

The Announcer

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12th MAY 2019

GOSPEL: John 10: 27-30

I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY! We honour her in a particular way this month, though naturally our prayers invoking her intercession and our reliance on her maternal help are daily, all-year-round.

Mary of Nazareth, the one chosen by God from all women in history to be the Mother of the incarnate Son of God, is of course to be honoured. The choosing of her is God's own choice, not ours – so giving her the respect that we do as Christians is to echo the greeting God made to her through the angel, "Hail, full of grace!"



I dearly encourage you therefore to pray the Rosary daily this month. As a parish we pray a decade before each Sunday Mass this month. Additionally I want to invite you to the following three expressions of our love for, and our reliance on, Mary, Mother of all Christians:

- The May Procession this weekend (**Sunday 12th May at 5pm**) in which we process a statue of Our Lady and honour her with the Rosary, hymns and prayers;
- The parish day pilgrimage (this **Thursday, 16th May**) to Aylesford (www.thefriars.org.uk), the Carmelite shrine to Our Lady of Mt Carmel, which dates back to 1242. We will depart Hoddesdon on the coach at 9am, and spend a quiet day in the tranquil surrounds of Aylesford Priory, with Mass, lunch, and the Rosary. If you have never been to Aylesford before, then think of coming, as it is a truly special place of prayer and the presence of Our Blessed Mother.
- A new series of talks by myself on the theme of Mary, drawing on a book ("Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary") by the same author as the Eucharist talks I gave last year. See the flyer available, and note the dates allocated: **8pm on Tuesdays 21st May, 18th June, 16th July.**

May the Mother of Jesus pray for us to be renewed in holiness! Fr Philip

St Augustine teaches: Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 15

When you have been baptized, hold fast a good life in the commandments of God, that you may guard your Baptism even unto the end. I do not tell you that you will live here without sin; but they are venial, without which this life is not. For the sake of all sins was Baptism provided; for the sake of light sins, without which we cannot be, was prayer provided. ... Once for all we have washing in Baptism, every day we have washing in prayer. Only, do not commit those things for which you must needs be separated from Christ's body: which be far from you! For those whom you have seen doing penance, have committed heinous things, either adulteries or some enormous crimes: for these they do penance.



PRAYER & LITURGY

MONTH OF OUR LADY: During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed for before each Sunday Mass.

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION will be held **this 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 by MONDAY 13th MAY 12 noon, as numbers need to be confirmed. There are still 16 spaces available.**

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS ROTAS: The next rota for the period June - September is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh 449282 or patandcarolkav@btinternet.com by **Tuesday 28th May AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc. Please also confirm if you wish to receive your copy of the rota by email for the future and let me have your email address.

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. There is a CTS Pilgrims Companion booklet for £2.50 about Kraków & Poland. If you would like a copy, please contact 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!

FR PHILIP'S TALKS on the theme of Mary, drawing on a book ("Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary") will be held at 8pm on Tuesdays **21st May**, 18th June and 16th July. All are welcome in church.

ASCENSION DAY is on **Thursday 30th May and is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass will be at 9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm and Eucharistic Ministers, readers and altar servers are needed. If you can assist, please sign the lists at the back of church.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The final meeting for parents will be on **12th June 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.**

CONFIRMATION: photos are now available to view online at www.amwellstudio.co.uk. The login details are available for the families from the Presbytery if you don't yet know them.

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 UNDER 5'S is having a quiz night on **Saturday 18th May** in the crypt. 7.30 for 8pm start and £5 per person, max of 8 per team. Please bring your own drink and nibbles. To book, please contact the playgroup on 460614. The Summer fete will be held on the **15th June from 11am-1.30pm**.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: The annual collection **will take place this weekend**. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 27 of whom are for our own Diocese. **Donation envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will be collected this weekend and next.** Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can also donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make house visits this Wed afternoon, to homes in: Kennedy Ave., Lord Street (high nos.), Rosehill Close. (The bad weather last Wed caused me to cut short my visits!)

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.

200 CLUB WINNER for May was Vicky Lee-Lozone, no. 4. Congratulations!

WARE CHORAL SOCIETY sings 'Samson' by Handel on **Saturday, 8th June, at 7.30pm**, in the Drill Hall, Amwell End, Ware. Many professional artists are involved in this Concert and tickets can be purchased from Anne Byrne (tel. 467097) for unreserved tickets at £15, or reserved tickets £18.

PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY ON 16th 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.

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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: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Michel & Jacky Jordan. . 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: 12th & 19th May.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 11th May 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mary & John Hanley's intentions</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 268 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 13: 14, 43–52 <i>We must turn to the pagans.</i></p> <p>Psalm 99 — <i>We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7–9, 14–17 <i>The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 10; 27–30 <i>I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter III (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 14: 21–27 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 1–5 Gospel: John 13: 31–35</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Margaret Gallagher RIP</i> Sun 12th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> † 5pm May Procession	<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 13th May OUR LADY OF FATIMA 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ann Murphy RIP</i> Tues 14th May ST MATTHIAS, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Canon Dunstan Cooper & his parishioners int's</i> Wed 15th May 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 16th May NO MASS – Parish Pilgrimage to Aylesford Fri 17th May <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Catherine Finnan</i> Sat 18th May 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Donato Fonzo RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Tues 14th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Wed 15th 6pm Brownies, crypt Fri 17th 7.30pm Prayer group, church</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 19th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** <i>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Alberto Beschizza RIP</i> 5pm Holy Hour †	
<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>	

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.*