

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

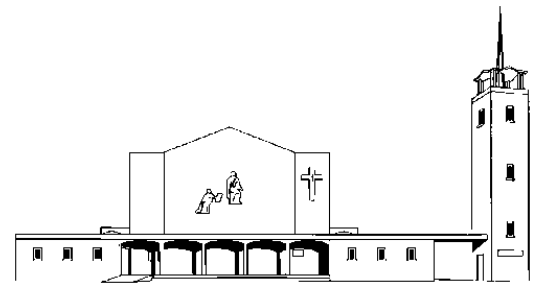
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018

GOSPEL: John 17: 11-19

*That they may be one like us!*

**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

**HAVING CELEBRATED THE ASCENSION ON THURSDAY**, we have the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter restored to the calendar, this final Eastertide Sunday before Pentecost. We hear of the Apostles (in the first reading) choosing a new '12<sup>th</sup> Apostle' – Matthias – to replace Judas Iscariot, in those days after the Lord had ascended and before the coming of the Holy Spirit. And in the Gospel we hear powerful words from Jesus, praying for His Apostles that they be "consecrated in the truth": this is, in effect, their 'ordination' as His priests as they go out in His Name to give the life of the Gospel to the world!

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY AND WE HAVE OUR MAY PROCESSION** in her honour **this Sunday**. We will begin, as usual, in the Lady Chapel at 5pm, and in procession we will recite the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and have hymns and prayers of devotion to our heavenly Mother, ending at the garden Grotto – and afterwards have tea in the garden/conservatory. Please come and participate in this special Marian prayer for May, for all your intentions.

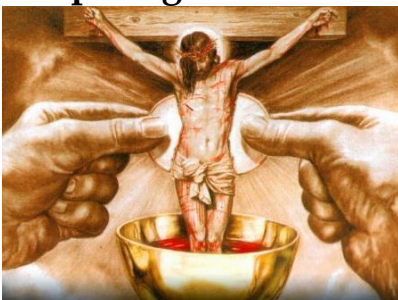
**THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS COMES UP IN SEPTEMBER**, AND I want to give some instruction on the Eucharist for the parish, partly through homilies, and partly through talks. This Tuesday I'll give the 1<sup>st</sup> of a series of 3 monthly talks exploring the sacred Jewish background to Our Lord's great new Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. This **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in church: "The Passover."**

**I THANK YOU FOR PATIENCE WITH REGARD TO THE CRYPT'S RE-FIT.** I know that it has been awkward having the Crypt kitchen out of action for 3 months, but we are nearing its completion. The new hallway flooring was covered by an insurance pay-out, but the work done on dealing with the damp problems, the electrics, and the now-ordered kitchen units and appliances needs to be paid for. We have sought to make sure that the work is done well, and that it is the best value for money, but the total cost comes to about £18k. We have already received a generous donation towards the new kitchen, but if any other parishioners wish to contribute to this cost, then it will be gratefully welcomed. We hope that the new kitchen will last us well into the future, which is important especially as the Tuesday Lunch Club expands, and we have our Winter-Night-Shelter contribution to consider.

**May Christ, risen and ascended to glory, fill you with His grace this week!**

**Fr Philip**

**Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 27:**



The second sense in which the Church is apostolic, as the *Catechism* points out, is that "with the help of the Spirit dwelling in her, the Church keeps and hands on the teaching, the 'good deposit,' the salutary words she has heard from the Apostles." Here too the Eucharist is apostolic, for it is celebrated in conformity with the faith of the Apostles. At various times in the two-thousand-year history of the People of the New Covenant, the Church's Magisterium has more precisely defined her teaching on the Eucharist, including its proper terminology, precisely in order to safeguard the apostolic faith with regard to this sublime mystery. This faith remains unchanged and it is essential for the Church that it remain unchanged.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**MONTH OF OUR LADY:** During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed before each Sunday Mass.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Scarlett Church and Faithful Udeh who will be baptised this weekend.

**JOAN HISCOCK** of Amwell Lane, Stanstead Abbots died recently. Her funeral will take place **on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the 12noon Mass.** Our sympathies go out to her family.

*May she rest in peace.*

**MAY PROCESSION** will be held **this 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.

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

**AYLESFORD PRIORY:** The Knights of St Columba have organised a coach to Aylesford on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June.** Seats are £15 return. To book please call Bro. John McKenna on 01992-638721.

## 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. **Please return your form to the presbytery by 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

**FR PHILIP'S TALKS** on the Holy Eucharist will be monthly on **Tuesdays: 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 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.**

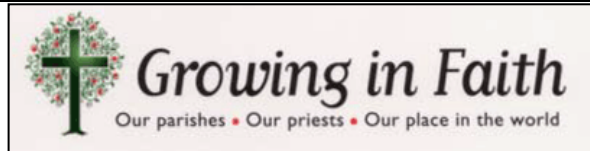
Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:  
<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

**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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The final meeting for parents is on **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June 8-9pm** and all parents need to attend in the crypt. The final session for children will be on **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm.**

**CONFIRMATION 2018 CERTIFICATES** will be distributed at the **Sat evening/Sun morning Masses of Pentecost, 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> May.** The photos are now available to view online at [www.amwellstudio.co.uk](http://www.amwellstudio.co.uk). The login details are available for the families from 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith)

## SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

### **CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:**

those who have applied to be on the Schools' Signing Register, please keep signing 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 Masses and the Masses of Sunday. On this basis Fr Philip will be able to judge whether he can issue the Certificate you ask for. It is now no longer possible to apply to be added to the register for this year.

**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.

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

## JUSTICE & PEACE / PRO-LIFE

### **BROXBOURNE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER.**

There was an inspiring meeting last week regarding the project, with lots of support from across the borough's Christian communities. Thank you to the 24 volunteers from our parish who have already signed up to help. There are letters/slips alongside the Newsletters, for those of you who missed one previously and still wish to express an interest in volunteering for next Jan/Feb. Training will be given by the 'Housing Justice' Christian charity which has huge expertise in the setting-up of Night Shelters, and **this will take place in November.**

## SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes on **Monday afternoon** to: Bell Lane, Baas Lane and environs.

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** will be held this **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May.** Fish & chip lunch.

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

**NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN** will be held on **13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July** at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon. There is time to relax, be refreshed and grow in faith, whilst enjoying the company of others. There is Eucharist, sport

and a bar. For further info and to book, please visit [www.harvesters.org.uk](http://www.harvesters.org.uk).

**THE SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR**, the Pope's personal choir, performs a sacred choral music concert on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018** at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral. The 1-hr concert is free of charge (no ticket required). Come and experience this world-famous choir!

**WARE CHORAL SOCIETY** will be performing the Verdi *Requiem* on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm** at The Drill Hill, Ware. Tickets are £20 and can be obtained from Anne Byrne 467097.

**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: 13<sup>th</sup> May & 10<sup>th</sup> June.

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

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY PRAYER

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.  
Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.  
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.  
You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:  
Where there is shouting, let us practise listening;  
Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;  
Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;  
Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;  
Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;  
Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;  
Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;  
Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;  
Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.  
Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy				
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Rita Repetti RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 273 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 1: 15–17, 20–26  <i>We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 102 — <i>The Lord has set his sway in heaven.</i></b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> John 4: 11–16  <i>Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> John 17: 11–19  <i>That they may be one like us!</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Easter I (p. 60)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 28)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            PENTECOST SUNDAY</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 2: 1–11  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13  <b>Gospel:</b> John 20: 19–23</p>				
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP</i> <b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am** <i>Patrick &amp; Thomas Lawlor RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> † 5pm May Procession	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am            or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></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;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></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;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></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;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>				
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May ST MATTHIAS, Apostle</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Marie-Claire Calvet Intentions</i> <b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Antonio &amp; Elvira Beschizza RIP</i> <b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Andrea &amp; Rosalinda Cattini RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt <b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>NO MASS</b> <b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon <b>Funeral Joan Hiscock RIP</b> <b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Stanley Almeida RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Tues 15th</b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt</td> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Wed 16th</b> 7.30pm All Saints, crypt</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Wed 16th</b> 6pm Brownies, crypt</td> <td><b>Fri 18th</b> 7.30pm Prayer group, church</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Tues 15th</b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 16th</b> 7.30pm All Saints, crypt	<b>Wed 16th</b> 6pm Brownies, crypt	<b>Fri 18th</b> 7.30pm Prayer group, church
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<p><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME &amp; PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS</b> Please take a parish membership form &amp; information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. <b>MOVING HOME?</b> Please post your new details through the presbytery letterbox. <b>PARROCCHIANI:</b> <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>					