

# The Announcer

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**Year C**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**

**GOSPEL: John 21: 1-19**

*Jesus ... took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.*

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

**TODAY'S GOSPEL PASSAGE FROM ST JOHN** recounts the wonderful episode back at the shores of Lake Galilee, where Our Lord's ministry had begun with His calling of the first apostles. The Risen Jesus appears to them as they revert to their fishing exploits, but once again they are powerless without His intervention! He calls them to the shore, feeding them Himself with an action reminiscent of the actions of the Last Supper: "Take this, all of you and eat of it ..." He makes it clear to them that there is no way they can go back to Galilee and to fishing. They are powerless without Him, and their only life's work is to go out on Mission with the message of the Gospel.

To this end, Our Lord takes to one side Peter, the leader of the apostles, and undoes in His questioning – "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others?" – the effects of Peter's denials at His trial. By this charcoal fire on the lakeside, Jesus asks Peter this, three times, to undo the 3-fold denial that Peter had made by the charcoal fire in the High Priest's courtyard. This poignant moment shows the forgiveness of Jesus towards Peter, His confidence in him, and His sending him out to lead the newly-founded Church.

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY** and as well as encouraging you to pray the Rosary daily this month – and our praying it before each Sunday Mass this month – I want to invite you to:

- The May Procession next weekend (**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm**) in which we process a statue of Our Lady and honour her with the Rosary, hymns and prayers;
- 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 21<sup>st</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July.**



**May the risen Lord Jesus bring you new life this Eastertide! Fr Philip**

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

"Forgiveness of sins." You have [this article of] the Creed perfectly in you when you receive Baptism. Let none say, "I have done this or that sin: perchance that is not forgiven me." What have you done? How great a sin have you done? Name any heinous thing you have committed, heavy, horrible, which you shudder even to think of: have done what you will: have you killed Christ? There is not than that deed any worse, because also than Christ there is nothing better. What a dreadful thing is it to kill Christ! Yet the Jews killed Him, and many afterwards believed in Him and drank His blood: they are forgiven the sin which they committed.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Alessia Castiglione and Florence Fitzgerald 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.

**MASS on Monday** will be at 10am due to the Bank Holiday. Please note the church will be closed after Mass.

**ANNUAL 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. There are still 22 spaces available.**

### **DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND:**

Please note the coach will leave the church car park at 5.30am on the **26<sup>th</sup> 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 do contact the presbytery.

**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.

**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!

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Bridget Newson, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini & Tallulah Scott.*

**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 **8<sup>th</sup> May 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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARENTS' MEETING ON THE 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

**CONFIRMATION:** photos are now available to view online at [www.amwellstudio.co.uk](http://www.amwellstudio.co.uk). The login details are available for the families from the Presbytery if you don't yet know them. THANK YOU so much to all who made the celebration of Confirmation so beautiful last week, including the organist, flower team, sacristan, servers and catechists. The hard work really paid off, and we are grateful to ALL who put in time and effort to making Confirmation so beautiful and prayerful an experience for the 40 confirmed.

**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. 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](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).

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** are 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**.

## JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**CAFOD** wants to recruit volunteers to promote its work for justice and development. They are looking for volunteers with public speaking skills and the ability to work with, and co-ordinate, small teams of volunteers locally. To find out more, book a place on the volunteer day on **Saturday 11th May**. The meeting will be held in the office near Lambeth North tube station. Contact Tony on 0208-449-6970 or [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk) for further details.

## SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will make house visits this Wed afternoon, to homes in: Kennedy Ave., Lord Street.

**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.

**LENTEN COLLECTIONS:** the Holy Places collection after the Passion Liturgy on Good Friday raised £605.59. The amount raised in Lenten Alms for the Cardinal Hume Centre was £506.09. Thank you to all who contributed.

**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:** Michele & Pelle De Luca, Kathleen Connors. Thans for your help.

## **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).

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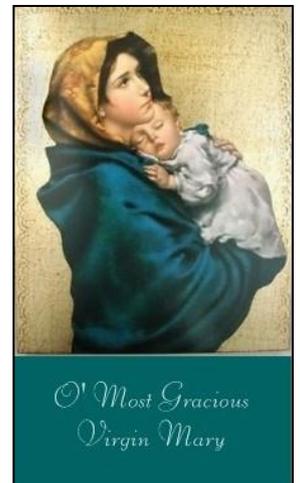
**SUNDAY LUNCH:** Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*May is the month of Mary!*

### **THE MEMORARE**

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Johnny Grealish RIP</i>	<b>PAGE 265 in the Mass books</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 5: 27–32, 40–41 <i>We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Denis &amp; Anna Tobin RIP</i> <b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> May THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am <i>John O'Reilly &amp; Marie McGrath</i> 11.15am <i>Linda &amp; Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	<b>Psalm 29 — I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 5: 11–14 <i>The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.</i>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> 10am Mass <i>Maria Jaselsky RIP</i> <b>PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</b> <b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Johnny Grealish RIP</i> <b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>David Hale RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt <b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> NO MASS <b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP</i> <b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mary &amp; John Hanley's intentions</i>	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!</i> <b>Gospel:</b> John 21: 1–19 <i>Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.</i> <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Easter II (p. 74) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 25)  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 13:14, 43–52 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 7:9, 14–17 <b>Gospel:</b> John 10: 27–30
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Margaret Gallagher RIP</i> <b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am** <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm May Procession †	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.  <b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.  <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.  <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.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<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>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt <b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt	<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup></b> 8pm Parents 1st HC meeting, crypt <b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup></b> 10am 1st HC session, 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.*