



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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
03 May 2020**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 03 May - Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
*Day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood*

Holy Souls  
Maureen Wilcox RIP-Anniv  
People of the Parish

**Monday 04 May - Martyrs of England & Wales**  
Emilio & Maria Caon

**Tuesday 05 May -**  
Dermot & Evelyn O'Hara

**Wednesday 06 May -**  
Deceased of Frank Family

**Thursday 07 May -**  
Foundation Mass - Peacock

**Friday 08 May - 75th Anniversary of VE Day**  
Holy Souls

**Saturday 09 May -**  
William Gordon RIP

**Sunday 10 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Holy Souls  
Lynn Sivagnanam RIP  
People of the Parish

**Psalm response**

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

**Gospel acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

**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 IS PRESENTLY CLOSED.**

**SECOND COLLECTION today for: Priests'  
Training Fund**

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DAVID**

Bishop David has written particularly to all those candidates preparing for the Sacraments, but his message to those awaiting Baptism/Reception is one that is helpful and encouraging for us all, so here it is:

Dear friends,

In my first pastoral letter as Bishop of Northampton, I used an image that I would like to share with you again now. It is the early Easter picture of the disciples hiding together behind locked doors because of fear. Maybe this image of the first Christians speaks to us in an even more powerful way during these days of coronavirus lockdown. Then again, we may be telling ourselves, at least they were hiding in their locked room "together"! Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is a community experience rather than an individualistic and solitary one. God's people have always been a pilgrim people and by His grace, you have been brought into an experience of this pilgrimage journey to the Kingdom of Heaven. The Church is a people. Within the isolation of our homes, it is difficult for us to feel part of this people at times. There is live-streaming of Masses from cathedrals and churches, a very poor substitute for the dynamic gift of being brought together by the Holy Spirit, in order to sing the praises of the Lord Who has gathered us to celebrate the mysteries of our faith. How I, and indeed every priest, long to be able to celebrate these life-giving mysteries again with the people of God! In the meantime, we must wait with patience. During these days of the Easter season I wanted to share this with you that you are very much in my heart and prayer. Please do pray for the virtue of hope and fidelity to the call you have received. I know that many of you will be living lives of service, where and when you are able to help others within your family and community. These are signs of your faith in Christ Jesus and desire to really live as His Church. May our Lord bless you and continue to support you in faith, hope and love as you await the day when we are able to celebrate the sacraments gathered together. We will soon celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the day when Jesus fulfilled His promise that the Father and He would pour out the Holy Spirit upon this world. I encourage you to open your lives to the coming of the Spirit in these days.

+ David J Oakley,  
Bishop of Northampton.

The Bishop also adds a few words for those preparing for Confirmation:

Dear young friends,  
I wanted to send you a message of encouragement in these difficult days. Even though the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation has been delayed because of this crisis, please know that your new Bishop is very much looking forward to meeting with you. Try to be patient and faithful to meeting with Jesus in prayer. Ask the saint whose name you are

choosing to pray for you. Pray to the Holy Spirit that you will be even more ready to receive the gifts that will be poured out on you when you are Confirmed. We will soon celebrate that Pentecost day when the Holy Spirit was first poured out upon our world. And finally, please spare a prayer or two for the new Bishop! I send you these words together with my blessing for yourselves and your families.

+ David J Oakley,  
Bishop of Northampton.

**Traditionally**, this Sunday is the day in the year when we appeal for contributions to the Diocesan Fund for training priests. This year, although the church collections are not able to take place, the training of students for the priesthood does continue.

**OTHER NEWS:** One of the benefits of the present lockdown is that many people have become more aware of the needs of their neighbours. Many have gone out their way to offer assistance of various kinds whether it be a helping hand or a friendly ear on the telephone. Here at St Augustine's our **St Vincent de Paul society** have been at the forefront of offering help. It would be good, when we get back to normal, to keep something of this spirit of service. It would be good if people were still to see the Parish as the place where they will always find brothers and sisters ready to help them. It would be good if more people were able to find a bit of time to help in the work of the **SVP**. It would be good to regard any acts of charity not as something to avoid receiving but to see them as the presence of Christ among us. To receive charity is to help our brothers and sisters to salvation. Let us think of these things over the weeks ahead. To give charity is to recognise Christ in our brothers and sisters.

**ROSARY IN MAY:** This month of Our Lady our live-streamed Mass will be followed by praying the Rosary. Those wishing to join in may do it either straight after the Mass, or they may tune in later in the day. We can pray the Rosary either by joining in the prayers in the traditional way or simply by thinking about the particular 'mysteries' of each decade while the prayers are said.

**CAFOD**, like the rest of us, are suffering reduced funds at a time when there is a greater demand for their services. Anyone wishing to support CAFOD at this time can do so by logging on to their website at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**SUPPORTING THE CHURCH** For those able to continue to support the parishes there is now a new way of making payments by telephone.

If you have your bank details ready you can call on Tuesdays between 10.00am and 4.00pm and make your offering. We do not know how great the demand might be for this service, so please be patient if you have to wait - or ring back later. The number is a Northampton number, 01604 712065

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:** Please on this day pray for **Vocations to the priesthood.** I often say that every Catholic boy should at some point as he grows ask himself whether God is calling him to serve as a priest. It should be regarded as something quite natural. Like the boy Samuel, however people need to learn to hear the voice of God in order to discern their Vocation. And of course there are other Vocations - to the Diaconate, to the Religious Life, to Marriage - and to the single life. Those who are single are often in an ideal position to be able to help in the Church's work in a way that those who have families of their own cannot easily manage. Pray that all our young people may learn to open their ears to God and to hear His call - and that they may have the strength and commitment to follow.

**Daily Mass** continues to be live-streamed on YouTube each Sunday at 11.00am and each weekday at 9.30am. To find any of these Masses you can log on to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and then search for **St Augustine's High Wycombe.** If you start watching and then press the 'Subscribe' button that will make it easier to find the channel again. (Don't worry - 'Subscribe' does not involve any commitment - it's just registering with that channel) If you cannot watch Mass at the actual time it is said, you can do so at any point later in the day.

**With attendance at Mass** only being remote, it is good for us to make a **'Spiritual Communion.'** We do this by asking Jesus to be with us. It is good to do this as the priest is receiving Communion on our behalf, but we can do so at any time. The exact words don't matter, but we present here a prayer used for this purpose by **St Alphonsus:**

**My Jesus,** I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself to You now and forever. Amen.

**CHURCH FINANCE** A number of people have asked about this. If you do not have a standing order and you are able to continue to support the Church in this time financially you may make periodic donations through our Parish website or

through the Diocesan website. If you click the 'Donate' button you will be directed through the process. However it is important to include in the notes the name of the Parish your donation is to go to. You need to put **St Augustine's, High Wycombe.** Just St Augustine's is not enough as there are other churches with the same dedication. If you are suffering from reduction in income and cannot afford to support the Church at present, then don't worry but support us with your prayers instead.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Just a reminder that with Mass still being said every day, if anyone wishes to book a Mass for a particular intention they may continue to do so, putting an envelope with the request and the Mass offering in the post or through the door if you pass by when doing your shopping. Mass Intentions can be for those who have died, especially on or around their birthdays and anniversaries. They can also be for the living on any special occasion, for health or recovery, in thanksgiving or for a host of reasons. What a Mass Intention means is that during the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass the priest prays particularly for that person. The Mass Offering was originally to ensure that the priest saying that Mass would be able to afford food for that day, but if somebody wants a Mass offered but doesn't have the money for an Offering that should not prevent them.

### **WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION**

For news and updates please visit:  
[www.wyhoc.org.uk](http://www.wyhoc.org.uk)

**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](mailto:staugustines.hw@gmail.com)

**THE LONDON Run:** Has now been suspended. If you would like to donate any future items please take them to the **One Can Warehouse,** 11b Duke Street, High Wycombe, HP13 6EE  
Tel. 01494 512277  
Email: [onecan@live.co.uk](mailto:onecan@live.co.uk) website:  
[onecan@live.co.uk](http://onecan@live.co.uk)

**THE ONE CAN WAREHOUSE IS OPEN FOR DONATIONS FROM: 10.00am -11.00am Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.** One Can Trust is actively promoting a 2 metre 'social distancing' policy within its own warehousing facility and at our drop off points. When dropping off food donations at our Duke Street warehouse, you can use the intercom door bell and leave your donation by the double doors, with no direct personal interaction.

Alternatively it is still possible to donate via the supermarkets drop boxes; our volunteers are continuing to empty them on a regular basis. We thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. At the moment, the best way to help us deliver our emergency food parcels is to make a financial donation - every little helps to ensure we can continue to operate.

### ONE CAN APPEAL FOR FOOD DONATIONS:

**The stock we're most short of is:** meat pie, meat balls/hot dogs, tinned meat/chicken meals, tinned ham/corned beef, tinned potatoes, peas/sweetcorn, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, beans & pulses tins, baked beans, rice, pasta sauce, cook-in-sauce, tinned fruit, uht milk, cereal, tea/coffee biscuits, sugar, soap, toilet rolls, shampoo/conditioner, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

### MAY FAYRE DRAW

Although of course this year's May Fayre has been cancelled; the raffle is still to take place. It looks as though we are going to postpone the draw to enable more tickets to be sold - so keep hold of your tickets until you hear that the draw has taken place (and please pass this information on to friends to whom you may have sold tickets) Then whoever wins first prize will be able to have a nice treat on emerging from lockdown!



Very sadly we have to announce that **WordFest** will be postponed from 6 June. We are in talks with the National Scripture Tour for a date for Spring next year. All purchased tickets will be refunded.

**Of your Mercy....** Please pray for **Bishop Leo McCartie** whose funeral service has been arranged for the **Tuesday 12 May at 2pm** in the parish cemetery at Great Billing, Northamptonshire. **Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton**, will celebrate a Requiem Mass before the burial at 12.30pm in Northampton Cathedral, which will be live-streamed.

The funeral of **Lynn Sivagnanam** takes place at the Crematorium on **Tuesday 12 May**. Please keep them both and their families in your prayers.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tullio Caine, Madge Church, Sheila Robertson, Bruno Selden, Lesley Springford, John Fitzpatrick, Norah Cooke, Helen Geggus, Maureen Wilcox, Denis Corrigan, Mina Burrows, Susan Prosser, Michael O'Donovan

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £0  
+ Standing Orders of £696**



### DIARY OF EVENTS

2020

21 May - Ascension of the Lord  
27 May - St Augustine of Canterbury  
31 May - Pentecost  
07 Jun - Trinity Sunday  
14 Jun - Corpus Christi  
19 Jun - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
28 Jun - St Peter & Paul

### Useful Websites:

<https://northamptondiocese.org>  
<http://www.catholicreadings.org>  
<http://www.heavensroadfm.com>  
<http://www.walsingham.org.uk>  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>  
<https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/>

### 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.



