



**St Augustine's Catholic Church
High Wycombe**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
22 March 2020**

Please take the newsletter home with you for reference.

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Morning Prayer: Monday-Saturday
Around 5 minutes before Mass

Sunday 22 Mar - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare

People of the Parish
Margaret Dorricott RIP-B'day
Ted Boucher RIP

Monday 23 Mar -
Marie José Adjele RIP-Anniv

Tuesday 24 Mar -
Foundation Mass - Flynn

Wednesday 25 Mar - *The Annunciation of the Lord*
"Joel's Bar"

Thursday 26 Mar -
Maria Schafer

Friday 27 Mar -
Rose Pascal

Saturday 28 Mar -
Stella Sontan RIP

Sunday 29 Mar - Fifth Sunday of Lent
Natalie Palen RIP
Matthew Daniel RIP-Anniv
People of the Parish

Psalm response

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word
of God!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light
of life.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word
of God!

**ACC: 1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

**CONFESSIONS - Please ring to make an
appointment.**

**The Church will be open Daily
from 9am - 7pm**

CORONAVIRUS - THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN

At present we are facing a crisis in our country that is outside the experience of many, if not most, of us. In a time of uncertainty many people are afraid. At such a time, we need to remember the words Jesus spoke so often to His disciples: 'Do not be afraid.' God is always faithful to His promises; even in a time of testing such as this He remains with us, close at our side. In a time of uncertainty we look for things that are certain, to sustain us. Here is one: The Church will never be closed during the day, but will always be open for those who have a need to come and pray, from around 9.00 in the morning to 7.00 at night. With the present Interdict, we may not be able to manage 'business as usual', but the House of God is your house as well. Even though public celebration of Mass, and other services, are suspended for the time being you may still spend a few minutes at a time of your choice praying in God's House. Doing without the Mass for this second part of Lent is for us a unique sharing in the Cross. The Body of Christ – that is the Church – continues to suffer with Christ's suffering people. However, if you need the Sacraments of Confession, Communion or Anointing you can ring the priest to make an appointment. Baptisms can be carried out in case of emergency, but otherwise Baptisms and Weddings will be postponed until the situation is clearer. Regarding Funerals, we can at present only provide a graveside service or a Crematorium service, but a memorial Mass for any deceased relative may be arranged once the crisis is over. Clearly, since the First Communion and Confirmation programmes are suspended, we do not presently have definite dates for the celebration of those events. Parents will be notified of any developments. Remembering that the Church's first duty is the spiritual nourishment of the People of God, in addition to these Sacraments we shall, in each week's Newsletter, try to publish a reflection on the Sunday Readings to give a little hope and encouragement. Any other news will also figure on the website and the Newsletter, which will be available as usual from the church. If you are isolated at home, feel free to call the Church or e mail the Church at any time, even if only just to say 'Hello – I'm still here.'

Those of us who are here are praying for those who are not, and for the wider community in our town and our country, and on our planet. We are trying to get together a few people who are willing to be on the other end of a telephone for you for just this purpose. If you have any particular needs let us know and we shall try, together with volunteers in the parish, to do what we can – though we cannot guarantee to be able to respond to every need. We are also looking into installing equipment for live-streaming Mass from the Church on Sundays so that you can at least connect with the Mass in that way. And, remember, that even if it is in private, the Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered for your intentions and your safety each day. This also means that Masses will continue to be offered for people's particular intentions, so you can continue to book Mass Intentions as normal. God be with us all, and He will lead us through this. More news to follow.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: Use of Car Park, The Old Registry, 20 Amersham Hill, High Wycombe, HP13 6NZ
We are writing to you this open letter due to the considerable damage which has been caused recently to the security gates at the above address. The cost of repairing the gates has exceeded £700 and all users are sharing this cost. It is essential that all legitimate users are fully aware of the method of operation. The gates are programmed to open during normal working hours and on Sunday morning for the use of St Augustine's Church. At all other times it will be necessary to use the code given to you for entry by keypad on the gate post. Exit from the car park is actioned by a car passing over the induction loop on the interior of the gates. Pedestrian access to the car park is available 24 hours a day via the side gate which is permanently unlocked. Under no circumstances must the gate be forced, the lock levered, or any tape or other restraint added to the gate or its mechanical components. In the event of it not operating, which may be due to an electricity outage in which case you will have to wait until it comes back on line, please contact either Watersmeet on 01296 425100 or call 07770 315995 for instruction on what action to take and for assistance.

IN FUTURE: If you did not receive the bulk email sent out (Church Services) and would like to be included please email staugustines.hw@gmail.com

PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME: If you have recently been sent a new form to complete. Please return them as soon as possible to set up the new Standing Orders.

THE LONDON Run: Has now been suspended. Please continue to bring your donations as usual and place them in the One Can box in the porch. Many thanks.

DRAW TICKETS are available on the tables. Money raised by the Draw gives us the assurance of being able to cover our costs if the May Fayre needs to be cancelled for any reason. Please return counterfoils as soon as possible.



ANNIVERSARIES: Dina Meech, Christina Lynch, John D'Souza, Angelina Iacofano, Margaret Bartyla, Bernard Amend, Joan Downes, Margaret Hasyn, Abe Cooke, Vincent Carr, Maria Cowan, Krystyna Sidorowicz, Marian Wylot, Martin Padden.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £507.87
+ Standing Orders of £696

Useful Websites:

<https://northamptondiocese.org>

<http://www.catholicreadings.org>

<http://www.heavensroadfm.com>

<http://www.walsingham.org.uk>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>



DIARY OF EVENTS

2020

05 Apr - Palm Sunday

09 Apr - Maundy Thursday

10 Apr - Good Friday

11 Apr - Easter Vigil

12 Apr - Easter Sunday

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Holy Michael, the Archangel
Defend us in the day of battle.
Be our safeguard against the
wickedness and snares of the
devil. May God rebuke him, we
humbly pray, and do thou, O
prince of the Heavenly Host, by
the power of God, thrust down to
hell Satan and all the wicked spirits
who wander through the world for
the ruin of souls.
Amen.

