

The Announcer

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

23rd MAY 2021

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,

THE CULMINATING FEAST OF THE EASTER SEASON, PENTECOST, is upon us today! This great moment in Jerusalem, signified by the dramatic fire and wind, when the apostles received what Our Lord had promised, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is the *birthday* of the Church: she comes out into the open, fearlessly proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus, and announcing the world-changing truth of His Resurrection from the dead.



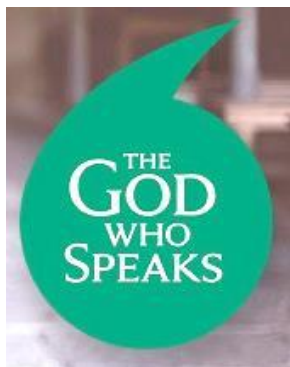
We received the personal gift of the Holy Spirit when we were baptized – a gift renewed and strengthened in our Confirmation. If for some reason you are an adult who weren't Confirmed when you were younger, then please be in touch with Fr Philip who will draw together a group to start preparing for Confirmation in the autumn. The same goes for those adults who would wish to be baptized or are non-Catholic Christians wishing to become Catholics.

OUR MAY DEVOTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY (23rd May at 3pm) because the weather forecast is rather poor. We will pray the Rosary together and to offer Marian prayers in this month of Our Blessed Lady. We all have very many things to pray for – for our families, our nation, and the international situation. Let's invoke the powerful intercession of Our Blessed Mother, remembering this day of Pentecost that she, Queen of Apostles, was there when the Holy Spirit came. She has always been praying at the very heart of the Church for all Jesus's people.

May the Lord fill our hearts with the life-changing gifts of Holy Spirit this Pentecost! Fr Philip

2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 74

An important aspect of the Church's pastoral work which, if used wisely, can help in rediscovering the centrality of God's word is *catechesis* ... Luke's description of the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus represents, in some sense, the model of a catechesis centred on "the explanation of the Scriptures", an explanation which Christ alone can give, as he shows that they are fulfilled in his person. The hope which triumphs over every failure was thus reborn, and made those disciples convinced and credible witnesses of the Risen Lord. ... Here I wish first and foremost to stress that catechesis "must be permeated by the mindset, the spirit and the outlook of the Bible and the Gospels through assiduous contact with the texts themselves; yet it also means remembering that catechesis will be all the richer and more effective for reading the texts with the mind and the heart of the Church," and for drawing inspiration from the two millennia of the Church's reflection and life.



PRAYER & LITURGY

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate and pray for the 8 young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:

Alex Amodeo	Roby Barone
Fabrizio Ciraolo	Aloysius Githinji
Hannah Gunkel	Abigail Ingram
Simon Patasin	Enrico Tagliarini

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Maria Verde who will be baptised this weekend.

MAY DEVOTIONS: Due to the bad weather forecast, this will not be held in the garden but **IN THE CHURCH this Sunday 23rd May, 3pm.**

MONTH OF OUR LADY: a decade of the Rosary will be prayed before each Sunday Mass.

CORPUS CHRISTI (Sunday 6th June): because at present it would not be feasible to have the '40 Hours' devotion – owing to the cleaning that still has to take place after each Mass etc. – Fr Philip intends to have a **Sunday Holy Hour** (Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction) on the feast of Corpus Christi, **3.30pm-4.30pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS: there are many spare *weekday & some weekend dates* for intentions for you to request Mass in the coming weeks. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. Intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.

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:

- *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.*
- *Confessions* – available again in the usual confessional, but only *kneeling at the*

grille/curtain, not face to face.

5PM SUNDAY MASS: Please note that the 5pm Mass will continue for now, but will cease from August, or sooner if we are allowed to resume using all the pews.

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

HOLY COMMUNION VISITS: Fr Philip hopes to be able to resume his visits to housebound parishioners after 17th May.

LAUDATO SI': This is the anniversary week of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'* in 2015. It means "praising God" for the gift of Creation (St Francis of Assisi). We need to care about what is happening to our climate/environment; we have plenty of facts, but we need to think about our values as Catholic Christians.

FINANCE

CONTACTLESS GIVING AFTER MASS: since many people now carry little or no cash on them, there is now a device for giving your weekly offering to the parish for its upkeep contactlessly, by card. The device at the LEFT HAND exit door from church as you leave Mass. It is simple to use and seems to be working well.

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/bishopstortford>

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: Fr Philip has e-mailed the 2020 **First-Communion** families with the groups and class dates, for the resumed programme last week. 2020 **Confirmation** candidates who have been regularly attending Mass will be invited over the coming months to be confirmed at parish Sunday Masses in groups of 3 or 4.

BAPTISMS are now permitted with up to 30 attendees. If you have completed a Baptism course with Fr Philip *previously*, then be in touch with the Presbytery to arrange a Sunday date for your child's baptism.

BAPTISM COURSE will be held **Wed 9th June** in the crypt & **Fri 18th June** in the church, **7.30-9pm**. Only one parent need attend the course; a face covering should be worn. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged; to enrol, please contact the Presbytery.

WEDDINGS: If you intend to get married in the second half of this year, please contact the Presbytery as soon as possible so that dates for the next Marriage-Preparation course can be set.

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 – 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/prinary/staugustines/site/pages/ofsted/admissions>

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make house visits ('doorstep visits') this week, on **Monday** afternoon, with visits to EN11 9B* and EN11 9A*.

PEACE COTTAGE GARDEN: After a winter of clearing the 'Peace Cottage' garden on Lord Street in preparation for it to become a resource for the local community, the weeds are making an appearance again and there is much planting and initial design to do. The organisers would love to have more volunteer gardeners on board through the next few months. Could you help? There may also be a need for donations of hand tools (in good condition) and perennial plants. If you would like to help, please do get in touch with Kate Carter, contact details as follows:

curate@hoddesdonparishchurch.co.uk

MARSHAL VOLUNTEERS: Vaccinations against the virus are still taking place at Barclay Hall, next to Hoddesdon Anglican Parish Church. The NHS is asking for volunteers to help with marshalling. The session would be for 4 hours (8.45am-1pm or 12.45-5pm). The marshals might need to be outside during this time. The NHS would draw up a rota of volunteers, so people could volunteer for just one session a week. If you are interested, please contact denise.benfield2@nhs.net.

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.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 22nd May 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Darrel Divers RIP anniv.</i>	PAGE 286 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 2: 1–11 <i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.</i> Ps 103 — Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12–13 <i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised.</i> Gospel Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. 'Alleluia
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Nadia Miragliotta RIP</i> Sun 23rd May PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.15am Mass <i>Dave Greenall RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm Mass <i>Riva & Ksenia Dias in Thanksgiving</i>	Gospel Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. 'Alleluia Gospel: John 20: 19–23 <i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Pentecost (p. 62) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)
Mon 24th May BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	Gospel: John 20: 19–23 <i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i>
Tues 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, Priest & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B) 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32–34, 39–40 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 14–17 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16–20
Wed 26th May ST PHILIP NERI, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Peter James RIP rec. dec.</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	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.
Thurs 27th May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Fri 28th May <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Betty Coffey RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	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.
Sat 29th May POPE ST PAUL VI 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Sheila Evans's intentions</i>	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Joy Ighade's intentions</i> Sun 30th May MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.15am Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm Mass <i>John Andrews RIP</i>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</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.*