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Year A

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

24th MAY 2020

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

Father, glorify your Son.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

IT'S A SPECIAL PERIOD THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN THESE DAYS: the original 'novena' of days between Ascension & Pentecost. In that time, Our Lady & the apostles (restored to numbering 12 by the election of St Matthias) took to prayer in private as they awaited the promised Holy Spirit promised by the Risen Jesus and re-iterated by Him as He ascended. Cardinal Vincent, our Archbishop, has released a lovely video for this period, and it can be viewed at: <https://vimeo.com/421046273> – in it, he reminds us to pray fervently as Pentecost approaches, for all the graces we need to receive from the Holy Spirit.



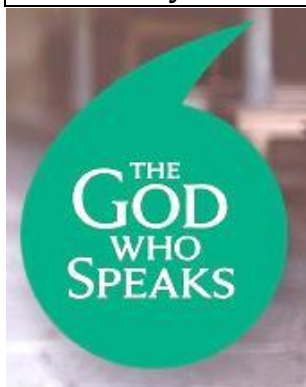
THIS WEEK IS ALSO THE FINAL WEEK OF THE MARIAN MONTH OF MAY, so I do urge you to keep this also as part of your prayer, especially the Rosary. The Glorious Mysteries are particularly appropriate in these days between Ascension & Pentecost, and a powerful prayer for healing and hope as we reflect on the new life that the Risen Jesus gives to humanity as the Spirit is poured out upon the Church. Pope Francis wrote two extra prayers to Our Blessed Mother for this time of crisis – one is printed inside the Newsletter; the second is at [this link here](#).

I THANK ALL PARISHIONERS FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH regularly by dropping in when possible your offertory envelopes, or by setting up or increasing a Standing Order. Whilst outgoings have fallen for the time being, it's still very hard without the Sunday collection for the parish to maintain sufficient income to cover all its costs. If you are in a financial position to, please fill out one of this [Financial-support form](#) or visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/>. Thank you for remembering your parish!

Let us stay attentive to our prayer as we await the Spirit's outpouring at Pentecost! Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 23

Sad to say, ... there is a widespread notion that God is extraneous to people's lives and problems, and that his very presence can be a threat to human autonomy. Yet the entire economy of salvation demonstrates that God speaks and acts in history for our good and our integral salvation. Thus it is decisive, ... to present the word of God in its capacity to enter into dialogue with the everyday problems which people face. Jesus himself says that he came that we might have life in abundance. We need to make every effort to share the Word of God as an openness to our problems, a response to our questions, a broadening of our values and the fulfilment of our aspirations.



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. Fr Philip will also add in a Mass intention for each and every deceased person whose funeral he has had to celebrate at the cemetery/crematorium without Mass.
- *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.

FRANCESCO BORELLI of Gladstone Road died recently. His funeral will take place at Ware Rd Cemetery in private.

*Our sympathies go out to his family.
May he rest in peace.*

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. It is now clear that the First-Holy-Communion celebrations also cannot take place when originally scheduled, but it is not yet clear when the children's classes can resume for their preparation.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: Hundreds of people rely on generous donations to the local FoodBank from our parishioners and other local people. The need is 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

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL, ENFIELD has a number of teacher vacancies coming up for the autumn term: Teacher of English; Music Teacher. 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 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.

Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 23rd May Private Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i>	<p align="center">PAGE 275 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 1: 12–14 <i>All joined in continuous prayer.</i></p> <p>Psalm 26 — <i>I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4: 13–16 <i>It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 17: 1–11 <i>Father, glorify your Son.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Ascension II (p. 75) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28)</p> <p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS PENTECOST SUNDAY</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 2: 1–11 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13 Gospel: John 20: 19–23</p>
Private Mass* Nadia Miragliotta RIP Sun 24th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Private Mass Dave Greenall RIP Private Mass For the Parish	
Mon 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, Priest & Dr Private Mass Barbara Murphy RIP anniv.	
Tues 26th May ST PHILIP NERI, Priest Private Mass Whelehan family intentions Private Mass Fiona Colclough 50th birthday intentions	
Wed 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY Bp Private Mass Bill Pollard RIP	
Thurs 28th May Private Mass Abigail Murphy's intentions Private Mass Eileen Willing RIP rec. dec.	
Fri 29th May POPE ST PAUL VI <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> Private Mass Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP	
Sat 30th May Private Mass Donato Fonzo RIP	
Private Mass* For the Parish Sun 31st May PENTECOST SUNDAY Private Mass Pasquale Ricotta RIP Private Mass Ken Parker RIP anniv	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p align="center">Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p align="center">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p 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 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 align="center">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p align="right">* 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>	
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.*