

# The Announcer

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**Year A**

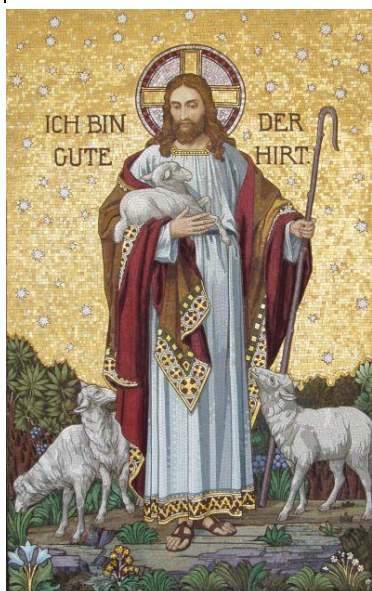
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2020**

Gospel: John 10: 1-10 – *I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

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

**CARDINAL NICHOLS AND THE OTHER ENGLAND & WALES ARCHBISHOPS** have written us a [joint letter](#) regarding the current closure of our churches, and the hopes for re-opening.



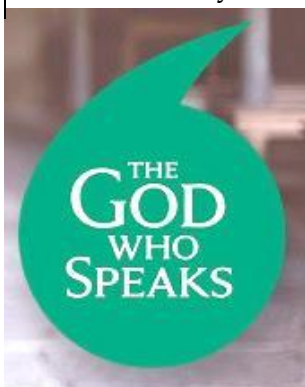
**THE DIOCESE ALSO WRITES TO US REGARDING THIS SUNDAY:** "Good Shepherd Sunday is the day when we pray for our seminarians and encourage other men to consider the call to the priesthood. The seminaries, Allen Hall, the Venerable English College and the Beda College in Rome, where future Westminster priests are in formation, are physically closed. Nevertheless, prayer continues in the life of seminarians and staff, and they are able to participate in streamed liturgies. All have on-line lectures, regular conversations with formation staff and spiritual direction. Our seminarians are praying for an end to the pandemic, for the priests serving in the parishes and hospitals, the heroic healthcare staff and care workers, and all who are suffering from this virus. While the present reality lacks the community dimension of formation and the important common liturgical life, their studies and preparation for priesthood continue.

"Due to the pandemic, as we are unable to gather in our churches to celebrate Mass, this year there will *not* be a collection for the Priests' Training Fund. Please pray for the seminarians and those discerning God's call at this time. May they model through their actions and words the example of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who came to serve and not to be served. And do read the [Seminary News](#) to find out more about our seminarians in Allen Hall. Read or listen to Bishop John Sherrington's [reflection for Vocations Sunday](#) in a time of pandemic. Donations to the *Priests' Training Fund* are always gratefully received – if you wish to make a donation, please visit the [donation page](#)."

**Let us call on our divine Good Shepherd to care for us tenderly! Fr Philip**

**2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 21**

God also speaks by his silence. ... Hanging from the wood of the cross, [Jesus] lamented the suffering caused by that silence: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ... This experience of Jesus reflects the situation of all those who, having heard and acknowledged God's word, must also confront his silence. This has been the experience of countless saints and mystics, and even today is part of the journey of many believers. God's silence prolongs his earlier words. In these moments of darkness, he speaks through the mystery of his silence — an important expression of the word of God.



## 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.

**EILEEN WILLING** of Trevera Court, Ware Road died recently. Her funeral will take place in private at the cemetery. *Our sympathies go out to her family. May she rest in peace.*

**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-](http://www.st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk/291/careers-at-st-ignatius-college)

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## 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
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> ST ATHANASIUS, Bishop & Dr Private Mass <i>Edward Kenny</i>	<b>PAGE 262 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 2: 14, 36–41 <i>God has made him both Lord and Christ.</i>  <b>Psalm 22 —</b> <i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Peter 2: 20–25 <i>You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.</i>  <b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!</i>  <b>Gospel:</b> John 10: 1–10 <i>I am the gate of the sheepfold.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Easter III (p. 75) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 28)
Private Mass* <b>Antonino &amp; Giuseppa Cannatella &amp; Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</b>  <b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Private Mass <i>Barney McGrath RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Teresa Delaney's intentions</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 6: 1–7 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Peter 2: 4–9 <b>Gospel:</b> John 14: 1–12
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b> Private Mass <i>Jo Hogan's intentions</i>  <b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> Private Mass <i>John Doyle</i> Private Mass <i>Antonino Cuffaro RIP rec. dec.</i>  <b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> Private Mass <i>David Hale RIP anniv.</i>  <b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> Private Mass <i>Intentions of those recently making the Marian consecration</i> Private Mass <i>Filomena Mezzullo's intentions</i>  <b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) Private Mass <i>Bert &amp; Alice Warden, and Rose Mills RIP</i>  <b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> Private Mass <i>Margaret Doran's intentions</i>	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b>  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.  <b>ROSARY</b>  The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.  <b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b>  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>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b>  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>
Private Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>  <b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Private Mass <i>Angela Murphy RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP</i>	<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>
<p style="text-align: right;">* <b>Vigil Mass of Sunday</b></p> <p>** <b>With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</b></p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	

**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.*

*Parishioners took this lovely photo of a double rainbow on Thursday last week ... always a lovely sign of hope, especially at this time ...*

