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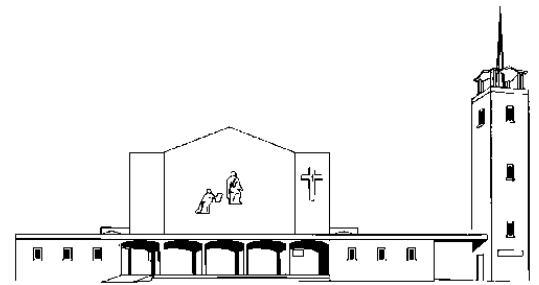
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

28th APRIL 2019

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

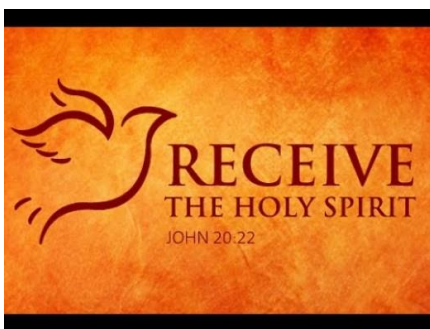
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My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

AFTER HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION, OUR BLESSED LORD appeared on many occasions to His apostles, and others, prior to His Ascension. The very first evening, He appeared in His risen body to the apostles, but St Thomas was absent, and we are familiar with that famous second appearance to them, St Thomas included, a week later. We always commemorate this on the 2nd Sunday of Easter. St Thomas's reaction to the evidence of Jesus's risen body, still bearing the wounds of the Crucifixion, is instructive to us all: "My Lord and My God!" There is no room for doubt once the Risen Lord is seen – and St Thomas therefore gives us that help to our faith and our consciences. We, too, need to fall down in worship and love for the Lord Jesus – "My Lord and My God!" – and joyously commit ourselves to following Him and preaching His triumph over sin and death.



THE RISEN LORD, APPEARING TO THE APOSTLES, breathes on them, "Receive the Holy Spirit," – so we are delighted that this Sunday Bishop Paul McAleenan comes to celebrate two Masses of Confirmation for 40 members of our parish and to anoint them with the Holy Spirit of God. May they and their families receive many blessings and graces at this holy time of Confirmation, and be renewed by the outpouring of the Spirit who brings us to active faith. We all need those gifts of the Spirit to be fanned into a flame!



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, 14:*

It follows after commendation of the Trinity, "The Holy Church." God is pointed out, and His temple. "For the temple of God is holy," says the Apostle, "which (temple) you are." This same is the holy Church, the one Church, the true Church, the catholic Church, fighting against all heresies: fight, it can; be fought down, it cannot. As for heresies, they went all out of it, like as unprofitable branches pruned from the vine: but itself abides in its root, in its Vine, in its charity. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."



PRAYER & LITURGY

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate and pray for the 40 young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:

Luca Barone	Gracie Bartlett
Salvatore Bellini	Charlie Blackwell
Ella Charlwood	Gaetano Chiazza
Layla D'Urso	Monica DiMaria
Thomas Downes	Sofia Fattore
Stella Forgione	Freddie Genovese
Giuseppe Giardina	Nathan Goodwin
Calogero Grana	Lara Gullo
Kieran Hay	James Hayes
Patrizia Imbrogino	Amelia Johnson
Rachel Johnny	Jolie Mariconda
Sofia Marino	Antonio Martorana
Alessio Misuraca	Bryce Moran
Aidan Morris	Molly Morrissey
Isabella Nardo	Aaron O'Grady
George Parker	Alex Principato
Poppy Ruane	Elisa Salvo
Sofia Schillaci	Ivana Scozzaro
Eddie Smith	Elianna Tona
Tommy Travis	Philip Truszkowski

MASS on **Wednesday** will be at 9.30am with both schools in church. No Morning Prayer that day, to allow preparation for Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 3rd May**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 5th May**.

MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Sunday 12th 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 16th 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.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND:

Please note the coach will leave the church car park at 5.30am on the 26th May. The cost of the return trip to Stansted Airport will be £30. Please hand your money into the presbytery.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 17th 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 **Sunday 19th May at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

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/bishopstortford>

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

The fifth meeting for parents will be on **8th May 8pm** in the crypt. The sixth meeting for children will be on **Sat 11th May, 10am-3pm**: meet at the outside crypt door 10 mins before the class starts. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARENTS MEETING ON THE 22nd MAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

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 14th May and Friday 24th May, 7.30-9pm** in the Presbytery. To enrol

on the course, please contact 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 or contact Mrs Branch on 01992 463549 cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

CONGRATULATIONS to John & Olive Lumley who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 11th April.

200 CLUB WINNER for April was no. 7, Mr John Lumley. Congratulations!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make house visits this Wed afternoon, to homes in: Taylors Ave, Park Rd, Barclay Ct, Kennedy Ave.

PARISH BBQ will be held on **Sunday 8th September**. Please put the date in your diary and more details will follow in due course.

NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN will be held on **19th-21st 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.

THE FLOWER TEAM is looking for volunteers to join them in arranging the flowers on a Friday. No experience is necessary. For more info Please contact Gemma Castle on 462215.

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


CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Francesca Comparetto, Pat Kavanagh and Sue Alvey. 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: 5th, 12th & 19th May.

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.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK
Friday 3rd May
SS PHILIP & JAMES,
Apostles



Philip was one of the first chosen disciples of Christ. On the way from Judea to Galilee Our Lord found Philip and said, “Follow me.” Philip obeyed, and then in his zeal and charity sought to win Nathaniel also, saying “We have found Him of whom Moses and the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth.” When Nathaniel in wonder asked, “Can any good come out of Nazareth?” Philip simply answered “Come and see” and brought him to Jesus. Saint James the Less (the Younger), author of the canonical Epistle, was the son of Alpheus, the brother of Saint Jude and a cousin of Our Lord, whom he is said to have resembled. Saint Paul tells us that he was favoured by a special apparition of Christ after the Resurrection. (*I Corinthians 15:7*) On the dispersion of the Apostles among the nations, Saint James remained as Bishop of Jerusalem, where the Jews held in such high veneration his purity, mortification, and prayer, that they named him *the Just*. He governed that church for 30 years before his martyrdom.

PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY ON 16th MAY.
Name:

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 27th April SATURDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Gaspere Giamalava RIP</i>	PAGE 262 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 5: 12–16 <i>The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.</i> Psalm 117 — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1: 9–13, 17–19 <i>I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 28th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>Maria & Enrico Rega RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Antonino & Giuseppa Cannatella & Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</i> 1.15pm Confirmation Mass 3.45pm Confirmation Mass †	Gospel: John 20: 19–31 <i>Eight days later, Jesus came.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 1st Reading: Acts 5: 27–32, 40–41 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5: 11–14 Gospel: John 21: 1–19
Mon 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Maureen McGrath RIP anniv</i>	
Tues 30th April ST GEORGE, Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Don McGrath</i>	
Wed 1st May 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Mass <i>Michael Corbett RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	
Thurs 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS, Bishop & Dr NO MASS	
Fri 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Sarah Devine RIP</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Canon Longstaff & Fr Tollemache RIP annivs.</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time. ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Johnny Grealish RIP</i>	SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK 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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Denis & Anna Tobin RIP</i> Sun 5th May THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>John O'Reilly & Marie McGrath</i> 11.15am <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
<p style="text-align: center;">* 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>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 30th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	Wed 1st 6pm Brownies, crypt Wed 1st 7.30pm All Saints, 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.*