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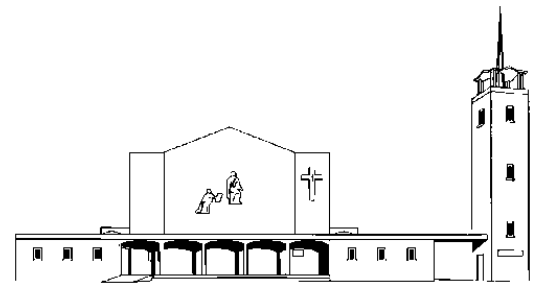
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Year A

EASTER SUNDAY

12th APRIL 2020

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

He must rise from the dead.

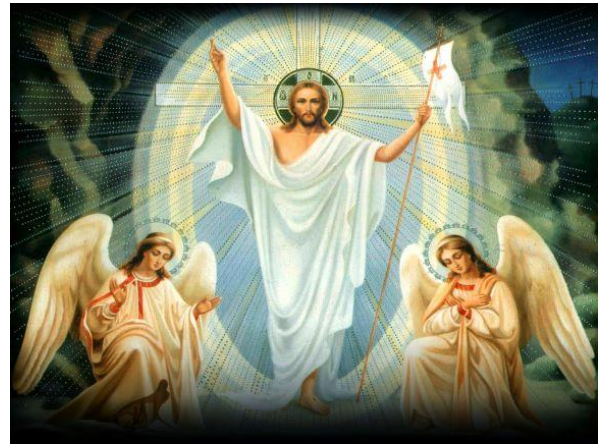
My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL! Despite the dreadful sadness at your not being able to attend the great ceremonies of the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday, this year, yet I wish you, even so, the blessings of the Risen Lord Jesus as we come to Easter Sunday!

I pray that in some way or other – whether by tuning in to services transmitted over the internet, and/or by taking the readings and prayers of the Holy Week & Easter ceremonies to read and pray with at home – you have managed to celebrate your faith with each other in your household, and to find creative ways of doing that, under these extraordinary circumstances.

FR JOSHY & I FAITHFULLY MAINTAIN THE PRAYER OFFERED IN OUR CHURCH – despite its being closed to you – and are including you in the daily Mass(es) and prayers. We have Adoration-time morning and evening, and when the Benediction is given at 10am and 7pm, it is given with the intention of Our Lord's blessing the whole of the parish. We pray He keep you safe and well at this time, and patient in the challenges of isolation and staying at home for much of the day. Please join your daily prayers to ours, from the safety of your home, including the **Pope's prayer to Our Lady** (see inside Newsletter).

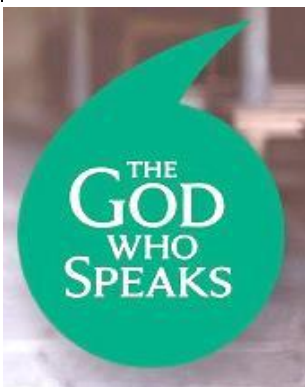
WE LOOK FORWARD TO GATHERING AGAIN AS USUAL AT MASS – what a joy that will be! Hopefully this will be in the Easter season, so we can celebrate the Resurrection of our Saviour, and [renew our Baptismal Promises](#) as we do each Easter. Maybe do this in private anyway, this Easter Week, renewing the love & commitment of your heart for Jesus, risen and glorified.



Let us rejoice this Easter Sunday at Christ's victory over death! Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 19

A key concept for understanding the sacred text as the word of God in human words is certainly that of *inspiration*. Here too we can suggest an analogy: as the word of God became flesh by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, so sacred Scripture is born from the womb of the Church by the power of the same Spirit. Sacred Scripture is "the word of God set down in writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit." In this way one recognizes the full importance of the human author who wrote the inspired texts and, at the same time, God himself as the true author.



PRAYER & LITURGY

PUBLIC SUSPENSION OF MASS: all the public ceremonies have had to be suspended. Mass is celebrated by Fr Joshy & Fr Philip in private, and they pray for the needs of the parish in their twice-daily Holy Hours with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

- The suspension of public Mass by the bishop means that the *obligation to attend Sunday Mass is removed* for the duration of the suspension.
- *Parish Masses*, for the intentions requested, will be offered without fail, even though in private. Please continue to ask for Masses to be offered, and these will be published in the Newsletter as usual.
- *Sunday Mass can be followed online* at St Joseph & English Martyrs, Bishops Stortford (<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>) at: Sat 6pm; Sun 9am, 11am, 6pm; & weekdays 9.30am; or Westminster Cathedral <https://www.churchservices.tv/westminster> at: Sat 5.30pm, Sun 10.30am/5.30pm. This is not an obligation, but would be a pious practice in order to stay in touch with the rhythm of the Church's seasons and her devotional life.
- *The readings for Mass* can be found every day on the 'Universalis' website <http://www.universalis.com/mass.htm>
- An excellent resource, shared to our parish FaceBook page every day, is www.lentinisolation.com which presents the daily Scripture readings, an excellent reflection from a priest, followed by the recitation of an '[Act of Spiritual Communion](#).'
- You don't have to be a FaceBook user to view our parish page, as it's open-access: www.facebook.com/CatholicHoddesdon – I have started to add a *video* of my homily to this page, so that I can continue to offer you my reflections on the Sundays and feasts of this holy season.
- Another wonderful resource, newly begun, is the '[Pause for Faith](#)' YouTube channel that Fr Stephen Wang of our diocese hosts daily: 30-min reflections, very accessible.

ESTHER BLAKE, of Cheffins Road, Hoddesdon, died recently. Her funeral will be held in private at the crematorium.

BRIDGET NEWSON, formerly of Dorchester Ave, Hoddesdon, died recently. Her funeral

will be held in private at the cemetery.

Our sympathies go out to their families.

May they rest in peace.

AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY will be on **Thursday 14th May**. Please save the date, though its going ahead is under review.

FINANCE

APPEAL FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP: the Finance Committee thanks all those who have already participated in the Planned-Giving campaign. Please could all other parishioners whose income is not threatened by this virus outbreak consider their regular support for the parish, and maybe increase their giving, doing so by *Standing Order* if at all possible. Please print the relevant inside pages from the [Financial-support form](#) on our parish website, and return the completed form to the Presbytery. The parish continues to rely solely on the parishioners' donations. THANK YOU!

BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: those of you who give via Offertory envelopes weekly, or who have just requested them, can continue to deliver your offering through the Presbytery letter-box – but ONLY if you are passing. Please make NO special outing. We still rely on your giving! NEW BOXES FOR APRIL ONWARDS available for collection from the Presbytery in the week, if you are passing, if you have not already received yours through your letter-box.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

It is vitally important that we 'look out for one another' in this present crisis. We have a number of parishioners offering to assist with shopping or running errands for anyone who is self-isolating, or elderly and choosing to remain safely at home. PLEASE, if you, or anyone you know, is in need of such help, then phone the Presbytery and we will co-ordinate it.

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

"RCIA" / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION: classes all suspended for now. Sadly, the celebration of Confirmation is unable to take place on 26th April, and will be rescheduled by Bp McAleenan in the autumn.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

FR PHILIP WISHES TO THANK profoundly those who assisted in the 2½ months of the Winter Night Shelter on Sunday evenings in the crypt. Particular thanks to Martin Coleston & Ann Hussein, with Claire Hay & Mary Briggs, who co-ordinated our parish's contribution to the Night Shelter. Thanks to all the volunteers over the 9 Sundays, including those who cooked the evening meals and the Confirmation candidates who set up the beds after Sunday Mass each week. Thank you, one and all!

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: In light of the uncertainty over the Coronavirus, it is understandable that we want to ensure our kitchen cupboards are well stocked. However, we must not forget that this can leave foodbanks struggling. Hundreds of people rely on generous donations from our parishioners. This includes the need for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc., as well as sealed packages of dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. **PLEASE BRING ANY ITEMS FOR THE FOODBANK TO THE PRESBYTERY FRONT DOOR** – as long as Fr Philip is in, he will add them to the FoodBank box which is now moved to the Presbytery entrance hall.

SCHOOLS

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL, ENFIELD has a number of teacher vacancies coming up for the autumn term. The NQT positions are: Teacher of Computer Science; Teacher of English; Teacher of Mathematics; Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish with French);

Teacher of Physics; Teacher of PE and Sports Science. Website for details of the roles and application pack: <http://www.st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk/291/careers-at-st-ignatius-college>

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume making house visits when it is safe to do so.

MISSIO: Our total parish giving to the Church's charity (for the work of the missions) for 2019 was £2384.10, which is a great amount. Thank you to our parish's Red Box collectors, and all parishioners! Ellen Bartlett.

CHURCH CLEANING is suspended whilst the church is closed.

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

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER

TO OUR LADY at this time of the virus outbreak

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus's pain, keeping your faith firm.



You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 11th April HOLY SATURDAY 9pm Easter Vigil (in private)* <i>Priest's intentions</i></p> <p>Sun 12th April EASTER SUNDAY Private Mass <i>Maureen O'Neill RIP</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p>PAGE 251 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37–43 <i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.</i></p> <p>Psalm 117 — This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1–4 <i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 1–9 <i>He must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p>
<p>Mon 13th April MONDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE Private Mass <i>Molly Zwager RIP</i></p> <p>Tues 14th April TUESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE Private Mass <i>Hester Counsell RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Canon Eddie Matthews RIP rec. dec.</i></p> <p>Wed 15th April WEDNESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE Private Mass <i>Tish Daly RIP</i></p> <p>Thurs 16th April THURSDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE Private Mass <i>Justin Ighade's intentions</i> Private Mass <i>Richard Pyper RIP</i></p> <p>Fri 17th April FRIDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE (NO Abstinence from meat today) Private Mass <i>Henryk & Assunta Nolewajka RIP</i></p> <p>Sat 18th April SATURDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE Private Mass <i>Graffato & Giamalva family intentions</i></p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 2: 42–47 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3–9 Gospel: John 20: 19–31</p>
<p>Private Mass* <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 19th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Private Mass <i>Deirdre McGrath</i> Private Mass <i>Gina Rindone RIP rec. dec.</i></p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11 am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11 am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</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>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>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>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>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>
REGULAR EVENTS	

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.*