



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

Second Sunday of Lent

28 February 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 28 Feb - Second Sunday of Lent

9am People of the Parish
11am Rory Lavery
6pm Theo Francis

Monday 01 Mar - St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

9.30am Edward Stokes RIP-Anniv & Mary Navin RIP

Tuesday 02 Mar -

9.30am Andrew Greaves
6.30pm Mass

Wednesday 03 Mar -

9.30am Alexandra Sydow RIP-Anniv
6.30pm Jose Lawton RIP-Anniv

Thursday 04 Mar -

09.30am School Community of St Angela's Ursuline

Friday 05 Mar -

Women's World Day of Prayer

9.30am No Mass
6.30pm Helga Hughes RIP

Saturday 06 Mar -

9.30am John O'Brien RIP

Sunday 07 Mar - Third Sunday of Lent

9am People of the Parish
11am Marie Thornber RIP-Anniv
6pm Private Intention

Psalm response

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Gospel acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice
was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to him!"
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Acc: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross & 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:
CAFOD Lent Fast Day (26 Feb)**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in the Church on **Saturdays in Lent at 2.30pm.**

EVC (Empowering Vulnerable Children) Uganda's 'Giving it up for Lent Campaign'
During Lent, EVC Uganda is seeking to raise funds to help provide a much needed library at St Matia Mulumba Primary School. If you would like to have a part in this, donations can be made via the KindLink button on the EVC website : www.evcuganda.org or by sending a cheque made payable to EVC Uganda to EVC Uganda, 1 Church Road, Willington, Beds MK44 3QD.

HOLY WEEK: We do not yet know whether we will be able to accommodate a greater number of people in the church by this time, so at present we are assuming that the capacity will be the same as at present. With this in mind we will, over the next couple of weeks, be beginning to take bookings for Maundy Thursday and for Good Friday. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday (1 April) will be at 8.00pm, and bookings for that will open on 8 March. Bookings for Good Friday (3.00pm the Liturgy of the Passion, with Holy Communion and 7.00pm a service based on the old rites of Tenebrae for those unable to get seats in the afternoon) will begin the following week, 15 March. As some discovered on Ash Wednesday, it is better to book early than to be disappointed, so please do not leave it until the last minute. The Holy Week services will be somewhat adjusted to fit in with present requirements for social distancing and so on. Watch this space, and/or the Newsletter, for further information.

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 25. 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!

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 28th - *"We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace*

and joy in what the future holds. 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



ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT A NEW AMENDMENT TO HELP STOP FORCED ABORTION IN XINJIANG, CHINA. There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. **Lord Alton** is currently championing a new amendment to the Trade Bill, to help put international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forced abortions and wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against the Uyghur community. **The amendment passed in the Lords on 23 February by 367 votes to 214**, and is likely to be voted on in the Commons shortly. If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website, which can be accessed by visiting the link below: <https://genocideresponse.org/>



ALPHA ONLINE: There will be an Alpha course taking place online via Zoom meetings, on **Monday evenings at 7:45 sign-in for an 8pm start**, beginning on **Monday 1 March**. The Alpha course is a series of informal evenings, designed as an introduction to the basics of

the Christian faith in a way which allows for questions, discussions and a free exchange of views, in a welcoming and easy-going atmosphere. While Alpha courses are traditionally offered as physical evening meetings featuring a meal, in the current unusual circumstances the online version has been found successful and effective, and can be experienced from the comfort of your own home! It is something that any churchgoer can feel confident about inviting their relatives and friends to attend. Existing Christians may find it useful to renew and deepen their faith. Anyone interested, please contact Deacon Brin by phone or text to 07931 607249 or on brin.dunsire@gmail.com, for the Zoom codes or any other queries.

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH will take place from **10 - 18 March 2021** at: **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead**. In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. **Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10-12 March), at 7.30pm, Saturday, 13 March at 10.00am, Sunday, 14 March at 11.00am, Monday - Thursday (15-18 March) at 7.30pm.** Masses from **St. Joseph's Church** will be available to follow on **Zoom** and **YouTube** via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord..

ANNIVERSARIES: David De Cruz, James McHugh, Thomas Hogan, Nessa Cooney, Sid Armstrong, Elizabeth Wills, George Rojek, Eustace Maunsell, Florrie Perdoni, Rosanna Perkins, Philomena Bateman, Janette Craggs, Jose Lawton.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £633.76
+ Standing Orders of £696

DIARY OF EVENTS

2021

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.

