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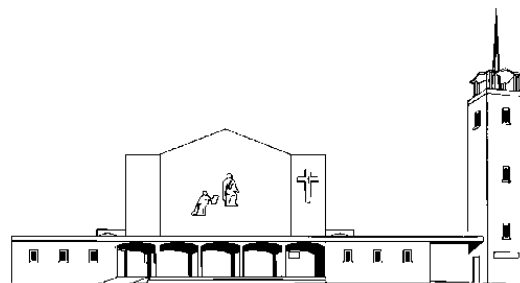
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Year B

EASTER SUNDAY

4th APRIL 2021

Gospel: John 20: 1-9 – *He must rise from the dead.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

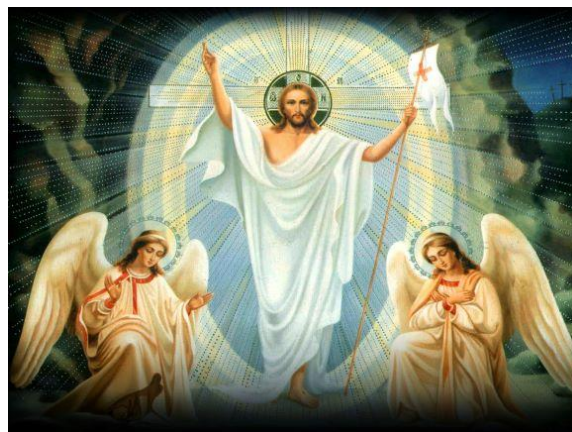
A BLESSED & HAPPY EASTER TO YOU! I pray that you have been able to participate in the fullest way possible for you at this time, in the sacred events of Holy Week. I thank all those parishioners who have assisted in the lead-up to Easter. I pay particular tribute to those who have been assisting as open-church supervisors and Mass stewards – some of you several times a week ever since last June – to make sure that we can have our church open, and Mass celebrated publicly ... we owe

a great debt of gratitude to you! Thanks also to altar servers, floral arrangers, and those who have provided music over Holy Week and Easter, to make the liturgy more beautiful, even though we have had to keep the ceremonies somewhat simpler. Finally, I would like to thank the generous donors who between them covered 90% of the cost of refurbishing our Paschal Candlestick, which now in renewed splendour takes pride of place at the centre of the Church this Eastertide holding the 'Light of Christ.'

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION is a day of immense joy for the whole Church, as we celebrate Our Lord's rising from the dead "on the third day." His glorious victory over death brings us such *hope* in life, for we know that even that which often brings most anxiety in our life – frailty and mortality – is answered and healed as He rises from the dead. We need to use whatever years we are allotted in this world as a preparation for the next, and we do this best of all by a focus on Jesus: imitating His sacrificial love, His deep compassion for others, and adoring Him above all other things. This means that we can be truly united with Him in faith, and so die with Him and rise again in glory. The Resurrection should be our meditation every day as a Catholic Christian: we should be praying to be a person who lives in the Easter light of Jesus, and lighting up the world around with that same hope-giving, life-giving light of Christ. *Jesus Christ is Risen today! Alleluia!*

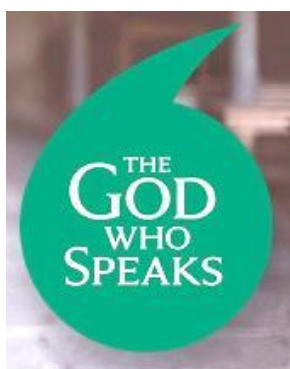
May many joyful blessings be granted us all, today, from our holy, risen Lord!

Fr Philip



2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 61

We must also stress the importance of sacred Scripture in ... the sacraments of healing, namely the sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance, and the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. ... We ought never to forget that "the word of God is a word of reconciliation, for in it God has reconciled all things to himself. The loving forgiveness of God, made flesh in Jesus, raises up the sinner." "Through the word of God the Christian receives light to recognize his sins and is called to conversion and to confidence in God's mercy." To have a deeper experience of the reconciling power of God's word, the individual penitent should be encouraged to prepare for confession by meditating on a suitable text of sacred Scripture.



PRAYER & LITURGY

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HODDESDON host "Easter Praise" on **Sun 4th April at 7.30pm**. Please view this on the FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/CTHBW>.

BANK HOLIDAY MASS on Monday morning will be at 10am. The church will be closed after Mass and there will be no evening Adoration.

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.

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. Thank you for your parish giving!

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 for a form.

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:

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.

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.

CAFOD ONLINE WORKSHOP: 2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how the world rebuilds from the pandemic. As Catholics we have an important role to play in calling for the world's poorest communities to be included. Join CAFOD to find out how to meet your MP as a parish group on **Saturday 10th April, 11am to 12.30;** book at <https://cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting>

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



GOOD NEWS!! 'Awards for All' from the National Lottery, has awarded us a £9k+ grant to complete the upgrade of our crypt-hall flooring. The 25-yr-old carpet will be replaced with 2 types of flooring, one part like the crypt-kitchen floor for easily-cleaning areas where food is served, and the other for the remainder of the crypt. The work will commence 8th April.

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

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip hopes to resume his house visits ('doorstep visits') shortly.

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.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 3rd April HOLY SATURDAY 9.45am Morning Prayer 9.00pm* Mass of the Easter Vigil <i>Priest's int's</i></p> <p>Sun 4th April EASTER SUNDAY 9.15am Mass <i>Justina Ogbodu's intentions</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm Mass <i>Antonino Cuffaro RIP anniv.</i></p>	<p>PAGE 251 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37–43 <i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.</i></p> <p>Ps 117 — <i>This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1–4 <i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 1–9 <i>He must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Easter I (p. 60) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1. (p. 18)</p>
<p>Mon 5th April MONDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE 10am Mass <i>Aidan & Owen Doyle RIP</i> PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</p> <p>Tues 6th April TUESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Fr Frank Dwane RIP</i> 6pm Adoration</p> <p>Wed 7th April WEDNESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Adoration</p> <p>Thurs 8th April THURSDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Adoration</p> <p>Fri 9th April FRIDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE (NO Abstinence from meat today) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Bridget Newson RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration</p> <p>Sat 10th April SATURDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Antonino & Franco Martorana RIP</i></p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 4: 32–35 2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1–6 Gospel: John 20: 19–31</p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass*</p> <p>6.30pm Mass* <i>John & Wendy Buttigieg RIP</i></p> <p>Sun 11th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>Maureen O'Neill RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>In Thanksgiving</i> 5pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) 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>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK 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>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</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 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.*