



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

**Eighteenth Sunday of the Year(A)**

**02 August 2020**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 02 Aug - Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (A)**

09am People of the Parish  
11am Mass  
6pm Marie Ayres-Regan RIP

**Monday 03 Aug -**

9.30am Famiglia Caon

**Tuesday 04 Aug - St John Vianney, Priest**

09.30am Martha Pilkington RIP

**Wednesday 05 Aug -**

09.30am Nollaig Donegan RIP

**Thursday 06 Aug - Transfiguration of the Lord**

09.30am O'Hara Family

**Friday 07 Aug - Rita**

09.30am

**Saturday 08 Aug - St Dominic, Priest**

09.30am Caroline Marsh

**Sunday 09 Aug - Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (A)**

09am Leonard Daniel RIP-Anniv  
11am Mass  
6pm People of the Parish

**Psalm response**

You open wide your hand, O Lord,  
you grant our desires.

**Gospel acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

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

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

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE  
PRAYER SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS  
BETWEEN 3PM AND 5PM.**

**MIND:** For many people the time of lockdown has been a difficult time and we come out of it at different speeds, no doubt all hoping that we will not have to go back to it again! Some find this emerging from lockdown quite easy and straightforward. Others find it much harder and may suffer from Depression as a result. Others again may suffer from Agoraphobia and fear to go out. If you seek help for yourself or for someone else in situations like this you can, of course, pray for them, as you know. You might also call the MIND helpline, which is 0300 123 3393

**SUNDAY STREAMED MASS:** I expect most people have realised by now, but apologies are due that I failed to mention in this column that the Live-streamed Mass on a **Sunday will be the 9.00am**. We have had a couple of transmission issues this week, but we will endeavour to maintain a regular service for those who depend on it.

**FACE-MASKS:** As of **Saturday 8th August** it is a requirement that face-coverings should be worn in church. While many of us will have our own ideas about the usefulness of this, it is nonetheless a legitimate requirement, so I hope that we will all co-operate with it. Thank you for your assistance.

**CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:** Since we have been open for Mass the number of those coming for private prayer has significantly reduced. Because we need to have volunteers staffing the church while it is open, we shall accordingly be reducing the hours when the Church is open. It will now be on **Saturdays and Sundays from 3.00pm until 5.00pm**. Thanks to the handful of volunteers who keep this service going. These afternoon times of opening are also the times when people can light candles in the church. We may not do this after Mass, because the instructions are that people should leave as quickly as possible once Mass is finished.

**CHILDREN AT MASS:** Several people have asked if it is OK to bring children to Mass. So far as I can see there is no reason why not. Naturally, in the end it is parents who must make that decision, but if you are worried about whether or not you should presently

be bringing your children to Mass, please give me a call and we can have a chat about it.

**SIGNING-ON FOR MASS:** With the numbers (so far) not being excessive at most Masses, we are still having plenty of space for last minute arrivals. It has been decided that for the **6pm Sunday Mass there is no need to book places unless you are coming as a family group** who will want to be seated together. For the Sunday morning Masses, please continue for the present with the system of 'booking' we have been using these last few weeks.

**Please remember to use hand sanitizer on entering and leaving the church, and to keep proper social distancing at all times within the building. NB: There are for the present no toilet facilities available in the church.**

**We will continue live-streaming the Mass on You Tube certainly for the duration of the crisis.**

**9am on Sunday. 9.30am Weekdays**

**BAPTISM:** Please pray for Ralph Mole and his family. Ralph is to be baptised at St Augustine's this weekend.

**PARISH FINANCE:** A big thank you to all those who have found various means of supporting the parish financially during these months. Like many households the parish has suffered a severe fall in income - no caviar for the Parish Priest! A thank you also to those who are able to continue making contributions. If your income has been so reduced that you are unable to do this, then please do pray for the Parish and the work of the Parish. If you are coming to church and are able to contribute the collection baskets will be out every day for any offerings (not that you are expected to make an offering every day if you are coming to daily Mass!!) We have been cutting down in expenses where possible, but some things that had been set in motion before lockdown - like the cleaning of the Millennium Tapestry - are still going forward and need to be paid for.

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions are being heard by appointment, rather than on Saturday mornings in the church. So if you wish to celebrate the Sacrament please ring up to make an appointment.

**PRIVATE PRAYER:** While there is no time after Mass for private Prayer or for lighting of candles, the church is open for private prayer at weekends. Between 3pm and 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays are the present times for this.

**SOCIAL EVENTS:** For the present no Social Events are taking place - not even the tea and coffee after Mass. There is presently no use of the Upper Room.

**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

### 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.



### MISSION TODAY LINK:

[missio.org.uk/mission-today](http://missio.org.uk/mission-today)

### WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION

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

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE.** On Friday 14 August please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For more information please contact: **The Good Counsel Network on: 020 7723 1740**

**FROM: BISHOP PAUL HENDRICKS**

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**SUBJECT: CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE 21ST - 28TH AUGUST 2020:**

Dear diocesan directors and other friends of the **Catholic Association**. For all of us who love **Lourdes** - particularly when we come with people who are elderly, sick or who have disabilities - our pilgrimage is a very personal and spiritual experience. **This year, as we cannot run our pilgrimage in its usual form**, the Catholic Association is collaborating with the **Stonyhurst Association**, to create an online 'Virtual Pilgrimage', in which we can be prayerfully united with each other, including it is hoped many of our 'assisted pilgrims', during the week when we would normally be at Lourdes. This will include adapted versions of many of our usual Masses and devotions, along with reflections from a number of pilgrims, young and old, sharing their experiences of Lourdes over the years. We are also aiming to send a package to each of our regular assisted pilgrims, containing a 'virtual pilgrimage handbook', other prayer materials and information and a votive candle, so that they are included as far as possible, even if they have little or no online access. As the details take shape, further information will be posted at:

<https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/virtual-pilgrimage-2020>

and at

<https://association.stonyhurst.ac.uk/the-lourdes-pilgrimage/virtual-lourdes-2020/>

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## DIARY OF EVENTS

2020

06 Aug - The Transfiguration of the Lord

15 Aug - The Assumption of BVM

26 Sep - Ordination of Deacon Daniel Rooke

## 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.

