

# The Announcer

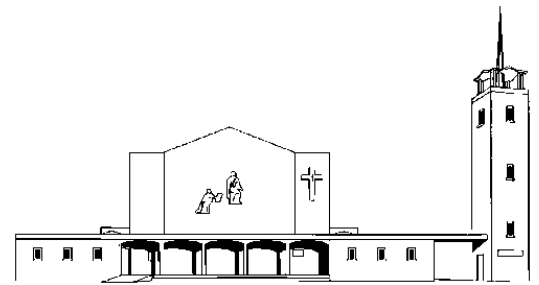
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

*GOSPEL: The Passion according to St Luke .*

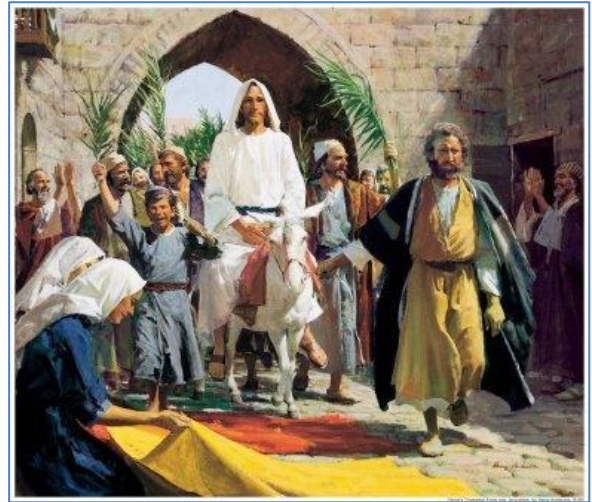
**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

**WE ENTER HOLY WEEK WITH THE JOY OF PALM SUNDAY** and Jesus's triumphal entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem. The crowds of disciples are in adulation as He does so, and we echo this with the Blessing of Palms and our entry procession into the Church before Mass.

The Gospel of the Mass, this Sunday, however, is the Passion Gospel, so that by the end of that text we will have moved from the joy of His entry into the City to His brutal death back outside the City on the Cross.

'Palm Sunday' is also, therefore, 'Passion Sunday' as we begin these most sacred days of Holy Week, and our solemn meditation on Our Blessed Lord's saving actions in the Last Supper, in His Death on Calvary, and in His glorious Rising from the Dead.

Each one of you should make every effort to attend the whole series of ceremonies this week, as they form a 'set' moving from the Upper Room to Calvary and to the Tomb. Please note the times of the Sacred Triduum services:



**HOLY THURSDAY 8PM – GOOD FRIDAY 3PM – EASTER VIGIL (SAT) 9PM**

**OUR KEY SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR THE CEREMONIES OF HOLY WEEK & EASTER** is to make sure that we have made a good Confession of our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and so we have our **Lent Penitential Service at 7.30pm this Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**. Please make use of this very special occasion – with 5 priests available from the local Deanery parishes – in order to have your heart cleansed of sin and made ready for the highpoint of the Church's year.

**May the Lord Jesus – who died to take away our sins – bless us this Holy Week! Fr Philip**

**St Augustine teaches: *Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 12:***

"Thence He shall come to judge the living and dead." 'The living,' who shall be alive and remain; 'the dead,' who shall have gone before. It may also be understood thus: 'the living,' the just; 'the dead,' the unjust. For He judges both, rendering unto each his own. To the just He will say in the judgment, "Come, you blessed of My Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." For this prepare yourselves, for these things hope, for this live, and so live, for this believe, for this be baptized, that it may be said to you, "Come ye blessed of My Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." To them on the left hand, what? "Go into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." Thus will they be judged by Christ, the living and the dead.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**SUSAN HARWOOD RIP** of Nightingale Nursing Home, Ware, died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon.**

**FLORINDA INGINO RIP** of Pine Wood Care Home died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm with Don Antonio.**

*May they rest in peace.*

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will next take place **this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS:** In keeping with the symbolism of the washing of feet of the 12 apostles, 12 men or boys are required for the washing of feet. **4 men or boys are still needed.** If you can take part, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church. **During the Mass, there will also be a Rite of Re-commissioning for the Ministers of Holy Communion so, if you are a Minister, please attend the Mass at 8pm.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON GOOD FRIDAY:** children should be taken straight to the crypt before 3pm. The children will be brought into the church to venerate the cross and have a blessing at Communion and should be collected from the crypt after the service.

**GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WITNESS:** Please meet in the town at the clock tower at 11am.

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, READERS & ALTAR SERVERS:** if you can assist at any of the services of Holy Week, please sign your name on the lists in the porch.

**AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY**  
Fr Philip will lead a group to the Marian Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford (Kent) for a day out on **Thurs 16<sup>th</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 would like to go, please complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return it to the presbytery, together with your money.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 17<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.

### LENT

'**REJOICE & BE GLAD**' is the diocesan booklet for Lent on what it means to be a joyful missionary disciple of Jesus Christ. Reflection group based on this booklet – **concludes this Wednesday at 10.15am (after coffee).**

**LENTEN ALMS** are collected each year in support of charitable causes: this year we'll be supporting the **Cardinal Hume Centre** which works with homeless young people, badly housed families and others in need. It enables people to gain the skills they need to overcome poverty and homelessness. They. You will find the box throughout Lent in front of the lectern. **LAST CHANCE TO DONATE TO THIS GOOD CAUSE!**

### HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April: **CHRISM MASS** at Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** 18<sup>th</sup> April  
8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer  
**8pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
9.30pm-Midnight: praying at Altar of Repose.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** 19<sup>th</sup> April  
9.45am Morning Prayer  
10am Stations of the Cross  
c. 11am *Churches Together* Act of Witness -  
Meet at Clock Tower in town.  
**3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion**  
7pm Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY:** 20<sup>th</sup> April  
9.45am Morning Prayer  
**9pm Mass of the Easter Vigil**

**EASTER SUNDAY: 9.15am and 11.15am Mass**

### RECONCILIATION BEFORE EASTER

**Penitential Service for the parish on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm. Five priests will be available on this occasions.**

Also there are other Penitential Services locally:  
WARE: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm  
WALTHAM CROSS: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7pm  
HERTFORD parish (tel. 582019) has many extra confessions during Holy Week.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND,  
EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED &  
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY  
COMMUNION AT HOME.

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, John O'Neill 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. **Course concludes  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.**

**CONFIRMATION 2019:** The next session will  
be the Reconciliation Service in church on **16<sup>th</sup>  
April at 7.30pm for candidates and parents.**  
The final meeting is on **23<sup>rd</sup> April 7-8.30pm**  
for candidates only. Please bring your copy of the  
St Mark’s Gospel to each session, and please  
read ch. 16 in preparation. **The Confirmation  
Masses will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 1.15pm  
and 3.45pm. Eucharistic Ministers and altar  
servers are needed. If you can help, please  
sign the lists at the back of church.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:**  
The fourth meeting for parents will be on **24<sup>th</sup>  
April 8pm** in the crypt. The sixth meeting for  
children will be on **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-3pm:**  
meet at the outside crypt door 10 mins before  
the class starts.

### SCHOOLS

**ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL** is looking for a  
KS2 Class Teacher to commence employment in  
September 2019. For further information on  
how to apply please follow the  
link [https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-  
job/view/class-teacher-key-stage-  
2\\_53247.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/class-teacher-key-stage-2_53247.htm) or contact Mrs Branch on 01992

463549 [cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk) after  
the school holidays.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his  
house visits this week after Easter.

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** will resume on  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** in the crypt.

**CAKE SALE** will take place at the back of  
church after Masses on Easter Sunday.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES** can be viewed  
online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

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

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** Fr Philip would like to  
continue meeting parishioners/families in their  
homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch  
1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time.  
Free dates: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May.

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### **PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY ON 16<sup>th</sup> MAY.**

Name: .....

Contact no: .....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:

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Special dietary requirements .....

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Please return to the presbytery in an envelope  
with your name on together with the £35.

### **PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY**

Your personal details will be held on file. After  
the Pilgrimage day, your details will be securely  
destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy  
on [rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

<b>Masses this week</b>	<b>Today's Liturgy</b>
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <b>Sheila McGovern RIP</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 184 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 50: 4–7  <i>I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 21 — My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 2: 6–11  <i>He humbled himself; but God raised him high.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl:</b> Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Passion according to Luke 22:14–23:56</p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Passion (p. 73)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 25)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 10: 34, 37–43  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 3: 1–4  <b>Gospel:</b> John 20: 1–9</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <b>Dennis O'Donovan &amp; William Phelan RIP</b> <b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April PALM SUNDAY</b> 9.15am <i>Private intention</i> 11.15am <b>For the Parish</b> †	<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 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <b>Peggy Cagney RIP</b> <b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <b>Justina Ogbodu's intentions</b> <b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Richard Pyper RIP</b> — followed by coffee in the crypt 12 noon <b>Funeral Susan Harwood RIP</b> 2pm <b>Funeral Florinda Ingino RIP</b> <b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 5.30pm Italian Mass <b>8pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper For the Parish</b> 9.30–Midnight Praying at the Altar of Repose <b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 9.45am Morning Prayer              10am Stations of the Cross <b>3.00pm** CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b> 5.00pm Italian Liturgy 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p> <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>
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April HOLY SATURDAY</b> 9.45am Morning Prayer 4.00pm* Italian Easter Vigil 9.00pm* <b>Mass of the Easter Vigil Priest's int's</b> <b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9.00am <b>Antonio &amp; Teresa Mercurio RIP</b> 11.15am <b>For the Parish</b> †	
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>† There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	

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