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Year A

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

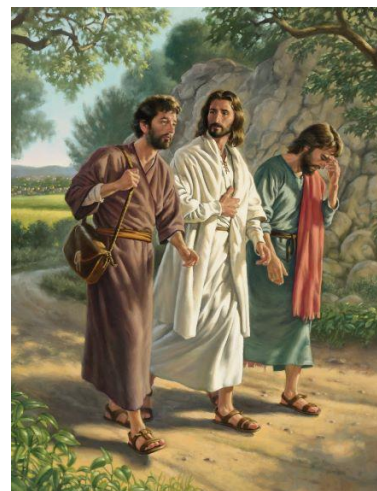
26th APRIL 2020

Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

HOW POWERFULLY THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY speaks to us in our situation of 'lockdown' during this coronavirus pandemic! Like those two disciples of Jesus, we too might have our "faces downcast." We may be feeling very 'trapped' or rather lost or lonely, missing our usual routine and physical contact with family and friends. In the Gospel, the Risen Jesus appears to them, but they are so wrapped up in their anxieties that they fail to recognise Him. It is truly Him, nevertheless! And with the gift of His Word, explaining the Scriptures, He showed them how God's plans in history had pointed to His redemptive suffering and death. Then, gloriously, at the 'Breaking of Bread' (the Eucharist) in their house, they suddenly come to see Who it is that has walked with them, comforting them and giving them hope! I pray that we may ponder this beautiful passage from Luke deeply, and that despite the 'distance' that has temporarily been placed between us and the Holy Mass at this time, we may rely on Christ to walk alongside us, assuring us of His divine presence, turning all things to the good. Let us not be blind to Him – He is with us always, in every situation!



I SEND A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THOSE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH who were due to have been confirmed this weekend by Bishop Paul. I know that you have attended faithfully the Confirmation course ever since the autumn – I'm as sorry as you are that this Sunday is not your Confirmation Day! Be assured that as soon as we are able to, we will reconvene, and that at some point later in 2020 you will receive this beautiful, special, and powerful sacramental outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And it will be even more happily received, for having been longed-for and awaited patiently!

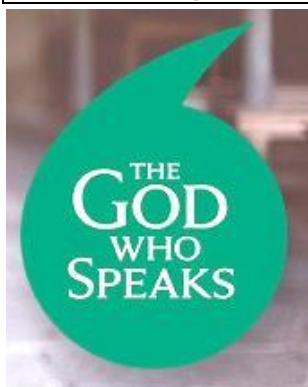
I THANK YOU FOR THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES posted through the Presbytery door recently. Your giving is so much needed! Alternatively, help us out with a Standing Order using this [Financial-support form](#)

Let us recognise with joy the Lord Jesus walking with us in our difficulties!

Fr Philip

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

The economy of revelation has its beginning and origin in God the Father. By his word "the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth." It is he who has given us "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." In the Son, "*Logos* made flesh," who came to accomplish the will of the one who sent him, God, the source of revelation, reveals himself as Father and brings to completion the divine pedagogy which had previously been carried out through the words of the prophets and the wondrous deeds accomplished in creation and in the history of his people and all mankind. The revelation of God the Father culminates in the Son's gift of the Paraclete, the Spirit of the Father and the Son, who guides us "into all the truth."



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* e.g. 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 *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](#) was hosted by the Rector of the Walsingham shrine, Mgr John Armitage, last week, with twice-daily reflections. The whole series is still available on the [EWTN YouTube](#) website. It was very inspiring and thought-provoking!

ANTONIO MINICHELLO of Ranworth Avenue died recently. His funeral will be held in private at the cemetery.

EILEEN WILLING of Trevera Court, Ware Road died recently. Her funeral will take place in private at the cemetery.

ELIA PEDUTO of Spring Cottages, Turnford High Road, died recently. Her funeral will take place in private at the cemetery.
*Our sympathies go out to their families.
May they rest in peace.*

AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY on **Thurs 14th May** is unlikely to be able to go ahead, given the ongoing restrictions – sorry!

FINANCE

APPEAL FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP: the Finance Committee thanks all who 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 possible. Print the relevant inside pages from the [Financial-support form](#) on our parish website, and return the completed form to the Presbytery. The parish relies solely on 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, if you are passing, if you haven't 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. The celebration of Confirmation 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/dioocese/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 25th April ST MARK, Evangelist Private Mass <i>John & Johanna Doyle</i>	PAGE 258 in the Mass books
Private Mass* Dennis Dempsey RIP Sun 26th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Private Mass <i>Kathleen Daly</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22–33 <i>It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.</i> Psalm 15 — Show us, Lord the path of life.
Mon 27th April Private Mass <i>Hester Counsell RIP</i>	2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17–21 <i>Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ.</i>
Tues 28th April Private Mass <i>Aidan & Owen Doyle</i> Private Mass <i>Bridget Newson RIP rec. dec.</i>	Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!
Wed 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Dr Private Mass <i>Maureen McGrath RIP anni.v</i>	Gospel: Luke 24: 13–35 <i>They recognised him at the breaking of bread.</i>
Thurs 30th April Private Mass <i>Thomas Lawlor's intentions</i> Private Mass <i>Nicholas Lamb RIP rec. dec.</i>	PREFACE TODAY: Easter III (p. 74) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)
Fri 1st May <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> Private Mass <i>Carol Sutters's intentions</i> Sat 2nd May ST ATHANSIUS, Bishop & Dr Private Mass <i>Edward Kenny</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36–41 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20–25 Gospel: John 10: 1–10
Private Mass* Antonino & Giuseppa Cannatella & Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP Sun 3rd May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Private Mass <i>Barney McGrath RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Teresa Delaney's intentions</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	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. 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> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	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.*