

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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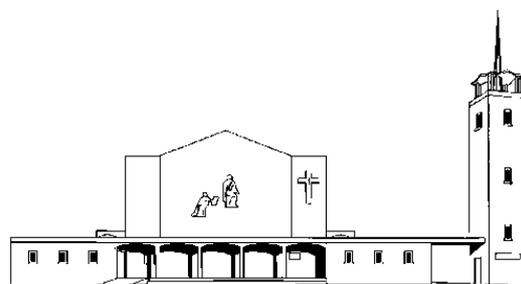
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2018

GOSPEL: *John 10: 11-18*

*The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE is always known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and also 'Vocations Sunday.' We hear a part of John's Gospel, ch. 10, in which Our Blessed Lord uses that tender image of Himself as 'good shepherd' – the one who not only leads us and feeds us, but who also 'lays down His life for us.' We also pray in particular for those whom God calls to the Priesthood and the Religious Life as monks and nuns, sisters and friars. It is a great blessing that on today's 'Vocations Sunday' we have the sacred Confirmation of 30 of our parish teenagers, and we pray keenly, as they receive the Holy Spirit, for their ongoing life and vocation in Christ.

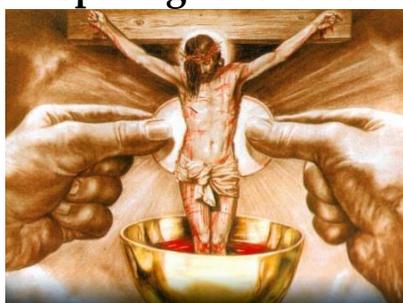
I URGE YOU IN THE LORD TO CONSIDER MY INVITATIONS to participate in:

- 1. The 'March for Life' on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May.** This rally and peaceful procession in defence of life – in particular, the life of the unborn child – will begin c. 1pm outside the Connaught Rooms (Great Queen Street, WC2B 5DA) and process to Parliament Square (c. 4pm). There is much more information and a full itinerary at: <http://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>.
- 2. Broxbourne 'Winter Night Shelter' for 2019.** I thank those of you who have already returned slips to express an interest in volunteering next Jan/Feb in the local Winter Night Shelter. Some of you have offered amazing skills to make this possible, and I await the return of many more slips, please, this coming week to help us plan along with churches in the rest of the Borough this crucial act of charity.
- 3. National Eucharistic Congress 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September.** Beyond the 4 younger parishioner delegates I invited to participate in this historic national event in Liverpool, the diocese is now permitting me to open it up to other parishioners for the Saturday & Sunday of the celebration. Information and booking forms now available in the porch – please return booking forms to me.

May Christ the Good Shepherd, risen from the dead, fill you with His peace!

Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 25:



The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. This worship is strictly linked to the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The presence of Christ under the sacred species reserved after Mass — a presence which lasts as long as the species of bread and of wine remain — derives from the celebration of the sacrifice and is directed towards communion, both sacramental and spiritual. It is the responsibility of Pastors to encourage, also by their personal witness, the practice of Eucharistic adoration, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in particular, as well as prayer of

adoration before Christ present under the Eucharistic species.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**CONFIRMATION:** We congratulate the 30 young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:

Emilio Busciglio	Alessandro Ciruolo
Louisa Ciruolo	Amy Dain-Williams
Cristian Ferlisi	Alessia Fiori-Gritton
Jada Gallimore	Lucy Hinks
Shannon Hunt	Poppy Hurley
Luca Iameo	Stefano Mantio
Sofia Martorana	Chiara Mattaliano
Rebecca McCarthy	Clarissa Misuraca
Cristina Nigro	Giuseppe Orlando
Antonino Piazza	Kitty Rainsford
Alicia Randazzo	Fabio Ricottone
Sergio Ricottone	Owen Ruane
Giuseppe Sanzeri	Domenico Sellitto
Matthew Sorce	Ethan Tackley
Joseph Tuzzeo	Sean Whyton

**NO ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER** on this Tuesday, but 9.15am Mass as usual.

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

*May he rest in peace.*

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May.** 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 20<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY:** Fr Philip will lead a group to the Marian Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford (Kent) for a day out on **Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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. **WE NOW HAVE A LARGER COACH, SO THERE ARE 5 SPACES. 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

**ADOREMUS,** the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress is being held in Liverpool on **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> and Sun 9<sup>th</sup> September.** If you would like to attend, information & booking forms are now available beside the newsletters. The parish is willing to pay the £40 delegate fee, but you will need to pay for travel and accommodation. More information is available on the booking form.

**FR PHILIP'S TALKS** on the Holy Eucharist will be held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 8pm** 'The Passover'; 12<sup>th</sup> June 'The Manna in the Desert'; and 10<sup>th</sup> July 'The Bread of the Presence'. All are welcome in the church for these talks.

## 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

**"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 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.**

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:**

The next meeting for parents is on **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April 8-9pm** in the crypt. The next session for children will be on **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 **pledges 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](http://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 UNDER 5's** is holding a quiz on **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

**ANTI-HUMAN-TRAFFICKING EVENT** on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7-9pm** at Our Lady Immaculate & St Andrew's Church, Hitchin. Speakers include Bishop Paul McAleenan. RSVP to [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020-7931-6077.

**MARCH FOR LIFE** will take place on Saturday **5<sup>th</sup> May 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/>

#### **SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes on **Monday afternoon** to: New Road, Hallmores.

**PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND:** The annual collection **will take place this 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. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can also donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

**200 CLUB WINNER** for April is Angela Nicastro, number 89. Congratulations!

**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: 15<sup>th</sup> April & 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Tony & Linda Barrell..

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <b>Giuseppa &amp; Antonino Canatella RiP</b>		<b>PAGE 261 in the Mass books</b>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <b>Vera Brown RIP</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 4: 8–12 <i>This is the only name by which we can be saved.</i>	
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am <b>For the Parish</b> 11.15am <b>Giuseppa Provenzano RIP Anniv</b> 1.30pm Confirmation Mass †		<b>Psalm 117 — The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.</b>	
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> April ST GEORGE, Martyr,</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Fr John Cunningham's Intentions</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 John 3: 1–2 <i>We shall see God as he really is.</i>	
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> April SS ERKENWALD &amp; MELLITUS, Bishops</b> 9.15am Mass <b>Theresa Delaney's Intentions</b>		<b>Gospel Accl:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.	
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April ST MARK, Evangelist</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass in church with both schools <b>Holy Souls</b> — followed by coffee in the crypt		<b>Gospel:</b> John 10: 11–18 <i>The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.</i>	
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Sick parishioners' intentions</b>		<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Easter III (p. 60) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 28)	
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <b>Elizabeth Ayerst RIP</b>		<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <b>Donato Fonzo RIP</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 9: 26–31 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 John 3: 18–24 <b>Gospel:</b> John 15: 1–8	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <b>Carmelo Siracusa RIP</b>		<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.	
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am <b>Sacha Wilkinson RIP</b> 11.15am <b>For the Parish</b> †		<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and 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)		<b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> 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.	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>			
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt <b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt		<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b> 8pm Parents 1st HC meeting, crypt <b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Baptism course, presbytery	

**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.