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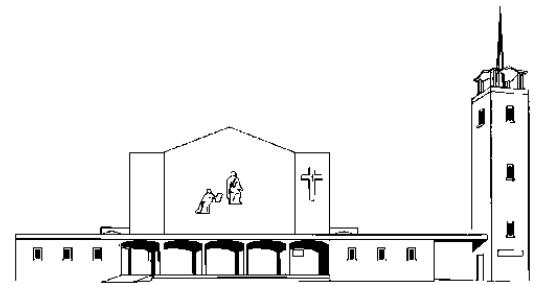
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

Gospel: *John 10: 27-30*

*I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.*

I was brought up on a hill farm in Mid-Wales where there are more sheep than people. As you can imagine, I saw at first hand differing shepherding styles and practices. When I was very young my Father gave me some orphaned lambs to rear. I named them after Anglo-Saxon kings and queens, although one earned the name of Tiglath-Pileser, an Assyrian ruler in the Old Testament, as he was always butting the other lambs. I would spend quite a lot of time with them, observing their routines of feeding and behaviour. I copied what my teachers did, by keeping a register and noting their daily progress. After I had won their trust, I found that they naturally responded to my voice, even when they were several fields away. It is true that

once you build up a relationship with our ovine friends, as with other animals, they will respond to your voice and follow you. Jesus said that 'the sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me'. In the case of my orphaned lambs, one reason why they responded to my voice was because they knew that I would give them a good meal. It is the same for us in the Christian flock. We listen to Jesus' voice because we know that when he speaks, we are fed by his Word. Even more so when we are fed by his very Body. This act of feeding, on the basis of Jesus' command to Peter, 'feed my sheep' is the very mark of what being a shepherd is, as well as the measure that Jesus sets for the shepherd's love of Himself. Today is Good Shepherd Sunday when we pray for more candidates to explore the possibility of becoming shepherds of the flock. No one takes this upon themselves. It is a vocation, that to which one is called. But please remember.....only sheep may apply! Before any one becomes a shepherd, one first has to be a sheep, and doing what sheep are meant to do, listening to the Shepherd's voice, and responding to Him always remain at the heart of the pastoral ministry. The Lord is my Shepherd?

Fr Julian



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:** Sofia Alfieri, Jean Alvarez, Anais Bennett-Fontaine, Bella Brown, Dante Brown, Eleni Castiglione, Ellis Efobi, Viola Ferraro, Alonso Goncalves, Rocco Lampitt, Elisa Lo Giudice, Hayden Long, Ronald Muller, Patryk Orłowski, Kevin Piatek, Luca Pierro, Lucia Rubino, Liliana Rusak, Vinny Salih and Henry Spalding.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Kacper Orłowski who will be baptized this weekend.

**MONTH OF OUR LADY:** During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed for before each Sunday Mass.

**EXPOSITION** will be at 7pm next week instead of 6pm, except for Monday when it will be at 8pm.

**ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION** will be held on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May** starting in the Church at 5pm, ending in the Grotto in the garden. This will be a service of the rosary, hymns and prayers in honour of our Blessed Lady. Tea and cakes will be available afterwards. **Volunteers are needed to make the refreshments – if you can help, please contact the presbytery.**

**ASCENSION DAY Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** is a **Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass will be at 9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm. Eucharistic Ministers and readers are needed. If you can assist, please do contact the presbytery.

**BISHOPS' SYNOD PATHWAY REPORT** has now been sent to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Diocese has gathered together all the responses received from parishes, schools, universities & organisations to the consultation that was carried out before Christmas. The report is available to read on the Diocesan website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/westminster-diocese-bishops-synod-report/>.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Gabby will be running a Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to join the choir, Gabby will be playing **29<sup>th</sup> May & 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June.** Please ensure that your child arrives at church at 9am and goes straight to the organ loft, so there will be time to run through the hymns before Mass.

**AYESLFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY:** Would you be interested in a day trip to the Marian Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford, Kent? This would be on a Thursday in May, depending on numbers. If you are interested, please do contact the presbytery.

**WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be from **22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July.** It is a requirement that pilgrims who wish to travel must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. There are limited spaces this year and booking forms from Tangney Tours can be found by the newsletters.

**WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** will be on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September.** We hope to take a coach and more details to follow in due course.

## FINANCE

**PARISH FINANCE:** Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. 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:

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

**PLANNED GIVING:** We still have some boxes of envelopes for the new financial year. If you have not yet collected your new box, please contact the presbytery. If you would like to start donating through the envelopes/standing orders, forms are available at the back of the church beside the newsletters. If your circumstances have changed, and you pay less or no tax, please inform the presbytery asap.

## 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>

<b>IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL:</b> If someone is sick in hospital, <b>please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward,</b> so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any
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other Sacraments from the Chaplain.  
**Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017**

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Liberato Reveglia, David Hale, Joan Hiscock, Patrick Danagher, Pasquale Re, Francesco Borelli, Elizabeth Coffey, Antonio Campaniello and Mary Wilson. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

### CATECHETICS

**RCIA: 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** If you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

**CONFIRMATION 2022:** The date for the next class will be on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents need to sign the register this weekend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2022-2023:** The register for parents to sign has now begun and is on the blue board at the back of church.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am** in church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

### SCHOOLS

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** currently have places in Reception, Year 4 & 5 classes. If you are interested, please contact the school on 467309 or email [admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk).

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** There is limited availability for 30-hour Nursery places and, some places available in our afternoon Nursery session. Please contact the School Office for more information on 01992 463549.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND:** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for vocations to the priesthood. **The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place this weekend.** This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our

own Diocese, and 2 men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year, 4 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, you can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).



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**PARISH MAGAZINE:** We hope to publish another edition of the Parish Magazine later on in the year. If you have an article you would like to submit, please email the presbytery before the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**200 CLUB WINNER** for May is no. 66, Barry Jones. Congratulations!

**SUNDAY 9.15AM COFFEE** will be served in the crypt after Mass. All are welcome!

**ST ELIZABETH'S CENTRE** in Much Hadham have various job vacancies. Please visit <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/working-with-us/current-vacancies>.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna & Sophie Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### *Regina Coeli Prayer*

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia. Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am Exposition <i>David Hale RIP</i> 10am Mass	<b>Page 268 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 13: 14, 43-52 <i>We must turn to the pagans.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>Ps 99— We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</b>
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from McGrath Family</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Linda &amp; Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17 <i>The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.</i>
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Pearse Higgins RIP</i> 8pm Exposition	<b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!</i>  <b>Gospel:</b> John 10: 27-30 <i>I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.</i>
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> May ST JOHN OF AVILA, Priest &amp; Dr</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP</i> 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  <b>(YEAR C)</b></p>
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Margaret Galligan RIP followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 7pm Exposition	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 14: 21-27 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 21: 1-5 <b>Gospel:</b> John 13: 31-35
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May SS NEREUS &amp; ACHILLEUS, Martyrs</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Theresa Delaney &amp; Family</i> 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.45 – 9am &amp; 10.45 – 11am            or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> May OUR LADY OF FATIMA</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Smith Family</i> 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May ST MATTHIAS, Apostle</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Raymond Smith</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></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>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust            Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> May 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Teresa &amp; Antonio Mercurio RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Antonina &amp; Pietro Morreale RIP</i> 5pm May Procession	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p>
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm Confirmation	<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 1pm lunch club, crypt

**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 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.*