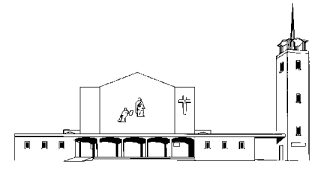




The Announcer



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Year A

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

30TH APRIL 2023

Gospel: *John 10: 1-10*

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

I grew up on an arable farm in Breconshire, which lies in the foothills of Mynydd Epynt, an open moorland plateau, with indented valleys, of about twenty square miles. It was when returning home after crossing this rough terrain that the hymn writer poet William Williams penned the words of his famous hymn. 'Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer, *Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak but Thou art mighty, hold me with your powerful hand*'. He had lost his way returning home and his thoughts turned towards God as his deliverer and security. He is better known as Williams Pantycelyn, after the farm where he lived and wrote his devotional works. The farm still stands, towards the west, about twenty miles as the bird flies from where I grew up. Local farmers have grazing rights on the moorland and sometimes put out



their flocks to graze there in the summer. Generally, a flock will not mix with other flocks, as they move freely across the wide expanse of the moorland. Occasionally however a sheep might wander away from its' flock. One day my father had a phone call. It was from the farmer at Pantycelyn asking him if he had lost a sheep. Individual flocks are marked with the initials of their farmer's name. The sheep had the initials GD, and so the farmer at Pantycelyn had gone through all the possible GDs in the phone directory to find its rightful owner and flock. I was amazed at his endeavours considering the distance between the two farms. He had inconvenienced himself just like the good shepherd. In the gospels, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd who redeems us and restores us. We are all called to respond to his voice and follow, as he leads us to safety and good pastures, away from the danger of one who wishes to '*steal, kill and destroy*'. At the heart of our ministry and evangelism is the shepherd instinct. We see this in the derivation of the word 'pastoral' from the Latin '*pastor*' meaning a shepherd, which comes from the verb to graze '*pascere*'. While the whole Church is involved in pastoral work, Jesus calls particular individuals to become shepherds of the Church, just as he called the apostles. *Pastores Dabo Vobis* is the name of St John Paul II's apostolic exhortation on priestly ministry. The title comes from Jeremiah's words, '*I will give you shepherds after your own heart*'. Priests seek to meet through Christ the deepest needs of his flock. Pope Francis has called priests to live with the smell of the sheep. Sheep can sometimes smell, and they can smell badly, but they are always hungry, and sometimes very hungry. Jesus told Peter to feed his sheep. How can we feed others, unless we first know what it is to be fed? How can we share Christ's love with others, unless we have first received Christ's love for us? Peter had to know how much he was loved. Peter discovered this when Jesus welcomed him back, after he had denied him three times. Doubtless Peter was thinking of himself as well as others when he wrote, '*You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls*'. I have the sense that there are many in this community who over the years have strayed, strayed away from Christ and his flock. Perhaps we have ourselves. It's time to return to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Christ always welcomes us back....and who knows there may even be a vocation to the priesthood among us.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Ennio Misuraca who will be baptised this weekend.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held from **5-6pm on Tuesday**, due to the Confirmation meeting.

VINCENZO VASILE of Hoe Lane, Nazeing died recently. His funeral will be held on **Thursday 11th May at 12.30pm**.

CARLO FERRARO of St Leonards Road died recently. His funeral will be held on **Wednesday 17th May at 11.30am**.

MAURICE O'SULLIVAN of Stoneleigh Drive died recently. His funeral will be on **Friday 19th May at 2pm**.

GIUSEPPE PIZZO of Ferguson Close, died recently, His funeral will be on **Monday 22nd May at 11.30am**.
May they rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Maurice O'Sullivan, Giuseppe Pizzo, Carlo Ferraro, Franco Genuardi and Vincenzo Vasile and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Pauline Mitchell, Canon John Longstaff, George Heeney, Mary Mitchell, Timothy O'Brien, Francesco Tona, Karl Schuster, Linda Tuzzeo, Denis O'Donovan, Antonino & Giuseppa Cannatella & Giuseppe Tambuzzo. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby will be resuming the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to join the choir, Gabby will be playing **4th & 18th 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.



AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY will be on **Thursday 11th May** and the coach will leave the church at 9am. There will be Mass at 12 noon and Benediction in the afternoon. Please do bring a packed lunch with you, or there is a café there should you wish to buy something.

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Friday 5th May**. Mass will be at **6pm** and the May Procession will be after Mass. 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.**



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

MASS INTENTIONS: There are many spare weekday 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.



ASCENSION DAY is on **Thursday 18th May** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.15am with St Cross School, 2pm with St Augustine's School and 8pm.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE initiated by Pope Francis will be held on **Tuesday 9th May**. The Isaiah Journey group is promoting a week of online guided prayer for all who have been affected by clerical abuse in the Catholic Church. Find out more and book your place at journeytogetherij@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES is from **21st to 28th July 2023**, led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes>.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 23rd September**. Mass that evening will therefore be at 8.30pm. More details will follow.



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 the link below <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

GIFT AID: We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the tax that you have paid on your donations. If you



have stopped paying tax, please contact the presbytery, so we don't ask for the tax if you haven't paid it.

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: 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: '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 9th May** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023: The next meeting in the crypt will be on **Tuesday 2nd May 7-8pm**. If you have not yet returned your completed blue sponsor form together with the sheet with your chosen Confirmation name, can you please return them to the presbytery as soon as possible.



SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL have nursery tours available. Please contact the school office on 01992 463549 or admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk for further details.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL are looking to employ a Mid-day supervisor. Would you enjoy spending a few hours a day helping children during their lunchtime?" If so, this is the right job for you! Please contact the Headteacher PA on 01992 463549.

St Augustine's Under 5's



ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S are holding a Table Top Sale on **Sat 24th June from 10-1pm**. If you would like to sell your unwanted children's clothes and toys, please reserve a table for £10 by contacting the Under 5's on 460614 staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.com.

Good Shepherd Sunday
30 April 2023



Thank you for supporting the formation of our future priests

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS
PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the

day we pray for priests and 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 **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.



SCAN TO GIVE

'COME AND SEE': Men who may be considering a vocation as a deacon are invited to attend an Introductory Morning on: **20th May, 10am-12noon:** Our Lady of Lourdes, 373 Bowes Road, N11 1AA. For further information please contact Deacon Colin Macken at colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk.

VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD Wed 17th May St James, Spanish Place (tube Bond St/Baker St) Open Evening for any interested men. Mass is at 6pm which will be followed by a social gathering.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

We congratulate David & Evelyn Mills who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 5th May.



SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 24th May 4.30pm** in the presbytery. If you need support and would like to join the group, please do contact the presbytery.



The Coronation of King Charles III
2023

CORONATION CEREMONY: We will be showing the King's Coronation on the large screen in the crypt on **Saturday 6th May**. You are welcome if you would like to watch it with others. **There are prayer cards for the Coronation beside the newsletters for you to take.**

BACON/SAUSAGE rolls will be served after the 9.15am Mass **next weekend** in the crypt. Refreshments will also be served after the 9.15am & 11.15am Masses.

200 CLUB: St Augustine's Under 5's still has some spare numbers. If you would like to join, please contact them on 01992 460614.

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé and Antonia Di Piano. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Dr 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Luciano Ricotta RIP</i>	Page 262 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36-41 <i>God has made him both Lord and Christ.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Denis O'Donovan RIP</i>	Ps 22 — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Sun 30th April 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Antonino & Giuseppa Cannatella & Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</i>	2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20-25 <i>You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.</i> Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!
Mon 1st May St Joseph the Worker 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick Connors intentions</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: John 10 1-10 <i>I am the gate of the sheepfold.</i>
Tues 2nd May St Athanasius, Bishop & Dr 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Wendy Pyper's intentions</i> 5-6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)</p>
Wed 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Delaney Family intentions</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	1st Reading: Acts 6: 1-7 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9 Gospel: John 14: 1-12
Thurs 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Those persecuted for their faith</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p>
Friday 5th May (NO Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Peggy O'Dea RIP</i> 6pm Mass <i>King Charles intentions</i> 6.30pm May Procession	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
Sat 6th May 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Francesco Borrelli RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p>Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
Sun 7th May 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 11.15am Mass <i>David Hale RIP anniv</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 2nd NO lunch club, crypt Tues 2nd 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt	Tues 2nd 7.00pm Confirmation, crypt Wed 3rd NO Brownies, 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 in the porch. 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.*