



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

Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)

07 February 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 07 Feb - Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)

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

Monday 08 Feb - St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking
9.30am Mgr. Paul Donovan RIP-Anniv

Tuesday 09 Feb -

9.30am Unborn
6.30pm Irena Lukalinski

Wednesday 10 Feb - St Scholastica, Virgin

9.30am Holy Souls
6.30pm Peggy Cameron

Thursday 11 Feb - Our Lady of Lourdes

Day of Prayer for the Sick & their Carers.
09.30am K.S.C.

Friday 12 Feb -

9.30am John Laher
6.30pm John & Danny O'Brien RIP

Saturday 13 Feb -

9.30am Edward Kelly RIP-Anniv

Sunday 14 Feb - Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)

Day of Prayer for the Unemployed
9am Teresa Stokes & Roger Akram RIP-Anniv
11am People of the Parish
6pm Tony Braganza & Agnes D'Souza RIP

Psalm response

**Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.**

Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!**

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

**CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH on
Saturdays between 3.00 and 3.30pm**

OR

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

**RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR:
Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR: Bishop's Maintenance Fund

LENT: 17 February will be Ash Wednesday

the beginning of Lent and a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat for all those whose health permits it. This also means that, if we haven't already done so, it is time for us to be thinking about our own Lenten Penance. There are three main headings for this. First is fasting, or giving things up. Whether we give up some particular types of food, or whether we give up some aspects of our Leisure activities it is a good discipline for us. Second is prayer. If we deepen our spiritual lives that is a good thing, which we don't actually have to stop when we get to Easter. We might undertake to read each day from the Bible, or read a certain book of the Bible during Lent. We might read the lives of the saints - a different saint each day (and here Google can be your friend!). We might read from the writings of the saints or other spiritual writers. Third, of course, is Alms-giving. This can cover donations to charities but also includes acts of kindness we might undertake for friends, family or neighbours. Our ideal Lenten Penance should include elements of all three. And it should not make us miserable, because by means of this penance we will be serving the Gospel which we have been called to proclaim.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PSALM PROJECT: Our Live-streaming of ten-minute talks covering the Psalms continues on You-Tube most Tuesdays and Fridays at 11.00am. So far we have reached Psalm 21. If you can't join us live for these talks, they remain posted on our You-Tube Channel for you to view at any time.

MASS BOOKINGS for Sunday and Ash-Wednesday: When you book for next Sunday's Mass, please book also for Ash Wednesday Mass. Mass times for Ash Wednesday are 9.30am and 6.00pm (please note the earlier time of the evening Mass)

READERS: At present we are particularly short of Readers active at the Sunday evening Mass, and would encourage any who are able to come to Mass at present to return to the rota. Also, if anyone would like to begin as a Reader at any of the Sunday Masses, do please give me a call.

PRIVATE PRAYER: As well as the time when the Church is open on a **Saturday afternoon, between 3 and 5**, anyone who would like to come to the Church for private prayer is encouraged to ring the Presbytery before coming and, if there is anyone in, we will be happy to let you in. We look forward to the day when we can simply leave it open again!

CLEANING CHURCH AFTER MASS: Again, it is worth periodically reminding people that all who are tolerably fit and healthy should really take a turn at cleaning down the chairs and surfaces after Mass. If you have not done it yet, how about doing it next week? It is only fair that this work should be spread around rather than mostly being done by the faithful few, since it is only because of this work that we are presently able to come to Mass.

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.

URGENT APPEAL - Laptops for **St Michael's Catholic School** required as soon as possible. Whilst the Government has supplied some, families continue to face challenges with supporting youngsters from home. They could really do with a greater number than the government were able to

provide. Fast Android tablets also welcome. Please contact Viviane Gifford, (SVP) on tel: 07748657729 or email: viviane.gifford@ntlworld.com Donations to help support the refurbish, clean and reset-also very welcome.

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.



Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain.
A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. **Right To Life UK** have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your **MP**, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY 7th - *“We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and experience the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us”*

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.

ROSARY GROUP – ALL WELCOME
Wednesday evening 7.45pm - 9pm via Zoom. Evening includes group prayer, readings, praise and worship and praying the Rosary. Please feel free to join in on a flexible basis. For joining details, contact Deacon Brin on 07931 607249 or email: brin.dunsire@gmail.com

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord..

ANNIVERSARIES: James Connell, Edward Kelly, Edward Wallace, Seamus Cooney, Jeff Curtis, Francesco Sciaraffa, Paddy Browne, Oliver Byrne, Mary Watson, Weronika Ingot, Matthew Mawhood, Mary Hanrahan, Lola Vassalo, Dawn Priest, Albert Lau, Kevin Duffy, Michel Moesse, Mgr. Paul Donovan, James Cranley, Neil McLaughlin.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £572.50
+ Standing Orders of £696

DIARY OF EVENTS

2021

17 Feb - Ash Wednesday
28 Feb - CAFOD (Lent Fast Day on Friday 26 Feb.)
19 Mar - St Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.
25 Mar - The Annunciation of the Lord
28 Mar - Palm Sunday
01 Apr - Maundy Thursday
02 Apr - Good Friday
03 Apr - Easter Vigil
04 Apr - Easter Sunday
23 Apr - St George, Patron of England
13 May - Ascension of the Lord
23 May - Pentecost
30 May - The Most Holy Trinity

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.

