

# The Announcer

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**Year B**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**30<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20 – *Baptise in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

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

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOW COMPLETED THE EASTER SEASON, there is a series of lovely feasts that then follow on from it: Trinity Sunday (today), *Corpus Christi* (next weekend) and the Sacred Heart (Friday 11<sup>th</sup>). Today's celebration of the Most Holy Trinity sums up for us all that we have celebrated from Easter to Pentecost, bringing together the mysteries of the Son of God revealed in His Resurrection, and God the Holy Spirit sent in power upon the early Church as Jesus had promised. Although every single day we honour God as the Holy Trinity – each time we make the Sign of the Cross, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" – yet in a special way today we acknowledge the unique Christian understanding of who God truly is, a communion of loving divine persons.



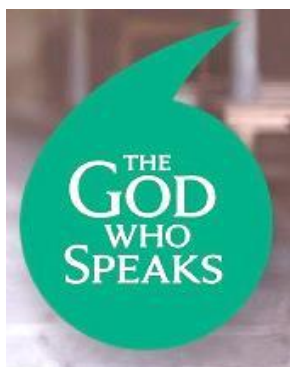
THE OPEN-CHURCH SUPERVISORS' ROTA RAN FROM MID-JUNE 2020 for 48 weeks, but we were permitted to discontinue it recently. I wish to re-iterate my thanks for the 20+ parishioners who took part in that, over such a long time, allowing us to have our church open daily all day ever since last June. It was a work of love for Our Lord, and of great service for our parish. Thank you to them, and in a particular way to Pat Kavanagh who oversaw the rota. We continue to have a rota of stewards for Sunday Masses, so as to provide directions for safely being seated. On that matter, it was wonderful to have over 400 parishioners at Mass again last weekend, for Pentecost Sunday! We look forward to that time when we no longer need to use only half the church pews, and can build up even further our Mass attendance.

LAST TUESDAY IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE DIOCESE that, along with many other clergy moves this September, I will be transferred to central London to be the senior University Chaplain. Incredibly, it will be 14 yrs since I arrived in Hoddesdon! So, sadly, this summer will be my last 3 months in the parish. My successor has already been appointed: Fr Julian Davies, currently the assistant priest in my home parish of SS Alban & Stephen, St Albans. Do pray for him and for me as we prepare for our moves.

**May the blessed & loving Trinity draw us into His life of love! Fr Philip**

**2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 77**

In stressing faith's intrinsic summons to an ever deeper relationship with Christ, the Word of God in our midst, [it is] also emphasized that this word calls each one of us personally, revealing that *life itself is a vocation* from God. In other words, the more we grow in our personal relationship with the Lord Jesus, the more we realize that he is calling us to holiness in and through the definitive choices by which we respond to his love in our lives, taking up tasks and ministries which help to build up the Church. This is why the Synod frequently encouraged all Christians to grow in their relationship with the word of God.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Matilda Brown who will be baptised this weekend.

**BANK HOLIDAY MASS on Monday** will be at 10am. The church may be closed after Mass.

**CORPUS CHRISTI (Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. – there will be 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). 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 (8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020-21) – [prayer cards](#) are available.

**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:

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| <b>Account Name:</b>   | <b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b> |
| <b>Sort Code:</b>      | <b>40-05-20</b>        |
| <b>Account Number:</b> | <b>31264370</b>        |



You can also give by Virgin Money Giving: by using this link [tiny.cc/8xn0tz](http://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:** Fr Philip has e-mailed the

2020 **First-Communion** families with the groups and class dates, for the resumed programme. 2020 **Confirmation** candidates who have been regularly attending Mass are being 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 9<sup>th</sup> June** in the crypt & **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 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 as dates for the next Marriage-Preparation course are being 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2021. There are still spaces available in our afternoon Nursery. For more details and to access the application form, please visit: <https://staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/ofsted/admissions> or contact the School Office on 01992 463549.

#### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will resume his house visits ('doorstep visits') in the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> June, after his retreat.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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   |
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| <b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> May POPE ST PAUL VI</b><br>9.30am Adoration<br>10am Mass <i>Sheila Evans's intentions</i>   | <p align="center"><b>PAGE 83 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Deuteronomy 4: 32–34, 39–40<br/> <i>The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.</i></p> <p><b>Ps 32 — Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 8: 14–17<br/> <i>You received the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 28: 16–20<br/> <i>Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Trinity (p. 52)<br/> <b>EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 24)</p> <p align="center"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS<br/>CORPUS CHRISTI<br/>(YEAR B)</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 24: 3–8<br/> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 9: 11–15<br/> <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 14: 12–16, 22–26</p> |
| 4.00pm Italian Mass*<br>6.30pm Mass* <i>Joy Ighade's intentions</i><br><b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> May MOST HOLY TRINITY</b><br>9.15am Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i><br>11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i><br>5pm Mass <i>John Andrews RIP</i>                           |   |
| <b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May VISITATION OF THE B VIRGIN MARY</b><br>10am Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP anniv.</i><br><b>THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS</b>  |   |
| <b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> June ST JUSTIN, Martyr</b><br>8.15am Adoration <span style="float:right">9am Morning Prayer</span><br>9.15am Mass <i>John Shaughnessy's intentions</i><br>6pm Adoration   |   |
| <b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b><br>8.15am Adoration <span style="float:right">9am Morning Prayer</span><br>9.15am Mass <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i><br>6pm Adoration  |   |
| <b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> June ST CHARLES LWANGA &amp; COMPANIONS</b><br>8.15am Adoration <span style="float:right">9am Morning Prayer</span><br>9.15am Mass <i>Gwen Phelan RIP anniv.</i><br>6pm Adoration  |   |
| <b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June</b><br><i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i><br>11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction<br>12 noon Mass <i>Tony Rayner RIP anniv.</i><br>6pm Adoration   | <p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p align="center">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm<br/>           Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am<br/>           or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p align="center"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p align="center">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p 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 align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> <p 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 align="center"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust<br/>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>   |
| <b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> June ST BONIFACE, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b><br>9.30am Adoration<br>10am Mass <i>Elizabeth's intentions</i>   |   |
| 4.00pm Italian Mass*<br>6.30pm Mass* <i>Roy Clucas's intentions</i><br><b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> June CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI</b><br>9.15am Mass <i>Irene Willmer RIP</i><br>11.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i><br>3.30pm Holy Hour<br>5pm Mass <i>For the Parish</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.*