



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

Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)

14 February 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

9am Teresa Stokes RIP-Anniv
11am People of the Parish
6pm Tony Braganza & Agnes D'Souza RIP

Monday 15 Feb -

9.30am Pearl O'Brien & Eilish O'Connor

Tuesday 16 Feb -

9.30am Private Int.
6.30pm Holy Souls

Wednesday 17 Feb - Ash Wednesday

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

9.30am Mary Sparshott RIP-Anniv
6pm Edna Dyson RIP

Thursday 18 Feb -

09.30am Jane Sullivan RIP-Anniv

Friday 19 Feb -

9.30am Agnes D'Souza & Tony Braganza RIP-Anniv
6.30pm John O'Brien RIP

Saturday 20 Feb -

9.30am Geraldine Cowley

Sunday 21 Feb - First Sunday of Lent

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

Psalm response

You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.
Alleluia!

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

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

OR

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

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR Bishop's Maintenance Fund has been transferred to **14 March so that we do not have too many weekly collections.**

WE WELCOME: Bernie Mongan who was Baptised yesterday and Thomas Michalowski who will be Baptised later today.

ASH WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, and is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. This means that, if our health permits it, we should abstain from meat and restrict the amount we eat. This particular discipline is an introduction to our Lenten penance.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are scheduled for **9.30am and 6.00pm**. If you wish to come to those Masses please book seats, as they are likely to be well-attended. You may book either by e mail or by telephone.



THIS LENT, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the **Big Walk for Water** virtual event. Help give the boot to water poverty across the world by walking a 5-mile route on **Saturday 20 February at 2 pm**. Could you Walk for Water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days? **Find out more at cafod.org.uk/walk**

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 22. 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.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY 14th - *"We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for their protection and that of their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming love and support from all who surround them. 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

Every Wednesday evening 7.45pm - 9pm via Zoom. The 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: Anne Warwick, Patrick Tierney, Robert Buhagiar, Robert Langley, Joseph John, Roger Akram, Edmund Busch, John Brook, Donna Centauro, Florence Hoare, Ann Cullen, Valija Imbriks, Marta Gierszewska, Grace Heenan, Antony Braganza.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £364.73 + Standing Orders of £696

Second Collection for Sick & Retired Priests' Fund was £342.78 Many thanks

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.

