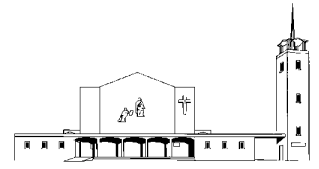




The Announcer



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Year A

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14TH MAY 2023

Gospel: *John 14: 15-21*

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus' resurrected body was unlike any body before or since. He could materialise and immaterialise, so that he could appear all of a sudden, walk through matter and be touched. There had been intimations of this before his death, when his body defied known physical laws such as when he walked upon water or when he was transfigured on the Mount of Transfiguration. Just because we don't understand this, we could easily fall into the trap of describing Jesus' resurrected body in ways which run counter to the eye witness accounts of the disciples or even dismissing what they saw as wishful spiritualised reflection or faith projection on their part. This is even more the case when we consider the Ascension which took place forty days after the Resurrection and which we celebrate this week. St Luke in Acts could not be clearer. After Jesus had bade them farewell, he *'was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'* The Ascension gets its name because the disciples clearly saw him rise before them and disappear above them. There have certainly been well attested cases of bodily levitation, not least among the saints, but this is more than levitation. Scientifically, we are already acquainted with objects that ascend, when logic dictates that they should fall. Science and logic have not yet 'discovered' the physics of what is going on in the Ascension. But perhaps physics may never discover this, as by its own definition it deals only with structure of matter. Physics comes from a Greek word meaning nature, so what is supernatural is beyond physics. If we are going to be true to the biblical account then our vision has to move beyond the observable universe. Jesus after all was taken from the sight of the disciples. Even on a natural plain so much of what exists is not observable to a human eye. Microscopes and telescopes reveal things which we cannot see, and other creatures often have better optics than ourselves. But still we are dealing with the physics rather than the realm of the super-physical. According to the Resurrection accounts, Jesus' body could immaterialise, so when he ascended matter could not restrict him. We need therefore to let go of earth-bound thinking and language. Although we can speak of Jesus being above and beyond, this does not mean that Jesus went away to the furthest limits of the material universe. As Pope Benedict points out, the Ascension does not mean that *'the Lord has departed to some place far from people and from the world...Christ's Ascension is not a journey into space toward the most remote stars'*. Rather it is journey away from spatial matter and a return to the state which he had from the foundation of the world and which he asked his Father to restore him to. Although Christ has for a time departed from our sight, thanks to his being with the Father, he is in effect closer to us than ever before. This is especially true when we consider that the Ascension opens the way for the coming of the Spirit, who can enter into the created matter and change it for ever, not least of course in the holy mass, where Jesus is made especially present to us, as we await his glorious return.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Izabelle Adus-Anane, Angel Afriyie, Izabella-Szofia Barrow, Raphael Bowen, Marco Cuffaro, Lochlan Daly, Diego David, Oliver Doris,

Chikaomasiri Ezinwa, Mason Grifi, Logan Heekin-Lucas, Olivia Jones, Matilda Morrissey, Alessia Noto, Pietro Perzia Rodrigues, Jessica Scozzaro, George Snell, Mirella Tona, Lilia Tona and Andreo Vara.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place from **5-6pm on Tuesday** evening, due to the Confirmation meeting at 7pm.

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**.

WENDY PYPER formerly of Bourne Close died recently. Details of her funeral will follow in due course.

PATRICIA DEMPSEY of Riversmead died recently. Details of her funeral will follow in due course.

May they rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Maurice O'Sullivan, Giuseppe Pizzo, Carlo Ferraro, Patricia Dempsey and Wendy Pyper and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Tadeusz Buczak, Calogero Milazzo, Antonina Morreale, Antonino Quintile, Fiorina Boskovic, Giovanni Tuzzeo, Felice La Corte, Elizabeth Sloan, Margaret Galligan and Ugochukwu Irechukwu. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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



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.

DIOCESAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony is this weekend at Westminster Cathedral. We congratulate our parishioners attending: Evelyn & David Mills (50 years), Leon & Geraldine Jaselsky (50 years), Brian



and Elizabeth Lord (50 years), Bob & Polana Jenkins (40 years) and Brian and Viv Wingate (40 years).

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION EVENT: Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Westminster Youth Ministry are hosting a Eucharistic Adoration event for young people from the diocese. This will take place **on Wednesday 31st May from 7.30pm to 9pm** at Farm St Church in Mayfair. During the event, there will be a talk by Antonia Salzano, the mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis. All are welcome.

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:

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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 23rd May** at 7.30pm in the crypt.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023: The next meeting in the crypt will be on **Tuesday 16th May 7-8pm**.



BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 3rd June at 11.30am** in the church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the

presbytery.

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 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.co.uk.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE



CAFOD: Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the

root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love – caritas – is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS



'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.

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.

ST ANTHONY'S PROCESSION will take place on **Saturday 10th June at 3pm** in the church. All are welcome to attend.



WINDRUSH DAY 75TH CELEBRATION

will be held in Hoddesdon town on the **24th June from 12-7pm**. It will be a Caribbean and African experience of music, song and dance. If you would like a stall please contact windrushhoddesdon2@gmail.com.

MAY PROCESSION: Thank you to all who helped to make the procession such a success; thanks to the sacristan, Filomena Mezzullo, Gemma Castle for the floral arrangements and to all those who made cakes and helped with the refreshments.

10TH GOFFS OAK is a guiding unit for girls with additional needs and disabilities aged 6 to 22 years, plus. The unit meet monthly on Saturdays and are based in Goffs Oak. They are looking for a new leader. If you can help, please email Lynn O'Bryan at lynn_obryan@hotmail.co.uk.

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

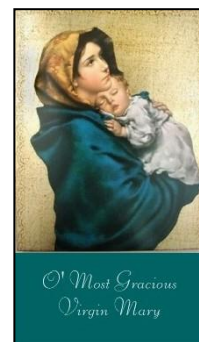
CHURCH CLEANING: Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey and Val. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 13th May Our Lady of Fatima 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Private intention</i>	Page 268 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 <i>They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Margaret Galligan RIP</i>	Ps 65 — Cry out with joy to God all the earth.
Sun 14th May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Ugochukwu Irechukwu RIP</i>	2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15-18 <i>In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.</i>
Mon 15th May 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Les & John Manning RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!
Tues 16th May 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Justin Ighade's intentions</i> 5-6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: John 14: 15-21 <i>I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.</i>
Wed 17th May 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Wendy Pyper RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 11.30am Funeral Carlo Ferraro RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)</p> 1st Reading: Acts 1: 12-14 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4: 13-16 Gospel: John 17: 1-11
Thurs 18th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with St Cross School <i>Miles & Kathleen Robb intentions</i> 2pm Mass with St Augustine's School <i>Pauline Callanan RIP</i> 7-8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8pm Mass <i>Michael O'Connor RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
Friday 19th May (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Barbara Vernem RIP</i> 2pm Funeral Maurice O'Sullivan RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 20th May St Bernadine of Siena, Priest 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Pietro Dileto RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>John & Fatimo Pinto RIP</i> Sun 21st May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>Terrence Clarke RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 16th 1pm lunch club, crypt Tues 16th 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt	Tues 16th 7.00pm Confirmation, crypt Wed 17th 6pm 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.*