

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year A**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2020**

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

*As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.*

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

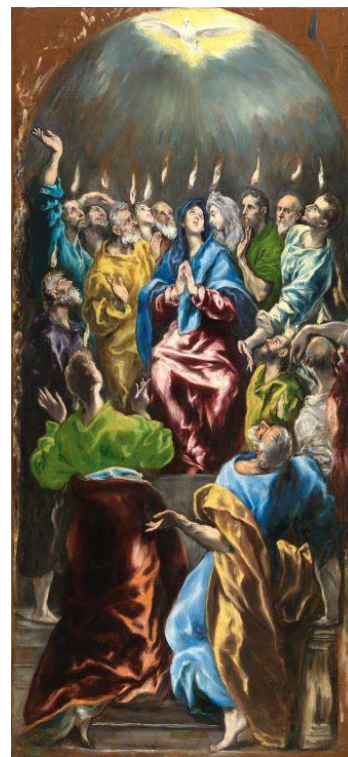
**WE COME TO THE FINAL DAY AND THE FINAL FEAST OF THIS EASTERTIDE:** the great feast of Pentecost, celebration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady & the Apostles. It's most certainly a shame that we have not been able to celebrate *any* of Eastertide together at Mass in church – it's a great sadness, but we live in hope that soon we will have our chance to come to pray before Jesus in church restored to us. Even so, let's celebrate Pentecost in our hearts and in our homes, imploring the Holy Spirit to keep us faithful, holy, and focussed on our Blessed Lord.

Pimlico Parish, with its Parish Priest Canon Pat Browne, has produced a 24-min artistic meditation for Pentecost which you might like to use at this sacred time: <https://youtu.be/ca6ccFiiIc8>

**THERE IS AS YET STILL NO DATE** for the unlocking of the church doors, but as soon as the 'green light' is given, I will have the church opened. I envisage opening the church 8.45am-7pm each day, with an early period of quiet Eucharistic adoration (till 10am) and another one later (6-7pm). Obviously, even for the use of the church just for private prayer there will be: (i) sanitiser 'hand gel' available at the entrance doors; (ii) a requirement that we keep at least 2m away from anyone else in church who is not a member of our household; and (iii) a daily routine of antiseptic cleansing of any surfaces likely to have been touched through the day.

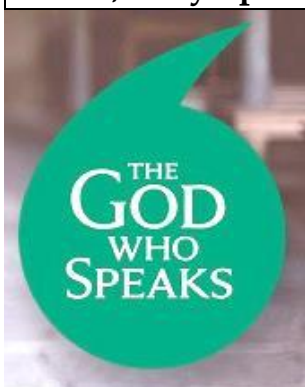
**THANKS TO ALL THOSE FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING THE PARISH** throughout these difficult weeks: your parish needs this generous support! <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/>

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faith; kindle in them the fire of Your love! Fr Philip**



**2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 24**

The word of God draws each of us into a conversation with the Lord: the God who speaks teaches us how to speak to him. ... In the Psalms we find expressed every possible human feeling set masterfully in the sight of God; joy and pain, distress and hope, fear and trepidation: here all find expression. Along with the Psalms we think too of the many other passages of sacred Scripture which express our turning to God in intercessory prayer, in exultant songs of victory, or in sorrow at the difficulties experienced in carrying out our mission.



## 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](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 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](mailto: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   |
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| <b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May</b><br>Private Mass <i>Donato Fonzo RIP</i>  | <b>PAGE 288 in the Mass books</b><br><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 2: 1–11<br><i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i><br><br><b>Psalm 103 — Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.</b><br><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13<br><i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i><br><br><b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!</i><br><br><b>Gospel:</b> John 20: 19–23<br><i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i><br><br><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Pentecost (p. 76)<br><b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)   |
| Private Mass* <i>For the Parish</i><br><br><b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May PENTECOST SUNDAY</b><br>Private Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i><br>Private Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP anniv.</i>   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13<br><i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i><br><br><b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!</i><br><br><b>Gospel:</b> John 20: 19–23<br><i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i><br><br><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Pentecost (p. 76)<br><b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)  |
| <b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH</b><br>Private Mass <i>Bridie McDaid RIP anniv.</i><br><br><b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b><br>Private Mass <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i><br>Private Mass <i>Mary Wilson RIP rec. dec.</i><br><br><b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June SS CHARLES LWANGA &amp; COMPANIONS</b><br>Private Mass <i>Francesco Borelli RIP rec. dec.</i><br><br><b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</b><br>Private Mass <i>Anthony Joseph Riley RIP rec. dec.</i><br>Private Mass <i>Maureen Findlay-Wilson RIP rec. dec.</i><br><br><b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June ST BONIFACE, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b><br><i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i><br>Private Mass <i>Mary &amp; John Hayden</i><br><br><b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY</b><br>Private Mass <i>Ellen &amp; Daniel White</i> | <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b><br><b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b><br><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 34:4–6, 8–9<br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 13: 11–13<br><b>Gospel:</b> John 3: 16–18<br><br><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b><br>Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm<br>Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am<br>or ask Fr Philip at any other time.<br><br><b>ROSARY</b><br>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.<br><br><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b><br>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.<br><br><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b><br>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.<br><br><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b><br><b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b> |
| Private Mass* <i>Ted Leatherbarrow RIP</i><br><br><b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b><br>Private Mass <i>Ryan &amp; Edward McGrath</i><br>Private Mass <i>Calogero Nicastro RIP</i><br>Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i>  |   |
| <p style="text-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>   |   |
| <b>REGULAR EVENTS</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.*