

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

Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year (A)

06 September 2020

Please take the newsletter home with you for reference.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 06 Sept - Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year (A)

09am People of the Parish
11am Elzbieta Truty & Michael Smith RIP-2nd Anniv
6pm Tony McGreevy RIP-Anniv

Monday 07 Sept -

9.30am Nora & Pat Haren RIP

Tuesday 08 Sept - *Nativity of the B.V.M.*

No Mass

Wednesday 09 Sept -

09.30am Kathleen Creighton RIP

Thursday 10 Sept -

09.30am Bernard Warren RIP

Friday 11 Sept -

09.30am Martin Stokes RIP-Anniv

Saturday 12 Sept -

09.30am Foundation Mass - Flynn

Sunday 13 Sept - Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year (A)

09am Stella Downes RIP
11am Martin Stokes-RIP
6pm People of the Parish

Psalm response

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Acc: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

CONFESSIONS - Please ring to make an appointment.

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

FIRST CONFESSIONS: The First Confessions will take place on Saturdays throughout September with small groups. Each child has been allocated a time for this. **If you have not received the e mail please give me a call.**

FIRST COMMUNION 2021: The start of this programme has been delayed due to the late running of the 2020 programme. Where we would normally have been inviting applications for places on the programme through the Summer, this will most probably be done now in December or January. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for information.

PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS: We read frequently in the Gospels that Jesus went away to pray. His own prayer would very often have been using the Psalms. So when we pray the Psalms we are praying not only in the same way, but using the same words that Jesus Himself used. To help us understand the Psalms I hope to have a series of short talks on our You-Tube Channel dealing with one Psalm at a time, beginning by reading the Psalm and following up with a commentary on it. The aim is to help people to know, love and use these beautiful prayers which speak to us in all manner of situations in our lives. With this technology it will mean that instead of calling people to come to a particular time and place, we will be reaching a wider audience. **Please watch this space for further information!**

PRIVATE PRAYER IN THE CHURCH: Please note that, because of the **First Confessions, in September** the Church will only be open for private prayer and lighting of candles on **Sunday afternoons 3PM-5PM.**



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT ZOOM COURSE: continues on Thursday at 7.45. For the log-in codes please visit:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/lifeinthespirit>

FACE-COVERINGS: Please be aware that some form of face-covering is now required for those coming to take part in church services.

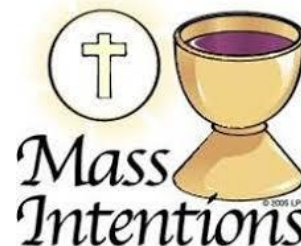


CLEANING OF CHURCH AFTER MASS.

A very big thank you to all who help in this work. I know it only takes a few minutes, but it is very much appreciated. It is work that all parishioners who are healthy and active should really be helping with from time to time. The anti-bac sprays and cloths are kept on the tables at the back - and gloves are available if required. Spraying and wiping-down of chairs and surfaces that are touched needs to be done after every event in the church. So, please, rather than leave it all to the same few people, find a Sunday somewhere where you can lend a hand!

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you want to book a Mass Intention please try to avoid coming to the Sacristy after Mass. If possible it is better to do this by coming to the Presbytery at another convenient time, or you could phone or e-mail and drop the Mass Offering off through the letterbox at a time that suits you.



BOOKING PLACES AT MASS: Please continue to book places, for the time being, at the Sunday morning Masses, and if you wish to have seats placed together for a couple or a family, at the Sunday evening Mass. Please do this each week, because if some people just want to be automatically booked in week after week there will inevitably come a time when I will forget to transfer someone's name! If you book by e mail, you may assume that all is well if there is no reply. I will definitely answer if there should be a problem!

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

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!!)

If you wish, you may set up a weekly / monthly Standing Order through your bank.

Our parish account details are as follows:

Bank: **NatWest**

Sort Code: **60-06-11**

Account Name: **46714707**

Account Name: **RCDN St. Augustine's Catholic Church, High Wycombe**

Payment Ref: **Please enter your name.**

(Please be sure to reference with your Surname and Initials, so that we can identify who it is from, for Gift aid purposes).

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.

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION

Wycombe Homeless Connection's Homelessness Prevention line, **01494 447699**, is open **Mon - Fri, 10am - 4pm**. As the ban on evictions put in place in response to the coronavirus pandemic is lifted on **Sunday 23 August**, we are anticipating many people across our community will need

support and advice on how to keep their home. Please, tell anyone you think may need our support that we are here for them. We offer free, independent, specialist legal support and advice and can help people fight unfair evictions, liaise with their landlord, and offer support to manage rent arrears and more. Find out more at:

www.wyhoc.org.uk/homelessness-prevention

REFUGEES LATEST: The August 2020 newsletter from our friends at **Wycombe Refugee Partnership** has just arrived and by the time you read this they should have uploaded it onto their website.

<https://www.wycombe-refugees.org/news>

We are not allowed to make paper copies for you to take away. There is also a heart-warming story (deacon Brin can supply) from a family of six who arrived in the UK just as the lockdown was starting, making their prospects ten times worse, but were helped to settle by this wonderful **Wycombe Charity**. Check out their website for ways to help.

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION'S BIG SLEEPOUT 2020: AT HOME is here!

We need more people than ever to swap their beds for sleeping bags and sleep out in solidarity with the people we serve. It's on **Friday 20 November**. We're asking people to sleep out '**at home**' rather than gather at large venues. Everything you need to know is on our website and registration is now open or give us a call on 01494 447699 to find out more. www.wyhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2020

TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND

Wednesday **10 March** - Friday **19 March 2021**. Cost £1845 per person. Led by David & Nabs Camp. For full details go to: www.christian-travel.com and enter the date of the tour.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kim Sutton, Clement De Gelas, Graham Newman, Maurice Cocksedge, Ruth Hourihan, Bridget Stone, Ludwik Chrominski, Mary Walsh, Mary Ashcroft, Everard Miguel, John Roberts, Tony McGreevy, Mary Murphy.

DIARY OF EVENTS

2020

26 Sep - Ordination of Fr. Daniel Rooke

27 Sep - Harvest Mass at 11am

04 Oct - CAFOD (Harvest Fast Day Fri. 2 Oct)

01 Nov - All Saints (Holy Day)

02 Nov - All Souls

08 Nov - Remembrance Sunday-

Requiem for the Fallen (11am)

22 Nov - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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/>

<http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus>

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.

