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PENTECOST SUNDAY

9th JUNE 2019

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GLORIOUS SEASON OF EASTER draws to its close this Sunday with the joyful feast of Pentecost. The culmination of Our Lord's resurrection appearances, and the consequence of His Ascension to heaven, is this outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church: Our Lady and the apostles. Our Lord reconciled humanity to His Father through the sacrifice of the Cross, but He wishes the graces of that victory – our salvation – to reach all peoples of all times, and hence the Church is needed, powered by the Holy Spirit, to carry that sacred message from 1st-century Jerusalem all the way through to the world of our own day. Pentecost is key to that: it is the birthday of the Church, the spiritual anointing that turned the apostles from frightened men in hiding to fearless preachers of the Word, missionaries and evangelists for Christ Jesus.



This feast, then, is one of the highlights of the Church's year, as we celebrate the bursting-forth into the world of the Spirit-filled apostles of Our Lord. Finally all things 'come together' for them, but only because of the gifts of the Spirit: the courage, the wisdom, the piety, the awe-of-God. We are, all of us, anointed in our Baptism and Confirmation – we are a consecrated people – and Pentecost is the great feast-day of this personal, God-given anointing. Let's celebrate with deep love for Jesus the gifts of faith and love that He has poured upon us through the anointing of the Sacraments that bind us to Him for life.

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

St Augustine teaches: *On Patience, 2*

The patience of man, which is right and laudable and worthy of the name of virtue, is understood to be that by which we tolerate evil things with an even mind, that we may not with a mind uneven desert good things, through which we may arrive at better. Wherefore the impatient, while they will not suffer ills, effect not a deliverance from ills, but only the suffering of heavier ills. Whereas the patient who choose rather by not committing to bear, than by not bearing to commit, evil, both make lighter what through patience they suffer, and also escape worse ills in which through impatience they would be sunk. But those good things which are great and eternal they lose not, while to the evils which be temporal and brief they yield not: because "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared," as the Apostle says, "with the future glory that shall be revealed in us." And again he says, "This our temporal and light tribulation does in inconceivable manner work for us an eternal weight of glory."



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Juliet Murphy 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.**

ANTHONY RAYNER RIP of Whitley Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **His funeral will be on Monday 17th June at 11am.**

GWEN PHELAN RIP formerly of this parish died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Details of her funeral will follow in due course.
May they rest in peace.

DIOCESAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony is this weekend at Westminster Cathedral. We congratulate our parishioners attending: Taryn Byrne-Brown & Simon Brown (10 years); Giuseppe & Domenica Sanzeri (25 years); Ann & Paul O'Grady (25 years); Barbara & John Lewis (50 years); John & Olive Lumley (60 years); and Maurice & Maria Cattini (60 years).

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!

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.

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.

*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.** Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers are needed for the **1st -Holy-Communion Masses on the 23rd and 30th June at 1.30pm**. **If you can assist, please do sign your name on the lists at the back of church.**

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.

CONFIRMATION 2020: an initial meeting date for the coming year's programme will soon be announced, so please 'watch this space'!

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.**

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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes on **Wednesday** afternoon this week in: Lampits, The Lynch.

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.

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Mission Appeal. The total raised was £496.22.

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: 16th June.

Pentecost Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height, Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, Thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure, come, Thou light of all that live!

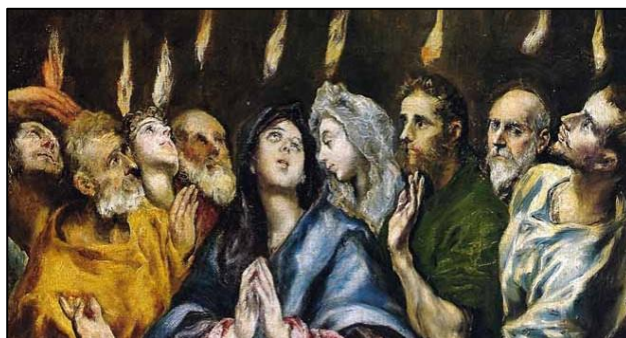
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, such refreshing peace bestow. Thou in toil art comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, visit now these hearts of Thine and our inmost being fill. If Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in us will stay, all our good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour Thy dew; wash the stains of sin away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen; warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.

We pray Thee, we who evermore Thee confess and Thee adore, with Thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die; give us life with Thee on high; give us joys that never end.



Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 8th June 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Vincenzo Ciccarello & Francesca Gaiteri RIP		PAGE 294 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 2: 1–11 <i>They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i> Psalm 103 — Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13 <i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia! Gospel: John 20: 19–23 <i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Pentecost (p. 76) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18) <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</p> 1st Reading: Proverbs 8: 22–31 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1–5 Gospel: John 16: 12–15	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass For the Parish			
Sun 9th June PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.15am Thanksgiving for birth of Giorgia Urso 11.15am Calogero Nicastro RIP ‡			
Mon 10th June MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Trevor Baldwin RIP 12 noon Funeral Betty Sloan RIP			
Tues 11th June ST BARNABAS, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass Diane Wright RIP			
Wed 12th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Betty Sloan RIP — followed by coffee in the crypt			
Thurs 13th June JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST 8.30am Mass Anthony Rayner RIP			
Fri 14th June (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Maria & Maurice Cattini Diamond Wedding			
Sat 15th June 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Rita Pollock RIP			
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Bill Pollard RIP		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. <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. 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. 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	
Sun 16th June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.15am** For the Parish 11.15am Maria Beschizza RIP ‡ 5pm Holy Hour			
* 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)			
REGULAR EVENTS			
Tues 11th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt		Wed 12th 6pm Brownies, crypt Wed 12th 8pm Parents 1st HC meeting, 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.*