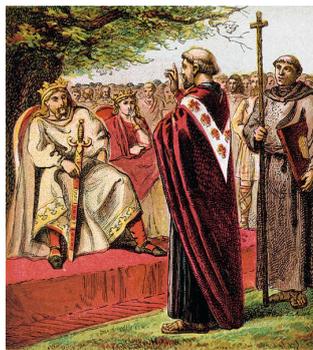


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**7TH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

**World  
Communications  
Day**

**24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020**



**St Augustine of  
Canterbury**

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St Augustine (d.604) was the first Archbishop of Canterbury and considered 'the Apostle to the English'. A monk in Italy he was sent, with about 40 other monks, by Pope Gregory to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons in 596. The missionaries arrived in Kent in 597 and were given a cautious welcome by Ethelbert, King of Kent. He housed the party in Canterbury and allowed them to preach. The King's French wife Bertha was already a Christian but seemed to have no influence over her husband's eventual conversion to Christianity in 601. After the conversion of the King and many of his subjects, more clergy were sent from Rome. Augustine built Canterbury Cathedral and founded the monastery of SS Peter & Paul, where he was buried, just outside the walls of the city. It then became known as St Augustine's. He established Sees in Rochester and London. Augustine also helped Ethelbert to draft the earliest Anglo-Saxon written laws to survive.

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**THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH**

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**MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY – ST BEDE THE VENERABLE**

**TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – ST PHILIP NERI**

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY – ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

**Today, there would normally be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Catholic Communications Network. Do please donate online if possible.**

**During the time of the Coronavirus/Covid-19 crisis, if you have any Special Intention you would like to have mentioned at a Mass, please email Fr Richard at**

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**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Joyce who died in the early evening of Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May. May she rest in peace. Please pray too for Peter and the family.**

**MESSAGE FROM FR RICHARD**

Do you remember when we used to have a day off school for Ascension Day and if we didn't attend Mass as a school, we were still expected to observe this important Christian Festival? Pentecost, Whit Sunday, likewise was always observed as the school half term holiday and a bank holiday too.

I'm sorry but the Stalinist, liberal (with teeth!) secularists who have been determined to remove Christian spirituality from British society have orchestrated an impoverishment for our peoples. BUT Christ ascends into heaven, not to abandon us but to become our hope. Filled with certainty by this glorious event we pray that the authority of heaven will guide the actions of those who govern on earth.

Loving Father, because of the Ascension of your Son our human nature is now at home with you in heaven. May this truth be our lasting encouragement and hope. Through Christ our Lord.

Your friend and parish priest,  
Fr. Richard

**CLOSURE OF CHURCHES & CONFESSION**

*Although the church is closed, Fr. Richard will continue to say Mass for all of us each day except Thursday but in private. Fr Richard is not able to hear confessions. The Holy Father has urged people to "return to the father" and ask forgiveness of their sins even*



*if individual confessions with a priest are impossible and has offered guidance "Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If it is not possible for a priest to hear your confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterwards I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately.*

**THE WEBSITE**

The changes announced last week are now on the 'Giving' page on the website to enable contributions to be made to specific funds such as a second collection. Also included is the facility to donate a fixed sum chosen from a menu. We hope this will help to make it easier to support the Parish funds both at this difficult time and in the future.

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit come into our lives.

Open our ears – to hear what you are saying to us in the things that happen to us in the people we meet.

Open our eyes – to see the needs of the people round us.

Open our hands – to do our work well, to help when help is needed.

Open our lips – to tell others the Good News of Jesus and bring comfort, happiness and laughter to other people.

Open our minds – to discover new truth about you and the world.

Open our hearts – to love you and our fellow men as you have loved us in Jesus.

To you, with our Father and the Son, one God; all honour and praise shall be given now and for ever.

Amen

***If you like the prayers I put in this space each week, they are taken from the book 'The Treasury of the Holy Spirit'. I found a very well used copy amongst my mother's possessions after she died and now use it often myself. The book, written and compiled by Mgs Michael Buckley, is still available to buy. Ed***

### PROGRESS ON RENOVATION WORKS

The contractors will start work on the church again in the next few days. Among their tasks will be hanging the Sanctus bell in the tower and finishing the new North door. Work in the presbytery is scheduled to be finished this coming week and the hope is that Fr Richard will move into the house the following week.

### 'NODDING' ANGEL IN THE CRIB

**In the Parish Notice Book of 1980, Fr James Sloan wrote:- 'May I call your attention to the 'nodding' angel at the crib, collecting donations for orphaned and abandoned children. He's called the nodding angel because he gives you a nod when you put in your donation. The bigger the donation, the bigger the nod ! But he can't deal with pound notes, so please keep your donations to coins.'**

**Does anyone remember the 'nodding' angel ?**

### LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE – ST EDMUND, KING & MARTYR CHURCH



Sally, although not then a Catholic, grew up in Halesworth and recognises 5 of the children in this photograph taken on the day the Bishop of Northampton laid the foundation stone for St Edmund, King & Martyr church. Sally says Halesworth was then a very small town, and one knew everyone. Three of the children are Dwyers and two from the Nathan family and they attended St Mary's Convent School with Sally in Lowestoft. She thinks that two of the adults are Pat and Audrey Dwyer.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE SICK OR IN HOSPITAL

*Michael Carroll, Paul Carroll (Michael's son), Brian Chapman, Trevor Croucher (John Holt's brother-in-law), Denise Denning, Dorothy Drew, Judith Etherton, Susan Goldsmith, Ken Goody, Ollly Grantham (Caroline's son), Brian Hayward, Mick Heil, Peter Henderson, Margaret Holt, Rosemary Jones, Juliet Lightfoot, Romilda Lobling, Elizabeth Martin, Ita Miller, Paul Munson, Caroline Pryke, Stephen Percival, Mary O'Rawe, Alan Redmond, Pearl Reeves, Stewart Semple, Sr Rosaleen Shaw OP (Laurette's sister), Olivia Thorby, Gregory Walker (son of Lucy), Maureen White, Oliver Williams (Janet Dent's grandson), David Wright and Frank Wright. May they be comforted by our prayers and awareness of our love for them.*

***If you know of any changes or additions to the Sick List, could you please let Fr Richard know. Thank you.***

**ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER**

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