



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

Third Sunday of the Year (B)

24 January 2021

Please take the newsletter home with you for reference.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 24 Jan - Third Sunday of the Year (B)
'Sunday of the Word of God'

9am Sheila Tonna RIP
11am Patricia Moore RIP
6pm People of the Parish

Monday 25 Jan - Conversion of St Paul

9.30am Mass

Tuesday 26 Jan - SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops

9.30am Mae Donaghey RIP
6.30pm Mass

Wednesday 27 Jan -

9.30am Mass
6.30pm Mass

Thursday 28 Jan - St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor

09.30am Mass

Friday 29 Jan -

9.30am Foundation Mass - Flynn
6.30pm Mass

Saturday 30 Jan -

9.30am Mass

Sunday 31 Jan - Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)

'Racial Justice Sunday'

9am People of the Parish
11am Mass
6pm Bernard Cullen RIP

Psalm response

Lord, make me know your ways.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News.
Alleluia!

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

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

WE WELCOME: Annora Pereira who was baptised yesterday and Eliza Owen who will be baptised later today.

CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE

PRAYER: While we only have sufficient volunteers to regularly have the church open on **Saturday afternoons between 3 and 5**, it seems that it is worth while trying other ways of ensuring that people can use the church when they feel in need. So if you want to come to the church simply to spend some time in quiet prayer, please ring the presbytery before coming down and, if we are in, either Fr Daniel or myself will let you in to the Church and show you where to find the sprays and cloths to clean down the seat you use, when you leave. A reminder that the presbytery number is **01494 523969**.

KEEPING SAFE: I would like to encourage people to assist with the measures we are taking at St Augustine's to keep safe those who come to Mass here. There are two or three matters in particular that are, it seems to me, worth mentioning.

CAR-PARKING: Because we have a small car park it can be difficult to keep social distancing when people are leaving the church and going to their cars. Accordingly I would ask people to make fuller use of the two car-parks across the road opposite the church, behind the offices of **MRIB** and **ICWG**. On Sundays we have use of both these car parks for parishioners.

INTERACTING WITH OTHER

PARISHIONERS: While under normal circumstances we are frequently trying to persuade people to stay and chat with one another before dashing off home, at present we are doing the reverse! While it is obviously fine to be saying 'Good morning?' or 'How are you?' we should not be standing around making conversation in the church, or even in the car-park.

MASKS: While nearly everyone is complying with the requirement to wear a face-mask in the church, there are still a few people who have been attending with uncovered faces. Please remember that wearing of face-masks is a **mandatory** requirement and not a mere recommendation. If you get to church and

find you have forgotten to bring your mask we can usually help you out!

CHECKING-IN: It would be a great help if a couple of people at each Sunday Mass could be available to check in parishioners as they arrive, marking their names off on the list and, if necessary, direct them to their seats. Welcomers should, of course, not be in 'at-risk' groups.

NEWSLETTER: The Parish Newsletter may be picked up by those attending Sunday Mass in paper form, or it can be found on the Parish website.

CELEBRATION OF MASS AND OTHER

SERVICES: Mass at St Augustine's continues at all the usual times. Please check on the Newsletter for weekday Mass times. For Sunday Masses please book in advance either by phone or by e mail. E mails for Sunday Mass requests will not normally receive a reply unless there is a problem with the booking. The church remains open on **Saturday afternoons between 3pm and 5pm** for private prayer. Usually the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the first hour of this time.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are able to go ahead, by arrangement, with 6 people attending. If you have a Baptism arranged, and would like to postpone it, then please let us know.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PSALM PROJECT: This continues on our you tube channel on Tuesdays and Fridays. These short talks are broadcast live at 11.00am and remain posted.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2021: Forms need to be returned by the end of January. Forms can be collected from the church or downloaded from the parish website. **If your child was not baptised at St Augustine's, please attach a copy of their Baptism Certificate.** Parents can expect to be notified in early February of the programme outline.



VITAEOPUS – EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

For Parishioners who may be job hunting or going self-employed due to the pandemic, Sacred Heart Parish Luton has set up a free online career coaching programme www.vitaeopus.co.uk providing a wealth of information, tools, practical advice and activities to help anyone wanting to find new employment opportunities, especially if they are not receiving any outplacement or other back to work support. Please pass on the web link to anyone who might find it useful.

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH:-

at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS:-£25.00 SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months:- £99.00 OR DIGITAL COPY: - 12 Months: £55.00

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.

AQUINAS ON THE TRINITY COURSE:

From the Dominican Sisters of Cambridge (Sr. Magdalene Eitenmiller, O.P.).The 8-week course on Aquinas on the Trinity will be held each Friday night at 7:30pm, and will run from January 22- March 12. As before, we are requesting a £40 donation to help fund our congregation of Dominican sisters. If you would like to attend the course, please send an email to thomisticstudies@gmail.com If you would like to begin receiving a monthly newsletter, please sign up at www.thomisticstudies.com

LUX.VALOUR WEEKEND. This retreat will be taking place online on **Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st January** and will all be accessible through our YouTube Channel 'luxnymo' Any young people (aged 11-18) interested, please book by clicking on the link below and completing the form on our website <https://nymo.org/lux-valour/> Although we will be online for our Lux.Valour Weekend, there will still be amazing talks, fun small groups, moving times of prayer, ridiculous games and a theme night and all completely free!

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION

For latest update on 21 January please go to: www.wyhoc.org.uk

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord..

ANNIVERSARIES: Carmine Albanese, James Kelly, Mary Macken, John Burke, Henry Moses, Wyn Curl, Frank Forshaw, Cecil Wheeler, Bridget O'Toole, Nina Rolka, Brenda Butler, Carmine Iacofano, Margaret McRobert, Michelina Gioiosa, John Dillon.

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £253.04
+ Standing Orders of £696**

DIARY OF EVENTS

2021

02 Feb - Candlemas. The Presentation of the Lord
17 Feb - Ash Wednesday

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.

