

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2019**

GOSPEL: *John 20: 1-9*

*He must rise from the dead.*

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

**AFTER THE BEAUTIFUL CEREMONIES OF HOLY WEEK**, in which we commemorated the Last Supper and the Passion of Our Lord Jesus, we rejoice today – and in the 7-week season ahead of us – at His glorious Resurrection from the dead. **A happy and holy Easter festival to you and your loved ones!**

The Lord Jesus truly died on the Cross in His humanity, and was truly buried in that nearby tomb, but on that first Easter morning, when the women disciples came to anoint His body, there were clear indications that He was no longer amongst the dead, and had astonishingly risen again! From this sacred moment springs the whole Christian faith, and it is why we keep our weekly holy day as Sunday, the day of the Resurrection. As we celebrate His rising, may we commit ourselves once again to His daily service, as people who are bound to spread His Gospel, His message of salvation. Easter is not a passive thing! It urges us to be active in our Christian faith. If we truly believe in what the Lord has done in overcoming death and sin, then we cannot be idle, but must be devoted to our prayer and our charity, and in our being, each one of us, missionaries of His mercy.

**I THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEIR TIME & TALENTS** to make this holy time most splendid in our parish: the Parish Secretary, Sacristan, Altar Servers, Flower Team, Church Cleaners, Music Groups, Organists, Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you for giving to this parish community with such devotion, which expresses your desire to see the Lord loved and worshipped! May God bless you all with His peace.

**May the Lord Jesus – conqueror of sin and death – bring you new life this Easter! Fr Philip**



**St Augustine teaches: Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 13:**

It follows in the Creed, "And in the Holy Spirit." This Trinity, one God, one nature, one substance, one power; highest equality, no division, no diversity, perpetual dearness of love. Would you know the Holy Spirit, that He is God? Be baptized, and you will be His temple. The Apostle says, "Do you not know that your bodies are the temple within you of the Holy Spirit, whom you have of God?" A temple is for God. ... If then it be God that builds our bodies, God that builds our members, and our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, doubt not that the Holy Spirit is God. And do not add as it were a third God; because Father and Son and Holy Spirit is One God. So believe it!



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Phoebe and Bobby Jackson who will be baptised this weekend.

**MASS ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY** will be at 10am. Please note the church will be closed after Mass.

**MAY PROCESSION** will be held on **Sunday 12<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. **Volunteers are needed to make the refreshments – if you can help, please contact the presbytery.**

### **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.**

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will next take place **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**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.

*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

**CONFIRMATION 2019:** 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 rehearsal will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11am in church. **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.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** the next Baptism course (for parents bringing their first child for Baptism in this parish) will be held across the two evenings, **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30–9pm** in the Presbytery.

## 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

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

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will resume his house visits this week, calling at homes in: High Leigh, Cillocks Cl., Oxenden Dr., Taylors Ave.

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

**NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN** will be held on **19<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> July** at High Leigh Conference

Centre, Hoddesdon. This is a great opportunity to relax, hear truly inspirational speakers, and join with other men on a refreshing summer break with a difference. For further info and booking form go to [www.harvesters.org.uk](http://www.harvesters.org.uk).

**MISSIO APF MEMBERS:** The total donations for 2018 amounted to £1,060.05. My sincere thanks for your support over many years. I will be vetting the 'Red Box' members to keep the list up to date for the London office. Ellen Bartlett.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah and Tony & Linda Barrell. 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.

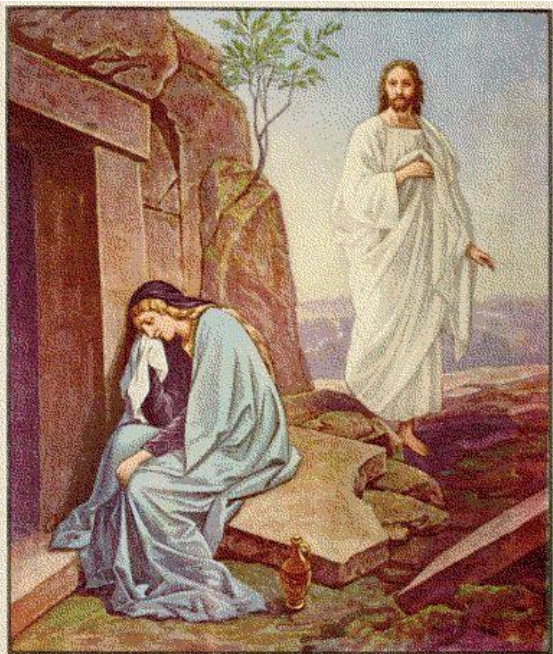
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**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD  
PRIORY ON 16<sup>th</sup> MAY.**

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](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**  
taken from the Easter Vigil *Exsultet*

Rejoice, heavenly powers!  
Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation.

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever.

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour shines upon you.  
Let this place resound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

Father, how wonderful your care for us!  
How boundless your merciful love!  
To ransom a slave You gave away your Son.  
O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,  
which gained for us so great a Redeemer.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<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></p> <p><b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY</b>            9.15am <b>Antonio &amp; Teresa Mercurio RIP</b>            11.15am <b>For the Parish</b> ‡</p>	<p><b>PAGE 258 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 10: 34, 37–43  <i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 117 — This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 3: 1–4  <i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> John 20: 1–9  <i>He must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Easter I (p. 74)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 5: 12–6  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 1: 9–13, 17–19  <b>Gospel:</b> John 20: 19–31</p>
<p><b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April MONDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE</b>            10am Mass <i>Deceased members of O'Connor family</i>  <b>PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</b></p> <p><b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April TUESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15 Mass <b>Charles Savage RIP</b></p> <p><b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April WEDNESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <b>Margaret Whelehan RIP</b> — followed by coffee in the crypt</p> <p><b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April THURSDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE</b>            NO MASS</p> <p><b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April FRIDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE</b>  <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i>            11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction            12 noon Mass <b>Ken Parker RIP</b></p> <p><b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April SATURDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE</b>            9.30am Adoration            10am Mass <b>Gaspere Giamalava RIP</b></p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b>            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><b>ROSARY</b>            The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b>            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><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b>            Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass            6.30pm* <b>For the Parish</b></p> <p><b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>            9.15am** <b>Maria &amp; Enrico Rega RIP</b>            11.15am <b>Antonino &amp; Giuseppa Cannatella &amp; Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</b>            1.15pm Confirmation Mass            3.45pm Confirmation Mass ‡</p>	<p><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Tues 23rd</b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt  <b>Tues 23rd</b> 7pm Confirmation, crypt</p> <p><b>Wed 24th</b> 8pm Parents 1st HC meeting</p>
<p>* 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>	

**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.