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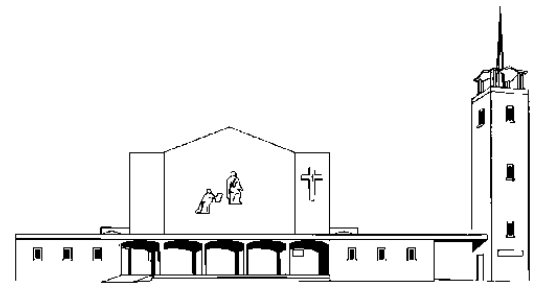
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Year A

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

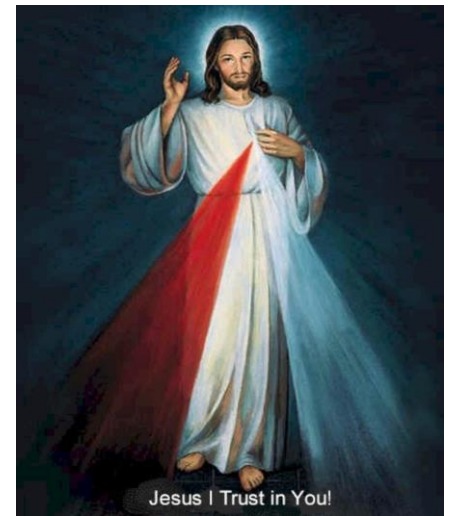
19th APRIL 2020

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON, THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER, has a variety of other names. In Latin it is called "*Dominica in albis depositis*" referring to the white garments of the newly-baptized from Easter who today would put off their white baptismal garments which they had worn as 'new-born' Christians since the Easter Vigil a week before. In English we sometimes refer to this Sunday as 'Low Sunday,' though the reason for that is not entirely clear! Some Orthodox Christians give it the title 'St Thomas Sunday' because they, as we, always hear the Gospel from Jn 20 on this Sunday: the doubting, and then the coming-to-believe, of St Thomas the Apostle.



Since the year 2000, and Pope St John Paul II's canonizing of St Faustina Kowalska, the Church has also termed it '**Divine Mercy Sunday.**' Pope JP II actually died the weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday 2005 and there is a strong connection between him and this devotion which he authorized and strongly promoted. For more on the important Divine-Mercy message, see <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

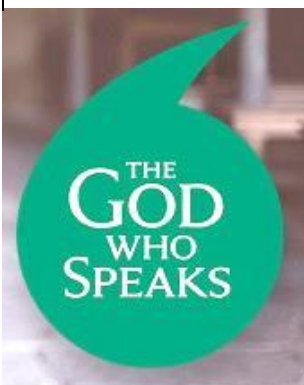
FR JOSHY & I IN OUR DAILY 8AM MASS, TWICE-DAILY ADORATION HOURS, and Morning & Evening Prayer together are faithfully praying for you in church. We are remembering before God also those who are sick, including of our own community, and those who work bravely in the NHS and in Care Homes. We pray the Pope's prayer to Our Lady (see inside) twice a day. Please be sure to offer daily and fervent prayer to Christ and His Blessed Mother, from the safety of your home, and keep the faith!

I THANK SO MANY FOR POSTING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES through the Presbytery letterbox over recent weeks. Your giving is so much needed. (Our bank balance fell by £9k over the course of March!) If and when you are passing (for shopping or taking some exercise) do continue to drop in your offertory. Alternatively, please help us out with a Standing Order using this [Financial-support form](#)

Let us appeal to the Risen Lord for His divine mercy upon us! Fr Philip

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

As the Council's teaching states in this regard, the inspired books teach the truth: "since, therefore, all that the inspired authors, or sacred writers, affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully and without error, teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the sacred Scriptures. Thus, 'all scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work' (2Tim 3: 16-17)."



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>
- You don't have to be a FaceBook user to view our parish page, as it's open-access: www.facebook.com/CatholicHoddesdon – I am adding 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.
- A wonderful *resource for daily spiritual nourishment* is the '[Pause for Faith](#)' YouTube channel hosted by Westminster priest Fr Stephen Wang: 30-min reflections, very accessible.
- An [8-day retreat](#) is being hosted at walsingham.org.uk by the Rector of the Walsingham shrine, Mgr John Armitage, starting on Sunday 19th April at 8pm, with twice-daily reflections. This would be well worth your while following, as he is a renowned and inspiring speaker!

ANTONIO MINICHELLO died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be held in private at the cemetery.

May he 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
Sat 18th April SATURDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE Private Mass <i>Graffato & Giamalva Family intentions</i>	PAGE 255 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 2: 42–47 <i>The faithful all lived together and owed everything in common.</i> Psalm 117 — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for this love has no end. 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3–9 <i>In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Alleluia! Gospel: John 20: 19–31 <i>Eight days later, Jesus came.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)
Private Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	
Sun 19th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Private Mass <i>Deirdre McGrath</i> Private Mass <i>Gina Rindone RIP rec. dec.</i>	
Mon 20th April Private Mass <i>Hester Counsell RIP</i>	
Tues 21st April Private Mass <i>John Price RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Esther Blake RIP rec. dec.</i>	
Wed 22nd April Private Mass <i>Molly Zwager RIP</i>	
Thurs 23rd April ST GEORGE, Martyr Private Mass <i>Theresa Delaney's intentions</i> Private Mass <i>Fr Austin Garvey RIP rec. dec.</i>	
Fri 24th April SS ERKENWALD & MELLITUS, Bishops <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> Private Mass <i>Marina Rocchi RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> 1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22–33 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17–21 Gospel: Luke 24: 13–35
Sat 25th April ST MARK, Evangelist Private Mass <i>John & Johanna Doyle</i>	
Private Mass* <i>Dennis Dempsey RIP</i>	
Sun 26th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Private Mass <i>Kathleen Daly</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	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. ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<p style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> ** 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)	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
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.*