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Year A

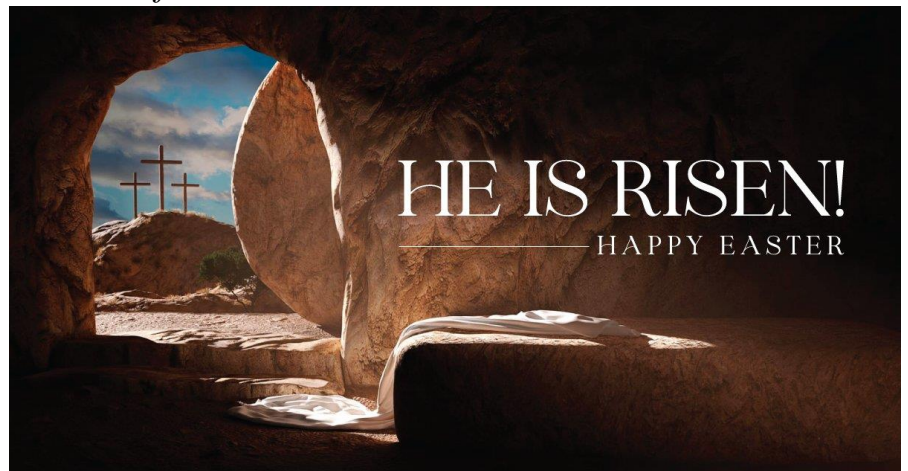
EASTER SUNDAY

9TH APRIL 2023

Gospel: *John 20: 1-9*

He must rise from the dead.

'Rise heart Thy Lord is risen'. Joy fills our heart this Easter Day. We celebrate the risen Lord, who invites us to 'lift up our hearts', not least in this, as in every mass, His resurrection feast. The women who first received the good news were filled with 'awe and great joy'. They ran to tell the disciples, only to encounter Jesus himself coming to meet them. They fell down before him and clasped his feet. In this encounter we see the raw ingredients of worship ...awe, great joy and adoration...hearts inclined towards the risen, living Lord, who, is already inclined towards us. With his greeting, Jesus not only welcomes them but disarms them... 'do not be afraid'. He would say the same on greeting the disciples in the upper room, dispelling their fears and extending to them the deep shalom of God. Similarly, he disarms us, as we surrender ourselves into His hands. His resurrection, radiating perfect love, casts out all fear. Our circumstances, our concerns all take on a different perspective in the light of the resurrection, as we celebrate the triumph of his love over death. Jesus had formed his disciples in the school of love. Only four days before, he had taught them to 'love one another as I have loved you', and shown them 'the full extent of his love', in a profound, simple sacramental act of humble service. His rising from the dead eternalises all that he had said and done during his ministry. God's love is seen now to reach through death and beyond the grave. Jesus summons us to a life of divine love, to become irradiated by his presence so that we become participants in the life-giving process ourselves, imparting his life to others. In this he always leads. Whatever we face, he has faced before us and wherever we go, he has gone before us and will be there for us and with us. The women were to tell the disciples that Jesus would go before them into Galilee. During his ministry, in advance of his mission, he had sent them into Galilee before him, now he would go before them in preparation for their mission. As the women dispersed to find the disciples, one of them Mary of Magdala found Simon Peter and John. As they came running to the tomb, Peter entered first and then John. Up until that time 'they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead'. Now they saw and believed. The open tomb invited their entrance. Just as they entered, so must we. St Paul reminds us that at our baptism each of us enters the tomb. 'When we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life'. In embracing his death and his burial, as our death and burial, our past life is put to death and buried with Christ. In return he gives us his risen, eternal life. No longer are we wrapped in grave clothes. Not even the burial shroud of Christ will suffice. Instead he covers us with his righteousness, holiness and purity, represented in baptism by our clothing in the white garment. God no longer looks upon us in our sins but through the cleansing, saving work of His Son. We are redeemed and re-equipped, set free from the deadly effects of ourselves. Are you on the victorious side? As St John Damascene writes in his favourite hymn, 'From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory'. Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!



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PRAYER & LITURGY

LUCIANO RICOTTA of Church Lane, died recently. His funeral will be held on **Tuesday 18th April at 11.30am**. *May he rest in peace.*

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Luciano Ricotta and Margaret Delaney and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Baby Marie Brien, Paolo Conti, Michael Taylor, Thomas McDonnell, Anna Chiparo, Richard Trebus, Peter Tanner, Caterina Lo Monaco, Bill Anthony and Eugenio Morreale. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening next week.

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 **23rd April**. 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. The coach is now full. If you have not yet paid, can you please drop your money in to the presbytery.

WARM SPACES PROJECT: We will provide a warm space in our crypt on Tuesdays from 2.30pm-5.00pm.

VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD Wed 17th May St James, Spanish Place (tube Bond St/Baker St) Open Evening for any interested men.

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.



WORLD YOUTH DAY: This is the last chance to join Westminster Youth Ministry for two weeks in Porto, Fatima and Lisbon from **25 July to 9 August** to celebrate World Youth Day

with Pope Francis and 2 million other young people. Thanks to the support of the Cardinal's Appeal, the reduced cost for the pilgrimage is £1,500 inclusive of transport, accommodation, WYD Pass, insurance and some meals. There are last few places remaining at this price and applications will close on 14 April 2023. For more info and booking forms email Phoebe Prendergast at phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk or Holly Cook at hollycook@rcdow.org.uk or call us on 020 3757 2516

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

PLANNED GIVING: Boxes of envelopes for the new financial year are available from the back of the church from this weekend. If



you would like to start donating through the envelopes/standing orders, forms will be available beside the boxes. Gift Aid forms will also be available. Many parishioners have already signed Gift-Aid forms, which enables the parish to collect the tax on the donations. There is no further cost to the donor but the parish is able to claim another £1 for every £4 donated under Gift Aid. **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>

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 Gamracz 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 25th April** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023: The next meeting in the crypt will be on **Tuesday 18th April 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.



CONFIRMATION: Sylvia Kelly will be Confirmed at the **6.30pm Mass on Saturday 15th April**. There will be refreshments available in the crypt after that Mass and all are welcome.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD word of thanks:

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways - giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill



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 UNDER 5'S will be holding their 50th anniversary celebrations on **Saturday 15th April** from 12-3pm. Previous

staff/committee members are most welcome. Please RSVP to Lynn on 07880887663.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 19th April 4.30pm** in the presbytery. If you need support and would like to join the group, please do contact the presbytery.

APF RED BOXES: The Spring magazine is now available. If you have a red box, can you please return it to the presbytery. Thank you. Ellen Bartlett.



CORONATION CEREMONY: We will be showing the King's Coronation on the large TV in the crypt on **Saturday 6th May**. All are welcome to come and watch.



PA TO VICAR GENERAL & MODERATOR OF THE CURIA is needed for 3 days per week based in the office at Archbishop's House. The ideal candidate should be Catholic with a good knowledge of the workings of a parish and a diocese. If you would like to apply, please email your CV to HR@rcaos.org.uk by the 14th April.

KNITTING WOOL: Is there anyone who has spare knitting wool to donate to a pensioner who knits for charity? If so, please contact Margaret Byrne on 443351.



UPDATE ON SUPPORTING ASYLUM SEEKERS IN BROXBOURNE: Thank you for your wonderful response to the appeal for assistance for asylum seekers. So many clothes have been donated, that a temporary halt has been put on clothing so what has been donated can be distributed. You can still make a monetary donation at <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/ca-re-4-calais-west-essex-east-herts&tag=>

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

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK taken from the Easter Vigil *Exsultet*

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation.
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever.
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you.
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people.
Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave, You gave away your Son.
O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,
which gained for us so great a Redeemer.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 8th April HOLY SATURDAY 9.45am Morning Prayer 10-11am Confessions 5.45pm Italian Easter Vigil 9pm Mass of the Easter Vigil Priest's intentions</p> <p>Sun 9th April EASTER SUNDAY 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Anthony RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</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 — This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</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. Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: John 20: 1-9 <i>He must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS DIVINE MERCY (2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER) (YEAR A)</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 2: 42-47 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 Gospel: John 20: 19-31</p>
<p>Mon 10th April MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>David Billington RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	
<p>Tues 11th April TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Maureen O'Neill RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	
<p>Wed 12th April WED WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Ron & Margaret Lampard RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	
<p>Thurs 13th April THURS WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Sr Leonard Azzopardi</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	
<p>Friday 14th April FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER (No abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Maria Julia Smith</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	
<p>Sat 15th April SAT WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Brian & Josephine Scanlon RIP</i></p>	
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Justin Ighade's intentions</i></p> <p>Sun 16th April 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) 9.15am Mass <i>Richard Pyper RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	
<p>* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
<p>Tues 11th 1pm lunch club, crypt</p>	<p>Tues 11th 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt</p>

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.*