

# The Announcer

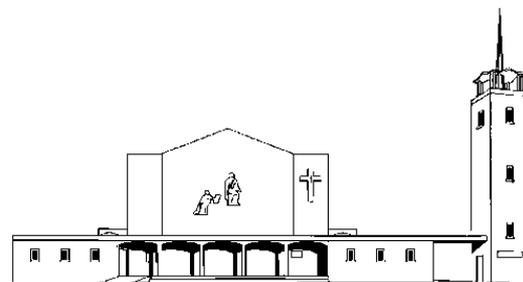
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year A**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**10th MAY 2020**

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

*I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

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

OUR EASTERTIDE-SUNDAY GOSPELS are all beautiful passages, almost all from St John's Gospel, and today's reading is no exception. Our Lord utters those famous words that have given Christians spiritual encouragement and hope across the centuries: "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life!" Additionally, this saying of Christ's forms part of one of the most often chosen Gospel readings for funerals (Jn 14:1-6), surely for the powerful promise that Jesus gives when He says: "*I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with Me; so that where I am, you may be too.*"

OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, since the suspension of the public celebration of Mass, I have celebrated 10 funerals in local cemeteries and crematoria – mostly, but not exclusively, of our parishioners. Most of these were *not* victims of the virus outbreak, but we do know what a toll the virus has had, especially on the older members of our population. We commend the deceased of our own parish, and those others of whom we know, to the loving mercy of our Saviour. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

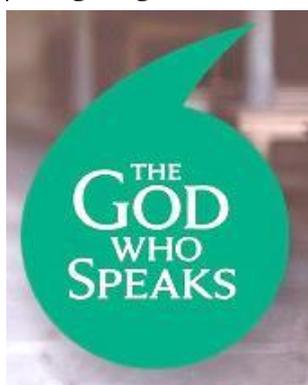
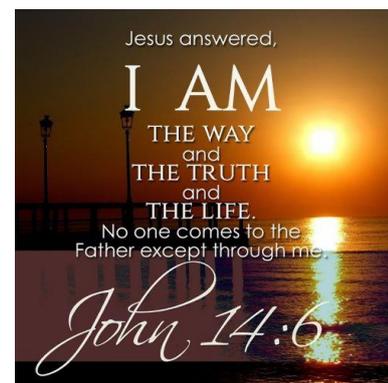
UNCERTAINTY REMAINS, AT THIS POINT, about when and how we will be able to re-open our church, and also when we can resume the sacred ceremonies of our faith, particularly public Mass. We await the Prime Minister's address on Sunday for any indications. Until then, please take heart that your intentions, your safety and well-being are held closely before Our Blessed Lord each and every day for the 3hrs/day that Fr Joshy & I are in church: for Mass, Morning & Evening Prayer, and twice-daily Adoration and Benediction. May you receive many blessings and favours from the Lord for your patience and perseverance in prayer at home.

I thank all parishioners who are continuing to support the parish regularly by dropping in when possible their offertory envelopes, or who have taken out or increased their Standing Orders. Whilst outgoings have of course fallen for the time being, it's hard without the Sunday collection to maintain sufficient income. If you are in a position to, do fill out this [Financial-support form](#) or visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/>. Thank you!

**Let's pray with fervour for Our Lady to lead us safely to Christ! Fr Philip**

**2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 22**

The mystery of the Covenant expresses this relationship between God who calls man with his word, and man who responds ...; what we call the Old and New Covenant is not a contract between two equal parties, but a pure gift of God. By this gift of his love God bridges every distance and truly makes us his "partners", in order to bring about the nuptial mystery of the love between Christ and the Church.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**PUBLIC SUSPENSION OF MASS:** Mass is celebrated by Fr Joshy & Fr Philip in private, plus they pray for the needs of the parish in their twice-daily Holy Hours with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Benediction takes place at 10am & 7pm every day, 7 days/week**, with the intention of blessing and protecting our whole parish – and the sick and the staff of our local hospital at Harlow – with the radiant presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

- 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](http://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.

**FRANCESCO BORELLI** of Gladstone Road died recently. His funeral will take place in private, when arranged. *Our sympathies go out to his family. May he rest in peace.*

**MARRIAGE WEEK 2020:** 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May is the week that is nationally set aside to celebrate commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage. The theme this year is "*The Forever Conversation*,"

recognising the need for continual open communication to enable a marriage to be long lasting. Marriage Encounter is working in partnership with Marriage Week UK to promote events and celebrate marriage. For more information see <https://marriage-week.org.uk/> or <https://wwme.org.uk/> and <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7aPwW6AlOVszW3yjFlbrOA/>

**AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY** on **Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May** is unable 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 who give via Offertory envelopes weekly can continue to deliver your offering through the Presbytery letter-box – 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

**CaFOD WRITES:** "*Laudato Si'* week" – In May it will be five years since Pope Francis wrote his letter to the world, *Laudato Si'*, on care for our common home. We invite everyone to participate in "*Laudato Si'* week" 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May from wherever you are. We invite you to use this time to reflect on how we can all think more deeply, live more wisely and love more generously. Visit [www.cafod.org.uk/encyclical](http://www.cafod.org.uk/encyclical) for resources you can use at home.

**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 AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS 2020/21:** We are still accepting applications for places in our Nursery commencing September 2020. Application forms available from the School Office or to download from the school website. Visits to the Nursery are – in due course – warmly welcomed and can be arranged by

contacting the School Office on 463549 or by e-mailing [admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk)

**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.

**200 CLUB:** the April and May draws for the 200 Club have produced the following winners: April – no. 24, Kay Reddington; May – no. 51, Claire Kilduff. Congratulations to them both!

**CHURCH CLEANING** is suspended.

**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. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> Private Mass <i>Margaret Doran's intentions</i>	<b>PAGE 265 in the Mass books</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 6: 1–7 <i>They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.</i>
Private Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>Psalm 32 —</b> <i>May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</i>
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Private Mass <i>Angela Murphy RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Peter 2: 4–9 <i>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.</i>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May</b> Private Mass <i>Margaret Galligan RIP anniv.</i>	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!</i>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> Private Mass <i>Fr John Cunningham's intentions</i> Private Mass <i>Elia Peduto RIP rec. dec.</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> John 14: 1-12 <i>I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.</i>
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May OUR LADY OF FATIMA</b> Private Mass <i>Assunta &amp; Henryk Nolewajka</i>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Easter IV (p. 74) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May ST MATTHIAS, Apostle</b> Private Mass <i>Bridget Newson RIP rec. dec.</i> Private Mass <i>John &amp; Mary Hanley &amp; family intentions</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b></p>
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> Private Mass <i>Robert Cullen RIP</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 8: 5–8, 14–17 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Peter 3: 15–18 <b>Gospel:</b> John 14: 15–21
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> Private Mass <i>Patrick &amp; Thomas Lawlor</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p>
Private Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Private Mass <i>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Linda &amp; Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></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>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></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.
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> 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>

**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.*