



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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
17 May 2020**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 17 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter
N.H.S. Workers
People of the Parish

Monday 18 May - Pope St John I, Martyr
Maria Schafer

Tuesday 19 May -
David Lacey & Ann Viguo

Wednesday 20 May - St Bernadine of Sienna, Priest
Foundation Mass-Rutledge

Thursday 21 May - The Ascension of the Lord
Holy Day of Obligation. Day of Prayer for the right
use of the media.
Noreen Hanbury

Friday 22 May -
Clergy of the Diocese

Saturday 23 May -
Holy Souls

Sunday 24 May - Seventh Sunday of Easter
People of the Parish
Felicidad Ortinero RIP-Anniv

Psalm response

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel acclamation

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!

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 NEXT SUNDAY FOR CATHOLIC MEDIA.

Thank you for the **Easter Offering** it was much appreciated, and also **The Parish Offertory/Donations** received through the online Virgin Money Giving of £922.75 as advised by the Diocesan Finance Office.

THE JOY OF HOPE: For all who have access to the internet and either have (or can install) the popular (and free) **'Zoom'** video-conferencing program on your computers, you are invited to take part in an online video course starting on **Monday 18th May at 4.00pm**. It is hoped that the time will be convenient for many who are stuck at home in lockdown. But if there is enough demand for an evening course, it will most likely be possible to arrange it - but you will need to let us know! We will be showing the four week series entitled 'The Joy of Hope' produced by the **CaFE** team. Filmed on the stunning Greek holy island of Patmos (where St John received the visions that he set down in the Book of Revelation), it seeks to bring us uplifting and practical insights into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in heaven. Each film is about 23 minutes long, and we will expect to follow it with an online group discussion which can last as long as people wish - you can bow out whenever you need to. It can also be a great opportunity to catch up with some familiar faces from our congregation. If you wish to take part you will need the **Zoom meeting ID and password**, so please ring or text Deacon Brin (07931 607249), or email him at Brin.dunsire@gmail.com Alternatively you can email Deacon Paul at JHN parish: deacon_paul@religious.com Any queries about this to one of the Deacons also, please.

LOCKDOWN: It's come to be a horrible word! But the Diocese is thinking about what will happen at the end of Lockdown, even if we don't know just when that might be. We need to be prepared for the opening of our churches for private prayer. When this happens the opening will be limited to when we can have Stewards on duty, so the first step is to be thinking about whether you might have a regular slot when you would be prepared to Steward - full instruction will be made available on what this would involve. So one person might say they would be available between 2 and 3 on a Thursday.

If you could help with this, you will also be helping many of your brothers and sisters in the Parish. What we want to do first is to build up a rota of people who can commit themselves so that we would be able to open the Church perhaps on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to begin with. As I say, we don't yet know when restrictions will be lifted, but please do be thinking about what you might do. More information will be available later, but if you have any queries do get in touch with me.

CAFOD: Our own problems naturally loom large in our lives, and can make us forget that all the other problems faced by the world are still there, and (where we can) we still need to try to ease the plight in which so many find themselves as a result of famine, war or natural disaster. If you are able to spare a little please visit CAFOD's site, where they have set up a particular coronavirus page. Go to: cafod.org.uk/coronavirus.

NOTE ON BAPTISM

In the present situation a number of Baptisms have been postponed and naturally we are not booking any baptisms until we know when normal service is to be resumed. Hopefully nobody will be faced with in emergency situation such as this, but it is worth remembering that in a real emergency anyone can baptise. If there is serious concern about a child's health and the parents wish the child to be baptised they are permitted to undertake the celebration of the sacrament themselves. To do this it is necessary to pour a little water over the child's head and address them by name saying: **[NAME]**, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Make a note of the date and then, when we are getting back to normal the child who recovers may be brought to the church in a baptismal service of thanksgiving, and the other ceremonies of baptism be celebrated for them. As I said, it is my hope that nobody should need to do this, but it is no bad thing to be prepared.



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.



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

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 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

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

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!



Of your mercy... Please pray for June Romaniak who has died. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gerald Jackson, Mary Newman, Adrienne De Gelas, John Leydon, Terry Cook, Melani Farrugia, Helen MacInnes, Patrick Murphy.



DIARY OF EVENTS

2020

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.

