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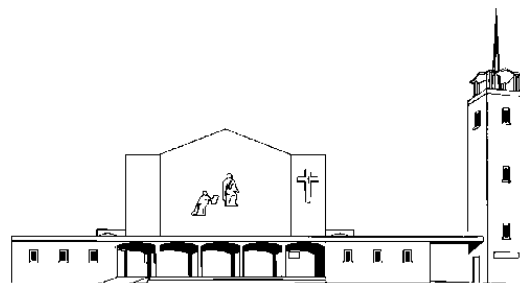
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Year B

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18th APRIL 2021

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48 – *It is written that the Christ would suffer & on the third day rise from the dead.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

WE CONTINUE IN THE EASTERTIDE SUNDAY GOSPEL PASSAGES to hear of the appearances of the risen Lord: today, in the episode following on from the road to Emmaus, as He appears to His apostles in the upper room. His message to them is not only one of convincing them that He has risen from the dead; but also one of "opening their minds to understand the scriptures" and of sending them out on their mission, "to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

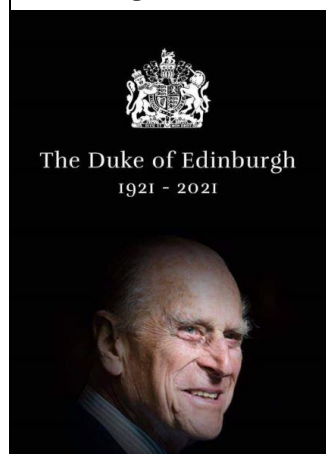


AS PRINCE PHILIP, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, is laid to rest this weekend, we pray for the repose of his soul, and we pray for the Queen and the Royal Family in their bereavement. We give thanks for his life of commitment to Her Majesty, his life of service in the Armed Forces, and his patronage, support and initiative over many decades to countless institutions and good causes in our country and the Commonwealth. *May he rest in peace.*

AS WE GRADUALLY COME OUT OF THE PANDEMIC, I urge you to return, now, to weekly Sunday Mass. May I remind you that the **Saturday evening 6.30pm and Sunday 5pm Masses** have had the most space, of late, so please think of adopting these as your Sunday Mass for the time being, allowing

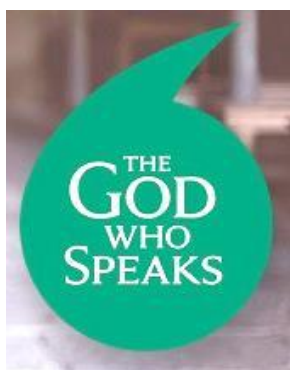
us to have as many parishioners here present to celebrate the Holy Eucharist as space allows.

May you continue to rejoice at the Resurrection of the Lord and receive His blessings! Fr Philip



2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 66

[There is an] importance of silence in relation to the word of God and its reception in the lives of the faithful. The word, in fact, can only be spoken and heard in silence, outward and inward. Ours is not an age which fosters recollection; at times one has the impression that people are afraid of detaching themselves, even for a moment, from the mass media. For this reason, it is necessary nowadays that the People of God be educated in the value of silence. Rediscovering the centrality of God's word in the life of the Church also means rediscovering a sense of recollection and inner repose. The great patristic tradition teaches us that the mysteries of Christ all involve silence. Only in silence can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence. Our liturgies must facilitate this attitude of authentic listening.



PRAYER & LITURGY

CHURCH OPENING: c. 8.30am-7pm, with **Adoration** at the beginning and at the end of the day (Mon-Fri). Low-level supervision from volunteer parishioners operates throughout each day, to ensure that all is safe. There are hygienic facilities in place, masks are to be worn, and distancing (2m from any person other than from one's own household) is to be maintained.

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASS:

- Parish volunteer stewards ensure that those arriving at Mass adhere to the protocols regarding hygiene and distancing.
- *Sunday Mass is shortened*, to give time for sanitizing the church between Masses. There is no congregational singing, no Offertory Procession and no Sign of Peace. Holy Communion will be distributed carefully and slowly. You can give your usual weekly donation as you *exit* the church, rather than in the middle of Mass.
- *Please note that the toilets will remain CLOSED.*
- *The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended*, so those whose health is compromised may still feel it necessary to avoid coming to Mass for the time being.
- *Confessions* – available again in the usual confessional, but only *kneeling at the grille/curtain*, not face to face. Alternatively, ring Fr Philip for an appointment for confession in the open in the parish garden.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH declared by Pope Francis (8th Dec 2020-21) – [prayer cards](#) are available.

MAY DEVOTIONS in presbytery garden at the grotto: **Sunday 23rd May at 3pm**. You will need to be stationary and spaced out – there won't be a 'procession' as such. Some chairs will be provided for those unable to stand. All welcome.

FINANCE

CONTACTLESS GIVING AFTER MASS: since many people now carry little or no cash on them, beginning this Easter weekend, all being well, there will be a device for giving your weekly offering to the parish for its upkeep contactlessly, by card. You will find the simple device at the LEFT HAND of the exit doors from church as you leave Mass. Please remember to use hand gel sanitizer before and/or after using the device. It seems to be working well.

NEW BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are now available to collect from the Presbytery

office **Mon, Wed & Fri, 9am-1pm**. If you would like to **START** using envelopes, please contact the Presbytery. **Fr Philip & Fr Joshy delivered many of the boxes during Easter week. If you now have a standing order and don't want your box of envelopes in the future, please contact the presbytery to let us know.**

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope throughout this critical time.

We do ask those of you whose finances are stable at present to consider your parish giving, to help the parish out at a difficult time. Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

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| Account Name: | WRCDT Hoddesdon |
| Sort Code: | 40-05-20 |
| Account Number: | 31264370 |

You can also give by Virgin Money Giving: by using this link tiny.cc/8xn0tz, or by using the QR code alongside:



HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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 suspended. As soon as it seems safe to resume classes and preparation for these sacraments, we will do so. This may be the case after Easter, but attendance

at Sunday Mass would be a pre-requisite. We await guidance from the diocese on this matter.

BAPTISMS: We have heard from the diocese that Baptism celebrations are likely to be permitted from 17th May. If you have completed a Baptism course with Fr Philip *previously*, then you can be in touch with the Presbytery to arrange a tentative Sunday-lunchtime date for your child's baptism. The likely numbers of attendees will be small, perhaps only 15 or 30.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: Thank you to parishioners who give so generously for the local FoodBank! The need is for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc., as well as sealed packages of NON-PERISHABLE foods: dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. FoodBank collection boxes are in the church porch.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL Governing Body has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor, ideally with legal skills. Training is provided. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Napier, via cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2021. Applications are welcome for Nursery Class (Sept 2021) from families whose child reaches their third birthday between 1st Sept 2020 and 31st Aug 2021. There are two forms of provision each day: a core offer of 15 hrs; and an extended offer of 30 hrs. COVID-19 restrictions prevent visits to the school at this moment, but the school will be offering remote sessions to meet Headteacher, Mrs Napier, and hear more. For details and to access the application form, please see: <https://staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/ofsted/admissions>

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS has some vacancies in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5. Contact the Herts in-year admissions team: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/in-year-admissions-change-schools-during-the-year/in-year-admissions-change-school-during-the-year.aspx> and the School Office for a school application form as you will need to complete both.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: next Sunday is 'Good Shepherd Sunday,' the day when we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. **The annual collection for the Priests' Training Fund will take place next weekend.** This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese; and two men are studying in Rome, also for our diocese. Last year three men were ordained to the priesthood for our diocese. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. **Envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will be collected next weekend.** Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.



GOOD NEWS!! The 'Awards for All' grant from the National Lottery has allowed us to complete the upgrade of our crypt-hall flooring. *The work has been completed this past week.* Many thanks to Mary Briggs for seeing this project through, especially for all the work she and her family did in clearing the crypt in readiness for this work to happen.

HOLY PLACES collection after the Passion Liturgy of Good Friday raised £457.30. Thank you to all who contributed.

THE CATHOLIC HERALD is now a monthly publication. The April edition is available to buy for £5 from the back of the church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make house visits ('doorstep visits') this week, on Wednesday afternoon, with visits to parishioners in Ware Rd (even nos.), Rodney Crescent.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING – a special rota will be devised now that the church is open again.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2021 available

to buy for £4.50 from the back of the church.
Please place your money in the newspaper box.

**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.

| Liturgy this week | Today's Liturgy |
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| Sat 17th April 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>John & Johanna Doyle RIP</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 258 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 3: 13–15, 17–19 <i>You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.</i></p> <p>Ps 4 — Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 John 2: 1–5 <i>He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia! <i>Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.' Alleluia</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 24: 35–48 <i>So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter II (p. 60) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)</p> |
| 4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 18th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>Dec'd members of Mercurio Family</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Antonino & Giuseppa Cannatella RIP</i> 5pm Mass <i>Samuel Mungai RIP</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 4: 8–12 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1–2 Gospel: John 10: 11–18</p> |
| Mon 19th April ST ALPHEGE, bishop & martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Adoration | |
| Tues 20th April 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Fr John Cunningham's intentions</i> 6pm Adoration | |
| Wed 21st April ST ANSELM, bishop & doctor 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving for recovery of Abigail Murphy</i> 6pm Adoration | |
| Thurs 22nd April 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Roy Davis RIP</i> 6pm Adoration | |
| Fri 23rd April ST GEORGE, martyr (NO Abstinence from meat on this solemnity) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Maureen Murphy RIP</i> 6pm Adoration | <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-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 style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p> |
| Sat 24th April SS ERKENWALD & MELLITUS, bishops 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i> | |
| 4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Canon John Longstaff & Fr Robert Tollemache RIP annivs.</i> | |
| Sun 25th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>William Anthony RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm Mass <i>Tom Star RIP</i> | |
| * Vigil Mass of Sunday | |

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 new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascuna 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.*