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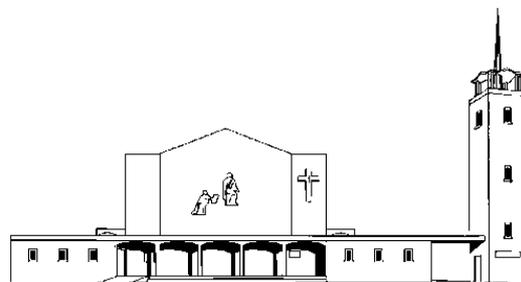
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

19th MAY 2019

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

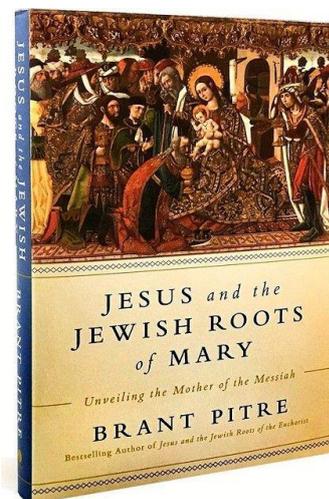
My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY! We honour her in a particular way this month, through special devotions, although naturally our prayers invoking her intercession and our reliance on her maternal help are daily, all-year-round. 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-talk series on the Jewish roots of our Catholic beliefs** and practices with regard to Mary. These will take place in the church over the next three months on **Tuesdays at 8pm:**

- **21st May: Mary as the New Eve, & the New Ark of the Covenant;**
- 18th June: Mary as the Queen Mother & the Perpetual Virgin;
- 16th July: Mary's giving birth to the Messiah & her being at the foot of the Cross

These talks draw from 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 in the church porch. Online there's an introduction to this theme and this book, by its author, Dr Brant Pitre, a Catholic university theologian from the USA – really worth viewing! <https://youtu.be/vLeWJ91bahU>

Our Blessed Lady is crucial to the way we live out our Christian faith – she is an indispensable figure in God's plan for our salvation – and we must therefore honour her and make her a big part of our prayer life. Make sure that you invoke the prayer of our heavenly Mother every day. *Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope!*



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

St Augustine teaches: Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 17

We believe also "the resurrection of the flesh," which went before in Christ: that the body too may have hope of that which went before in its Head. The Head of the Church, Christ; the Church, the body of Christ. Our Head is risen, ascended into heaven: where the Head, there also the members. In what way the resurrection of the flesh? Lest any should chance to think it like as Lazarus's resurrection, that you may know it to be not so, it is added, "Into life everlasting." God regenerate you! God preserve and keep you! God bring you safe unto Himself, Who is the Life Everlasting. Amen.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Amelia-Emily Kalli, Sienna Ricotta, Nana Kofi Adjei, Papa Adjei and Nana Kodjo Adjei who will be baptised this weekend.

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

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA will make a Missionary Appeal **next weekend** at all Masses.

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.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **this 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 from 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. See flyers in porch.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: Please note the coach will leave the church car park at 5.30am on the **26th May**.

ASCENSION DAY Thurs 30th May 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.

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.

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/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. **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. **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 second part of the Baptism course will be on **Friday 24th May, 7.30-9pm** in the church.

SCHOOLS/UNDER 5'S

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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: Thank you to those who donated to the Fund last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish – please hand in your envelope to the sacristy or Presbytery. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 27 of whom are for our own Diocese. 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 **Tues** afternoon, to homes in: Cock Lane, The Knowle, Sheredes Dr., Warners Dr.

MAY PROCESSION: thank you to all who helped to make the procession such a success: thanks to sacristan Ellen Bartlett, Gemma Castle for beautiful floral arrangements, and all who helped with refreshments.

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.

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.

ISABEL HOSPICE need collectors at Tesco, Brookfield on **Friday 31st May and Sat 1st June**. Please contact Jeremy on 07790-022224.

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.

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR is needed for next year's Broxbourne Winter Night Shelter. This is a voluntary role, which would take about 1-2 days' work a week, spread out during the week. The deadline is Monday 17th June. Those interested should send a personal

statement,(based on the job description on the noticeboard at the back of church) along with the names of two referees to Diana Forrest at docforrest@hotmail.com.

LOURDES SUMMER RETREAT for Young Adults. Assumption Sisters and Fathers invite young adults in their 20/30s for an English-speaking spiritual retreat in Lourdes, France, **Sat 3rd - Fri 9th August 2019** with talks, prayer, silence, pilgrimage, desert day and spiritual accompaniment. For more information e-mail youth@assumptionreligious.org Cost: £300 (£220 for students/low waged), excl. travel, i.e. your flight to Lourdes. **Register online:** <http://bit.ly/retreatlourdes>.

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: 19th May, 2nd & 16th June. .

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Most Glorious Virgin, chosen by the Eternal Counsel to be the Mother of the Eternal Word made flesh, thou who art the treasurer of Divine graces, and the advocate of sinners, I, thy most unworthy servant, have recourse to thee; be thou pleased to be my guide and counsellor in this vale of tears. Obtain for me through the Most Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, the forgiveness of my sins, the salvation of my soul, and the means necessary to obtain it. In like manner, obtain for Holy Mother the Church victory over her enemies, and the spread of the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon the whole earth. Amen



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 18th May 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Donato Fonzo RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 271 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 14: 21–27 <i>They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.</i></p> <p>Psalm 144 — <i>I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 1–5 <i>God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.' Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 13: 31–35 <i>I give you a new commandment: love one another.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter IV (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 15: 1–2, 22–29 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 10–14, 22–23 Gospel: John 14: 23–29</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass For the Parish Sun 19th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Girolamo Ferraro RIP 11.15am Alberto Beschizza RIP † 5pm Holy Hour	<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 20th May 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Tom & Theresa Delaney's intentions 9am Morning Prayer Tues 21st May 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass Reiss Parker's intentions 9am Morning Prayer Wed 22nd May 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Prayers for safe pregnancy — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 23rd May NO MASS Fri 24th May (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Private Intention Sat 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, Priest & Dr 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Bridie McDaid RIP anniv.	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Nadia Miragliotta RIP Sun 26th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am** Pasquale Ricotta 11.15am For the Parish †	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Tues 21st 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Wed 22nd 6pm Brownies, crypt Fri 24th 7.30pm Baptism course, church</p>
<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.*