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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd JUNE 2019

GOSPEL: John 17: 20-26

May they be completely one.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS SEVENTH AND LAST WEEK OF EASTERTIDE we are spending as days of prayer between the great feasts of Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. These are days when, as the Acts of the Apostles had it, *"they went to the Upper Room where they were staying ... All these [apostles] joined in continuous prayer, together with several women including Mary the Mother of Jesus, and with His kinsmen."* Our Lord Jesus had prayed, at the Last Supper, that *"they be completely one,"* and here, in this 'retreat' time at a crucial moment for the Church, they are united in prayer, and under the mantle of protection of the Blessed Mother.



IN THE GOSPEL OF THIS SUNDAY, then, we hear Our Lord praying to the Father for this unity of the Church, for He knew that the unity of the Mission of the Apostles would be one of its greatest strengths, and a sign of its credibility. So, He urged on them *"that they be one."* Our Blessed Mother, Mary, has always been a part of that unity, and a unifying force, with her maternal spiritual instinct of 'keeping together.' So, as we both end the Marian month of May, and look forward to next Sunday's joyful celebration of Pentecost, let us keep some days of special prayer for the gifts of the Spirit, knowing that Our Lady joins her prayers to ours.

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May the ascending Jesus draw our gaze to heaven so we may long to be with Him! Fr Philip

St Augustine teaches: *On Patience, 1*

Ineffable is therefore that patience [of God], as is His jealousy, as His wrath, and whatever there is like to these. For if we conceive of these as they be in us, in Him are there none. We, namely, can feel none of these without molestation: but be it far from us to surmise that the impassible nature of God is liable to any molestation. But like as He is jealous without any darkening of spirit, angry without any perturbation, pitiful without any pain, repents Himself without any wrongness in Him to be set right; so is He patient without anything of passion. Now therefore as concerning *human patience*, which we are able to conceive and beholden to have, of what sort it is, I will, as God grants and the brevity of the present discourse allows, essay to set forth.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Sienna-Lou Baronowski who will be baptised this weekend.

BETTY SLOAN RIP, formerly of New River Close, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **Her funeral will be on Monday 10th June at 12 noon.**

May she rest in peace.

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER will not take place on **Monday**. There will still be Mass as usual.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 7th June**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

ALTAR SERVERS: as well as the wonderful Yr-6 and Secondary-school-age servers, who do such a good job each and every week serving the Holy Mass, **we also need some Yr-4 or Yr-5 children** to join the serving team, especially as we will need them to serve School Masses in the coming years. Please contact the Presbytery soon to arrange training with Fr Philip.

ST ANTHONY'S PROCESSION will be held on **Sat 15th June**. The Procession will begin at 2.45pm from the church. Mass will be at 4pm which will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **Sunday 16th June at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE: The Knights of St Columba invite you to Aylesford on **Sun 16th June**. Seats are £15. To book, please contact Bro. John McKenna on 01992-638721.

FR PHILIP'S TALKS on the theme of Mary, drawing from the book, "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary," will be held monthly at 8pm on Tuesdays. Remaining 2 dates: **18th June** and **16th July**. All are welcome in church. See flyers in porch. Spare copies of handout from 1st talk available from the Presbytery.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 21st June**. 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/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 final meeting for parents will be on **12th June 8pm** in the crypt. **Please note all parents needs to attend this meeting.** The final meeting for children will be on **Sat 8th June, 10am-2pm:** meet at the outside crypt door 10 mins before the class starts.

BAPTISM COURSE: next course will be held on **Mondays 24th June and 1st July 7.30-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5's

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is having a Family Fun Day on **Saturday 8th June** from 11.30am-2pm. All are welcome.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's is having a quiz night on **Sat 6th July** in the crypt (deferred from 18th May) – 7.30 for 8pm start and £5 per person, max of 8 per team. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book, please contact the playgroup on 460614. **The Summer Fete will be held on 15th June 11am-1.30pm.**

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's is looking for enthusiastic early-years practitioners to join our small and friendly team committed to providing high quality early years care and

education for young children. As a key person with a good understanding of the EYFS and a friendly and flexible approach you will be able to build positive relationships with children and their parents ensuring that each child's needs are recognised and met. Applicants to be qualified to level 3 in Early Years Childcare and Education or equivalent. For further information please e-mail or call on 01992-460614 to speak to the Team Leader, Lynn O'Bryan. Apply with covering letter and CV to St Augustine's Under 5's, Charlton Close, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DR. Closing date 14th June.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE will be celebrating 125 years of Jesuit education at the college on **Friday 20th September** with a formal celebration dinner. Tickets are £75 which includes a welcome drink, 3-course meal and half a bottle of wine per person. Proceeds from the event will go towards a new 6th-form building. For further details please contact 125celebration@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of the church after all Masses this weekend.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes on **Wednesday** afternoon this week in: Duke Street, Sussex Close, Burford Street.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will resume on **4th June**.

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.

PARISH BBQ will be held on **Sunday 8th September**. This will also be the parish celebration for Fr Philip's 20th Anniversary. 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. For further info and booking form go to www.harvesters.org.uk.

WARE CHORAL SOCIETY sings 'Samson' by Handel on **Sat 8th June, at 7.30pm**, in the Drill

Hall, Amwell End, Ware. Tickets can be purchased from Anne Byrne (tel. 467097) for unreserved tickets (£15), or reserved (£18).

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kahtleen Connors. Thanks 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: 2nd & 16th June.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

WORLD-COMMUNICATIONS-DAY PRAYER

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.
Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.
You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:
Where there is shouting, let us practise listening;
Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.
Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 1st June ST JUSTIN, Martyr 10am Mass <i>Margaret & John Noonan RIP</i>	PAGE 281 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 7: 55–60 <i>I can see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Bernadette Munday RIP anniv.</i> Sun 2nd June SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Gaetana & Giuseppe Lomanto RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	Psalm 96 — The Lord is king, most high above all the earth. 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 22: 12–14, 16–17, 20 <i>Come, Lord Jesus!</i>
Mon 3rd June SS CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS 9.15am Mass <i>Vera Brown RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 4th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Rose Beeson RIP</i>	Gospel: John 17: 20–26 <i>May they be completely one.</i>
Wed 5th June ST BONIFACE, Bishop & Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Pat Castaldi RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	PREFACE TODAY: Ascension II (p. 75) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28)
Thurs 6th June NO Mass	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS PENTECOST SUNDAY
Fri 7th June <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Michael Meaney's intentions</i> 7.30pm <i>Sick & housebound of the Parish</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	1st Reading: Acts 2: 1–22 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13 Gospel: John 20: 19–23
Sat 8th June 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Ciccarello & Francesca Gaiteri RIP</i>	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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sun 9th June PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.15am** <i>Thanksgiving for birth of Giorgia Urso</i> 11.15am <i>Calogero Nicastro 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.
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> ** 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)	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
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 4th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	Wed 5th 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.*