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St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

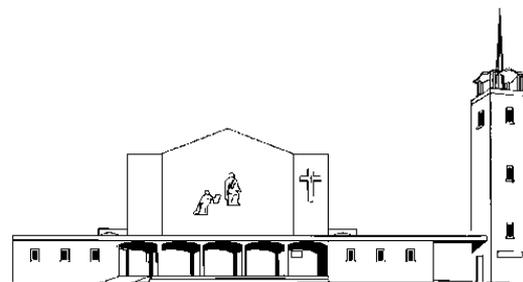
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Year B

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6th MAY 2018

GOSPEL: John 15: 9-17

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER brings us closer towards the latter feasts of Eastertide. It will be Ascension Day this Thursday (celebrated on the 40th day of Easter) when we recall the



conclusion of the Lord's earthly ministry, and His withdrawal from the apostles' sight. They gaze up into heaven but are reassured that He will clothe them with power from on high – the promised gift of the Holy Spirit – and will therefore 'not leave them orphans.' He returns to heaven in order to be closer to the whole Church of all times and places, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. His Ascension is a beautiful moment in the glorification of Jesus risen from the dead.

We therefore keep this feast as a very important occasion and solemn celebration – it is a Holy Day of Obligation, when *all* Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass.

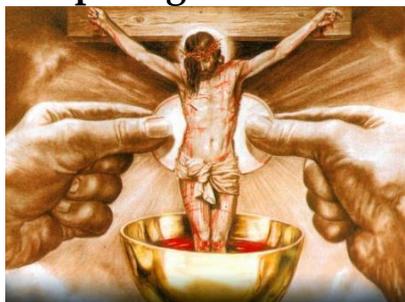
Masses for **Ascension Day** (this Thursday), are:

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BROXBOURNE 'WINTER NIGHT SHELTER' FOR 2019. A final call (for now) regarding volunteers for our participation in next Winter's local Night Shelter for the homeless. 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 the 18 of you who have already offered your skills to making this possible, but we would really need *nearer 30* in order to function smoothly. Please consider offering to help, as the more the merrier! I'll be attending a planning meeting this Tuesday 8th.

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

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



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, in explaining how the Church is apostolic — founded on the Apostles — sees *three meanings* in this expression. First, "she was and remains built on 'the foundation of the Apostles,' the witnesses chosen and sent on mission by Christ himself." The Eucharist too has its foundation in the Apostles, not in the sense that it did not originate in Christ himself, but because it was entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and has been handed down to us by them and by their successors. It is in continuity with the practice of the Apostles, in obedience to the Lord's command, that the Church has celebrated the

Eucharist down the centuries.

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 Alessandro Piacquadio who will be baptised this weekend.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: MASS will be at 10am due to the Bank Holiday. Please note that the church will be closed after Mass.

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.

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.

MAY PROCESSION will be held next **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. **Please return your form to the presbytery by 25th May.**

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.

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/>

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Bill Pollard, John Askew, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini, Piotr Michalski & 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.**

CONFIRMATION 2018: certificates will be distributed at the **Saturday evening/Sunday morning Masses of Pentecost, 19th-20th May.** The photos are now available to view online at www.amwellstudio.co.uk. The login details are available for the families from the Presbytery.

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 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 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

CAFOD: Thank you for your support to the CAFOD Lent Fast-Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12th May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition – and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people.

But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes on **Wednesday & Thursday afternoon** to: Churchfields, Monks Close, St Michael's Road, and environs.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will be held next **Tuesday, 8th May**. All welcome.

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!

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN will be held on **13th-15th 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, sports and a bar. For further info and to book, please visit www.harvesters.org.uk.

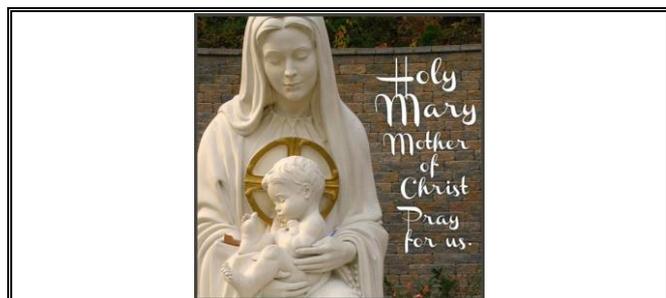
WARE CHORAL SOCIETY will be performing Verdi Requiem on **Saturday 9th June 7.30pm** at The Drill Hill, Ware. Tickets are £20 and can be obtained from Anne Byrne 467097.

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: 13th May & 10th June.

200 CLUB winner for May was number 114, Mrs B Eggenton. Congratulations!

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca and Kathleen Connors. Thank you for your help.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 5th May 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Rina & Guido Beschizza RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 266 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 10: 25–26, 34–35, 44–48 <i>The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.</i></p> <p>Psalm 97 — <i>The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 John 4: 7–10 <i>God is love.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'. Alleluia.</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 15: 9–17 <i>A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter V (p. 61) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 1: 15–17, 20–26 2nd Reading: 1 John 4: 11–16 Gospel: John 17: 11–19</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Edward Kenny Sun 6th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** John Doyle 11.15am Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP 5pm Latin Mass 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>
Mon 7th May 10am Mass Peggy Cagney RIP Tues 8th May 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Patrick Leenane RIP 9am Morning Prayer	
Wed 9th May 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Philomena Njoki's & Joseph Njoroge's intentions — followed by coffee in the crypt 12 noon Funeral David Charles-Edwards RIP 9am Morning Prayer	
Thurs 10th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Mass with both schools Marilyn Oakeby RIP 12 noon Mass Eric Mallinder RIP 8pm Mass Private Intention	
Fri 11th May <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Joan Coughlan RIP Anniv	
Sat 12th May 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Rita Repetti RIP	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Daniela Ruggiero RIP Sun 13th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** Patrick & Thomas Lawlor RIP Anniv 11.15am For the Parish 5pm May Procession ‡	
* 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)	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 8th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	Wed 9th 6pm Brownies, crypt

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.*