



St Augustine's Catholic Church High Wycombe

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

20 December 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 20 Dec - Fourth Sunday of Advent (B) - O Key
Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

9am People of the Parish
11am Maureen Corbett
6pm Robert Schafer-Peek

Monday 21 Dec - O Rising Sun

9.30am Foundation Mass - Rutledge

Tuesday 22 Dec - O King

9.30am Thanksgiving
6.30pm Ann Cleary RIP

Wednesday 23 Dec - O Emmanuel

9.30am Hugh, Anne & James Gilgunn RIP

Thursday 24 Dec - Christmas Eve

09.30am Mass
7.30pm Mass
Midnight People of the Parish

**Friday 25 Dec - The Nativity of Our Lord,
Jesus Christ**

7.30am Catherine & Mary Eaves RIP-Anniv
9.30am Mass
11am Mass

Saturday 26 Dec - St Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr

9.30am Mass

Sunday 27 Dec - THE HOLY FAMILY

9am Anne McMahon RIP
11am Mass
6pm Clergy of the Parish

Psalm response

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
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.

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY:

for the **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** (Sea Sunday - usually in July, but postponed this year.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: All Christmas Masses are now fully booked. If there are still people wanting to book for a Mass on Christmas Day it may be possible to add in a further **Mass at 12.30** if there are enough people. If you would be interested in such a Mass please do email or phone and we will get back to you. If you can't get to Mass on Christmas Day itself, it is worth remembering that there are **TWELVE** days of Christmas on which you can come - and of course you do not need to book for ordinary weekday Masses. If you are coming to Mass, it would be a great help to have two people at each Mass willing to help tick people's names off the list as they arrive and perhaps show them to their places. **If you are volunteering for this you need to be not in an 'at risk' group, and to arrive 20 minutes before Mass begins.** Please let me or Fr Daniel know as soon as possible if you are able to help - and at which Mass.

FR. JONATHAN - SILVER JUBILEE: Thanks for your prayers, cards and good wishes on the Silver Jubilee of my Priestly Ordination, which I celebrated last Wednesday. Unfortunately we couldn't have a party, but it was still a good occasion.

STEWARDS: In order to keep the church open for private prayer at weekends we are looking to draw up a new rota of Stewards. If you can come along for an hour on Saturday or Sunday afternoon in order to keep an eye on the place and clean down the chairs that people use that will be a great help to your brothers and sisters. You may also find it nice to have an hour of peace and quiet yourself!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021: Forms are now available for applications on the coming year's First Communion programme. Once we know how many applications we have we can sort out a start date, so please make sure the forms are filled in not only completely, but also clearly, so your e mail addresses can be read. Please return the forms to the Presbytery as soon as possible, with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if they were not baptised at St Augustine's.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: As usual the Christmas Day collection goes to the priests of the Parish. You can contribute to this even if you are going to be away at Christmas by putting an envelope in the basket or through the door of the Presbytery clearly marked **'Christmas Offering'** You are also able to contribute on line but you need to ensure that you use the priest's name as a reference rather than the Parish Thus you might put **'Fr Jonathan Hill'** instead of 'St Augustine's, High Wycombe.' You don't have to make separate contributions for each priest because the whole lot is divided between us anyway!

ST AUGUSTINE'S PSALM PROJECT: The normal times when the Psalms and their commentary are to be broadcast is on **Tuesdays and Fridays at 11.00.** Once posted on You Tube they will remain in place.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST.COLUMBA have once again provided A3 sized Christmas posters for displaying in your windows, and also a strip of "Keep Christ in Christmas" stickers to add to your Christmas card envelopes. **Please pick them up on the way out.**

DIOCESE: Diocesan e-Newsletter. Subscribe to the e-Newsletter of our Diocese. Visit the diocesan website: <https://northamptondiocese.org/> on the Home Page scroll down to the application form for our Diocesan e-Newsletter.

The Vine: After almost thirty five years our diocesan newspaper **The Vine** will no longer be published. We thank Fr Paul Hardy who founded and edited The Vine for the majority of those thirty years - not an easy task! **Online Diocesan Communications** can be found as follows:

Instagram: dioceseofNorthampton
Facebook: RC Diocese of Northampton
Twitter: @RCNorthampton
YouTube: Northampton Diocese

NYMO invite all young adults to an online advent retreat. Open to all aged **18-35yrs**, **each Tuesday of Advent, between 8.00-9.30pm** join the team on zoom for a time of prayer, worship and reflection. email hello@nymo.org for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARIA SHAFER who has taken part in The **Sleepout** to raise money for the **"Homeless"** She thanks everyone for their contributions. If you wish to sponsor her still, please go to the website: uk.virginmoneygiving.com/mariaschafer So far Maria has raised £1376.65 (including Gift Aid on the website and £475 from St Augustine's Parishioners.

ACT NOW AND ASK YOUR MP TO OPPOSE INTRODUCING ASSISTED SUICIDE The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. **Right To Life UK** have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

COMPANIONS IN CHRIST: Zoom Meetings on **Tuesday's** All welcome. 7.30pm doors open, 7.45pm start, 9pm finish. Although there is no obligation to attend **every** week and you can just drop in on a Tuesday evening if you feel like it. Please email Sarah Priestley mrs_s_priestley@hotmail.com or Catri Plummer c.plummer@ntlworld.com for the Zoom details if you would like to attend.

LUX.VALOUR WEEKEND: On Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st January 2021, we can all come together **online** for **LUX.Valour!** During our **LUX.Valour weekend**, we will be exploring what it means to be a young person of great bravery. How we can walk into the

unknown of this New Year, confident that we are "not given a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power." 2 Timothy 1:7. **If you are aged 11-18** and would like to join please click on the link below and complete the form on our website. <https://nymo.org/lux-valour/> please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions at info@nymo.org.

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.

Of your Mercy.... Please pray for Carol Dyson (**Curtis**) former parishioner who died on 12th December. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. For information her daughter Tina's details can be obtained from the office.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord..

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Nuttall, John Buhagiar, Jean Horsefield, John & Celia Forde, Josephine Razzell, Sadie Hanna, Christopher Wall, Pamela & Gerald Duckham, John Clark, Anthony Hogan, Margaret Benjafield.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £287.82 + Standing Orders of £696

COLLECTION FOR: Mary's Meals was £575.24 many thanks.

DIARY OF EVENTS

2020

24 Dec - Mass at Midnight

25 Dec - The Nativity of Our Lord

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.



Happy Christmas to one and all