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St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

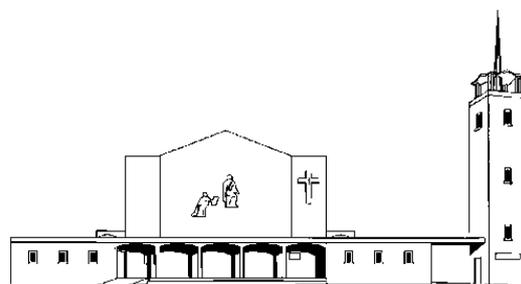
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

29th APRIL 2018

GOSPEL: John 15: 1-8

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

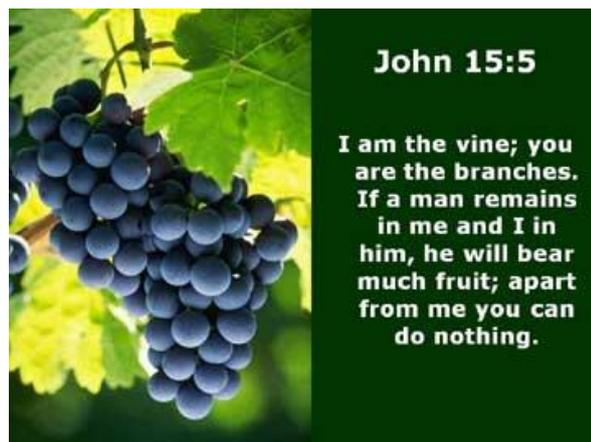
THIS FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE SACRED SEASON OF EASTER brings with it another of Our Lord's great images of Himself from St John's Gospel: "I am the True Vine." As He develops this image for us, in the Gospel today, He urges us to be one with Him, totally united with Him, for, as He says, "apart from Me you can do nothing." He is the very one who gives us life: through Baptism and Confirmation, and with the sustenance of the Holy Eucharist, we are constantly given His grace to 'remain in Him,' spiritually alive. Let's re-commit ourselves to a lifelong union with Him today, and be reminded that life has no other worthy goal except heavenly union with Christ. To desire to be with Christ for ever in heaven means being close to Him in this life first.

I URGE YOU AGAIN TO THINK OF PARTICIPATING IN:

1. The 'March for Life' next Saturday 5th May. This rally and peaceful procession in the most-critical 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. There are letters/slips alongside the Newsletters, for those of you who missed one previously. Please return slips a.s.a.p. (and certainly before May 8th) to express an interest in volunteering for next Jan/Feb. I thank those of you who have already 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.

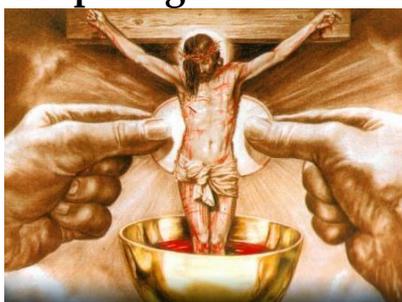
May Christ the True Vine, source of risen life, fill you with His grace this week! Fr Philip



John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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



It is pleasant to spend time with [Jesus], to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in his heart. If in our time Christians must be distinguished above all by the "art of prayer," how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament? ... This practice, repeatedly praised and recommended by the Magisterium, is supported by the example of many saints. Particularly outstanding in this regard was Saint Alphonsus Liguori, who wrote: "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the

Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Lily Moy who will be baptised this weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first-Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on Friday 4th May. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next Sunday 6th May.

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

May he rest in peace.

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, 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 hand your money into the presbytery by Monday 30th April. There are still 2 spaces available so please contact the presbytery if you would like to go.**

ASCENSION DAY is **Thursday 10th May and is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass will be at 9.30am in church with both schools, 12 noon and 8pm. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, reader or altar server and can assist at the Masses, please sign your name on the lists at the back of the church.

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.**

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

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

ADOREMUS, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress is being held in Liverpool on **Sat 8th and Sun 9th 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 monthly on **Tuesdays: 15th May 8pm 'The Passover'; 12th June 'The Manna in the Desert'; and 10th July 'The Bread of the Presence'.** All are welcome in church for these.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Bill Pollard, John Askew, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini, Piotr Michalska & 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/bishopstortford>

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 30th April.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

The final meeting for parents is on **Wed 6th June 8-9pm** and **all parents need to attend** in the crypt. The next session for children will be on **Mon 30th April, 6pm**.

CONFIRMATION: photos are now available to view online at www.amwellstudio.co.uk. The login details are available for the families from the Presbytery if you don't yet know them.

THANK YOU so much to all who made the celebration of Confirmation so beautiful last week, including the organist, flower team, sacristan, servers, catechists, and parish secretary. The hard work really paid off, and I am grateful to ALL who put in time and effort to making Confirmation so beautiful and prayerful an experience for the 30 confirmed.

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Friday 11th May 7.30-9pm** in the church.



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

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 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.

ST CROSS SCHOOL has a Circus coming to their school on **23rd June** and showings are at 1pm and 4pm. Adults £6, children £5. Tickets obtained from: friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

JUSTICE & PEACE / PRO-LIFE

ANTI-HUMAN-TRAFFICKING EVENT: Tues 1st May 7-9pm at Our Lady Immaculate & St Andrew's Church, Hitchin. Speakers include Bishop Paul McAleenan. RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or call 020-7931-6077.

MARCH FOR LIFE will take place on Saturday **5th 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: Hallmores, St Catherine's Road.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: Last weekend the parish raised £804.43 and all of the money will be used to encourage vocations. Thank you for your generous support.

PARISH BBQ will now be held on **Sunday 8th July**. More details to follow in due course, but please keep this date free in your diary now!

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: 13th May & 10th June.

CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo & Francesca Comparetto.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy				
Sat 28th April 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Donato Fonzo RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 264 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 9: 26–31 <i>Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.</i></p> <p>Psalm 21 — You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 18–24 <i>His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia.</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 15: 1–8 <i>Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter IV (p. 60) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 1st Reading: Acts 10: 25–26, 34–35, 44–48 2nd Reading: 1 John 4: 7–10 Gospel: John 15: 9–17</p>				
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Carmelo Siracusa RIP Sun 29th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** Sacha Wilkinson RIP 11.15am For the Parish ‡	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>				
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Wed 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Mass David Hale RIP — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles NO Mass — Pilgrimage to Aylesford					
Fri 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Donald Gifford RIP 7.30pm Mass Joy Ighade's intentions 8.00pm Holy Hour					
Sat 5th May 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Rina & Guido Beschizza RIP	<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: <i>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.</i></p>				
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<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>					