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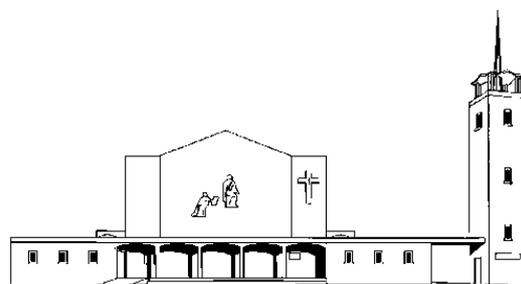
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

20th MAY 2018

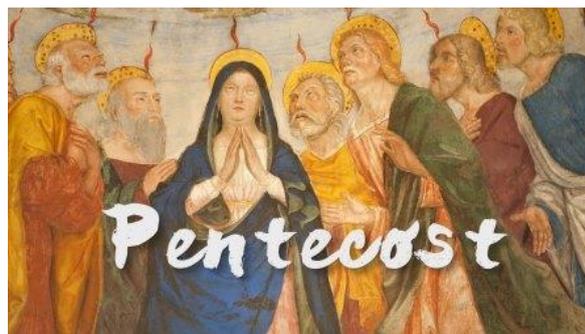
GOSPEL: John 20: 19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

A BLESSED AND HAPPY FEAST OF PENTECOST TO YOU!

This final day of the Easter season is the culmination of all the mysteries of Eastertide already celebrated. The Lord, crucified and risen, and ascended back to the glory of the Father in heaven, sends upon His young church – Our Lady, gathered with the apostles – the fire of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit allow them to break out of their fears, and to come into the open to begin the work of the Church's mission of spreading the Gospel. This is why Pentecost is the 'birthday' of the Church, and is such an important feast for us. Let us implore the Holy Spirit's gifts and graces to be a reality in the day-to-day conduct of our Christian lives.



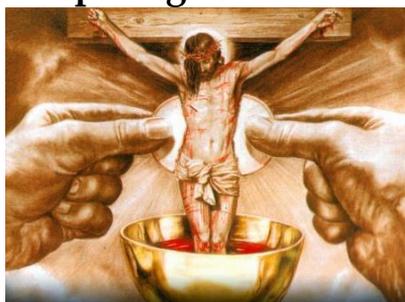
THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS COMES UP IN SEPTEMBER, and I make a final call for anyone who wants to join this historic event in Liverpool (8th-9th Sept). There are extra copies of the booking form available by the Newsletters, and fuller information available on the Bishops' Conference website: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018>. So far we have about 7 delegates attending, but we'd happily take more! Forms must be in to me by this Friday (25th).

REGARDING THE CRYPT'S RE-FIT: As I said last week, we are getting nearer to the completion of the re-fit of the crypt kitchen, and I am grateful for your patience, as the work on flooring, damp-treatment, electrics, and new units and appliances has taken since mid-February. We have now taken delivery of the units and appliances, and fitting will begin this week. We have already received one generous donation towards the new kitchen, but if any other parishioners wish to contribute to the costs (which total £18,000), then it will be gratefully welcomed. The new kitchen will last us well in to the future!

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*, 28:



Lastly, the Church is apostolic in the sense that she "continues to be taught, sanctified and guided by the Apostles until Christ's return, through their successors in pastoral office: the college of Bishops assisted by priests, in union with the Successor of Peter, the Church's supreme pastor." Succession to the Apostles in the pastoral mission necessarily entails the sacrament of Holy Orders, that is, the uninterrupted sequence, from the very beginning, of valid episcopal ordinations. This succession is essential for the Church to exist in a proper and full sense. The Eucharist also expresses this sense of apostolicity. As the Second

Vatican Council teaches, "the faithful join in the offering of the Eucharist by virtue of their royal priesthood", yet it is the ordained priest who, "acting in the person of Christ, brings about the Eucharistic Sacrifice and offers it to God in the name of all the people."

PRAYER & LITURGY

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

PATRICK DANAGHER RIP of Harmonds Wood Close, Broxbourne died recently. His funeral will take place **on Wednesday 23rd May at 2.30pm**. Our sympathies go out to his family. *May he rest in peace.*

DIOCESAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony is this weekend at Westminster Cathedral. We congratulate our parishioners attending: David & Irayna Coleman-Green (10 years) & Eddie & Celine Smith (60 years).

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **this Sunday 20th May 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 Friday 15th June**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS ROTAS: The next rota for the period June - September is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh tel 449282 or e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com by **Wednesday 30th May AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc.

AYLESFORD PRIORY: The Knights of St Columba have organised a coach to Aylesford on **Sunday 10th June**. Seats £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 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. **Please return your form to the presbytery by 25th May.**

FR PHILIP'S TALKS on the Jewish background to the Holy Eucharist will be monthly on **Tuesdays: 12th June 'The Manna in the Desert'**; and 10th July 'The Bread of the Presence'. All are welcome in church for these.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT based at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane (Covent Garden) is a guild of prayer in particular honour of the Holy Eucharist. Details of membership and monthly Masses can be found at: <https://sodality.co.uk/> On Corpus Christi (3rd June) the church will have its solemn re-opening by Cardinal Vincent at the 11am Mass.

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 6th June 8-9pm** and **all parents need to attend** in the crypt. The final session for children will be on **Mon 11th June, 6pm**.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 26th June and Monday 9th July from 7.30-9pm**. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2019: an initial meeting date for the coming year's programme will soon be announced, so please 'watch this space'!



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: 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 its Summer Fete on **Saturday 9th June** from 11am-1.30pm. There will be face painting, refreshments, bouncy castle, tombola's, art and craft and lots more! All welcome

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

BROXBORNE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER. There was an inspiring meeting recently 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: Baas Lane, Bass Hil Close, Carnaby Road.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will be held this **Tuesday, 22nd May** and will be 'afternoon tea.'

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!

MAY PROCESSION: A big thank you to all who helped to make the procession such a success; thanks to the sacristan Ellen Bartlett, Gemma Castle for the beautiful floral arrangements, and all who helped with the refreshments.

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN will be held on **13th-15th July** at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon. For further info and to book, please visit www.harvesters.org.uk.

THE SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR, the Pope's personal choir, performs a sacred choral music concert on **Saturday 26th 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 9th 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: 10th June.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Tony & Linda Barrell. Thank you for your help.

