be on Saturday 21st April at 11am. **The Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday 22nd April at 1.30pm.** If you are a Minister of Holy Communion or altar server and can assist at the Mass, please do sign your name on the list at the back of church. (Candidates please note, that you should limit your guests to a maximum of 10 in the church to prevent overcrowding.)

"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). **Course concludes on Mondays 16th & 23rd 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.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Friday 27th April & Friday 11th May 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 £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 has some places available for autumn 2018. Please contact the school on 463549 for further information.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. It is specifically looking for applicants from a Human Resources; Finance; or 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

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S is holding a quiz on **Sat 19th May** in the crypt: 7.30pm for

8pm start. £5 per person and 8 per table. Please bring your own drink and nibbles. Contact the playgroup on 460614 to book your table.

JUSTICE & PEACE / PRO-LIFE

MARCH FOR LIFE will take place on Saturday 5th May from 1.30-4pm from Great Queen Street (WC2B) to Parliament Square. If anyone could be a contact person, so parishioners can travel together, please contact the Presbytery.

<http://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

WINTER NIGHT-SHELTER 2019: in this week's newsletter there is an initial information sheet and call for volunteers for the proposed Winter Night Shelter for the Borough of Broxbourne's homeless people.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his visits to parish homes on **Monday afternoon** to: Park Lane, Bourne Close, St Augustine's Drive.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: The annual collection **will take place next weekend**. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 28 of whom are for our own Diocese. **Donation envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will be collected next weekend**. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can also donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

CRYPT: apologies for ongoing disruption to the crypt kitchen. Unfortunately, damp was found, preventing an immediate kitchen re-fit. The damp-prevention work and re-plastering has been done and the kitchen units and appliances are being ordered. Thank you for your patience.

CHURCH CLEANERS are **urgently** needed to help on Wed mornings as there are now only 2 cleaners. This will involve one hour per month. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

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: 15th April & 13th May.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Michel & Jacky Jordan. Thank you for your help.

| Masses this week | Today's Liturgy |
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| Sat 14th April 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Ken Parker RIP | PAGE 258 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 3: 13–15, 17–19 <i>You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.</i> |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass For the Parish Sun 15th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Deceased members of Mezzullo Family 11.15am Enrico & Maria Rega RIP 5pm Holy Hour † | Psalm 4 — Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. 2nd Reading: 1 John 2: 1–5 <i>He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.</i> |
| Mon 16th April 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Justin Ighade's intentions Tues 17th April 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Laura Siracusa's intentions 1.30pm Funeral Rosalia Castagna RIP Wed 18th April 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Mass in church with both schools Maria Cecilia De Porte Jordan's int's — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 19th April ST ALPHEGE, Bishop & Martyr NO MASS | Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia.</i> Gospel: Luke 24: 35–48 <i>So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Easter II (p. 60) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25) |
| Fri 20th April <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Rina Beschizza RIP Sat 21st April 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Giuseppa & Antonino Canatella RIP | NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 1st Reading: Acts 4: 8–12 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1–2 Gospel: John 10: 11–18 |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Vera Brown RIP Sun 22nd April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am For the Parish 11.15am Giuseppa Provenzano RIP Anniv 1.30pm Confirmation Mass † | 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 style="text-align: center;">* 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> | ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. |
| REGULAR EVENTS | |
| Mon 16th 7pm RCIA, presbytery Tues 17th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt | Tues 17th 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt Fri 20th 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.*