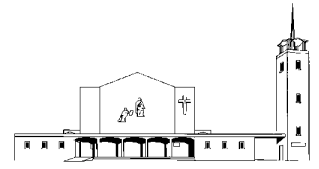




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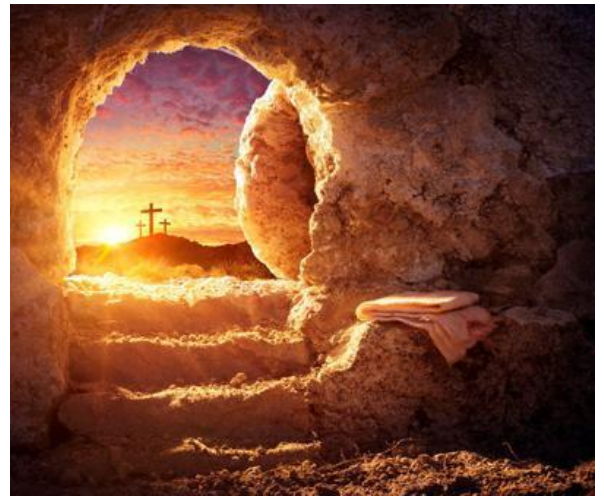
EASTER SUNDAY

31ST MARCH 2024

Gospel: *John 20: 1-9*

He must rise from the dead.

Alleluia Christ is risen. He has risen indeed! Christ is alive and love has triumphed. His shameful cross has become the door to life. Jesus' whole mission of loving service and sacrifice finds its fulfilment in the Resurrection. God is love, and in love He raises the Son that he loves. His perfect love drives out fear. Fear of death and of the unknown is totally dispelled. The events of the past three days...Jesus' betrayal, condemnation, crucifixion and resurrection... are the working out of his divine love. To show the extent of his love, in donning the garb of a humble servant and stooping to wash the feet of his disciples, Jesus revealed the nature of true servanthood. On the same evening he gave us a new commandment, that we should love, not just one another as ourselves, but as he has loved us. This self-less agape love, so unknown to the world, finds its' greatest expression in his crucifixion and resurrection. Washing the disciples' feet was the prelude to the greatest act of love, laying down his life for us on the cross. He paid the price for all humanity's woes. The cross alone brings sense to this chaotic world, and our endless search for meaning and purpose. Thereafter, love would be redefined. The song may be largely unknown, but it is still my Saviour's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. We are loveless and become lovely only through the infinite love of the Risen Lord. Jesus shows His love to us in many ways, but pre-eminently through his living presence. His resurrection feast transforms us into the Easter community enabled to share his resurrection life with others, and models a society of love against which all other societies are deficient. We have participation in his risen sacrificial love in other ways as well, for we are infinitely loved. And this was God's intention from eternity, to love us utterly through His Son. 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life'. His empty cross stands as a sentinel against the mangled landscape of human pride and hatreds, calling us to renounce, reject, repent of everything that prevents us from responding to the overtures of divine love. That love, we can never buy or earn. To it, I can only assent. But when I do, when I trust in Jesus Christ, when I confess that he gave his life for me and rose from the dead for me, then nothing can hold back the sluice gates of divine love. Bursting from our self-made tombs and casting away the grave clothes with which we so often bind ourselves, we experience the eternal springtime of our hearts and lives. God calls us, his Church to become the very embodiment of his resurrection life. Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, is looking to be lodged in the depths of dying and life-less hearts. If we live in him, he will live in us. Death has no hold over the author of life, nor can it over those who live in Him. Through our baptism into his death, we are raised to new life. In the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, we become his new creation. The old has passed and the new has come. Nothing henceforth can separate us from his love. Now we know that we can face the battles of life, because death, evil and sin do not have the last word. In Him we are always victorious. As our collect for Easter Day prays, 'O God who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we...may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life'. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place on Monday and Friday evening next week.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be on **Friday 5th April at 7pm.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7th April 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy preceded by Adoration at 2pm.

MARIA CIMINO of Stanstead Road died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 10th April at 11am.**

FRANCESCA PROVENZANO of Rodney Crescent died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Monday 15th April at 1.15pm** with Don Antonio.

BRENDAN O'SULLIVAN of Hill Cross Farm died recently. His Requiem will be on **Friday 26th April at 2.30pm.**
May they rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Rosalia Grana, Brendan O'Sullivan, Maria Cimino, Francesca Provenzano and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Salvatore Russo, Rocchina Tedesco, Rosalia Castagna, Esther Blake, Ellen Higgins, Rosa Leto, Roberta Copuroglu, Vincenzo Chiazza, David Charles-Edwards, Maria Randazzo, Girolamo Abella, Bridget Newson, Michaela Cantwell, Giuseppa Provenzano, Dennis Dempsey and Florinda Ingino. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby Hanley will be running the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. The children choir will be on **Sunday, 7th & 21st April at the 9.15am Mass.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers

HELPERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 9.15am Mass are needed. If you can help, please do contact the presbytery immediately. Without more volunteers, children's liturgy may not be able to continue.

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING

MASS: The Cardinal will be celebrating the annual Mass for Matrimony at the Cathedral on **Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm.** All couples who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024 are invited. If you would like to attend, please contact the presbytery by the **11th April** with the husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).



AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE

DAY will be on **Thursday 16th May** and the coach will leave at 9am. The price of the coach is £17 and you can either bring a packed lunch or buy lunch there. If you would like to go, please contact the presbytery and complete the tear off slip at the bottom of the newsletter. **There are now only 7 spaces left.**



PRAYER GROUP will be held in the crypt on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Next date will be on **Thursday 4th April.** All are welcome!

MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Friday 3rd May.** Mass will be at 6pm and the May Procession will be after the Mass. More details to follow in due course.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19th-26th July 2024

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173 by Tuesday 30th April.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 21st September.** More details to follow.

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.

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 Felix Adiele 01279-973183.

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024:

The next meeting will be on **Monday 15th April at 7pm** in the crypt. Please do return your sponsor & nomination forms as soon as possible.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024:

The next meeting for children in year 3 will be on the **14th April.** The First Reconciliations will be on the 13th and 27th April at 10.45am in church.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 24th April at 7pm** in the church. The course must be



completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

RCIA: ('Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): The new programme will take place on the **23rd April at 7.30pm in the crypt.** This is for those seeking full communion with the Church and those who wish to renew their faith.

SCHOOLS/UNDER 5'S

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 200 CLUB renewals are now due. Please see Lynn O'Bryan after the 6.30pm Mass, Theresa Casbard after the 9.15am Mass or Mary Briggs after the 11.15am Mass.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting date for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 3rd April** from 4.30-6pm in the presbytery.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: If you've experienced a bereavement please feel welcome to come to the parish support group. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 25th April at 2pm** in the presbytery.

FLOWER LADIES are looking for more volunteers to join their team. No experience is necessary as training will be given. If you are interested, please contact Gemma Castle on 01992.462215.



MARY'S MEALS are inviting us to collect any unwanted foreign currency*. There are envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Please return the envelope with the money to the presbytery. *They will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender.

CARE FOR CALAIS are asking for crochet hooks, knitting needles, wool and bras, which are new or look like new, in various sizes for the asylum seekers staying at the Delta Hotel. You can drop them off at St Catherine and St Pauls Church office on weekday mornings.

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

FINANCE

PLANNED GIVING: New boxes of envelopes for the new financial year are available to collect from the presbytery.

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you to all who continue

to give regularly by standing order, or by envelopes. 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

NO CASH? You can make your offering here by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone. Alternatively, there is a contactless device at the left-hand exit door of the church. If you are a Tax Payer, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration.



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PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY ON 16th MAY.

Name:

Contact no:

Email address.....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:

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Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £17.

PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

Your personal details will be held on file. After the Pilgrimage day, your details will be securely destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

**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 30th March HOLY SATURDAY 9.45am Morning Prayer 10-11am Confessions 6pm Italian Easter Vigil 9pm Mass of the Easter Vigil Priest's intentions</p> <p>Sun 31st March EASTER SUNDAY 9.15am Mass <i>Vincent Byrne RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p align="center">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>Mon 1st April MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Michael Protheroe's ints, Marie Fry's ints, Alan Clibbens RIP & Kathleen Hynes RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!</p>
<p>Tues 2nd April TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Judith Dawson RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Gospel: John 20: 1-9 <i>He must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) (YEAR B)</p>
<p>Wed 3rd April WEDNESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-35 2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6 Gospel: John 20: 1-19-31</p>
<p>Thurs 4th April THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p 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>
<p>Friday 5th April FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER (no abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Deceased members of Mercurio Family</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass <i>Onofrio Bondi RIP</i></p>	<p align="center">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p 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>
<p>Saturday 6th April SAT WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Decd members of McGrath Family</i></p>	<p 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>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Carlo Ferraro RIP anniv</i></p>	<p align="center">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p>Sun 7th April 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) 9.15am Mass <i>Tom McGrath RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
<p>Tues 2nd 1pm Lunch club, crypt</p>	<p>Tues 2nd 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