



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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**14 March 2021**

**Please take the newsletter home with you for reference.**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 14 Mar - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*Mothering Sunday*

9am People of the Parish  
11am Roger Akram RIP  
6pm Margaret & Bernard Mongan RIP-Anniv

**Monday 15 Mar -**

9.30am Mass

**Tuesday 16 Mar -**

9.30am Mass  
6.30pm No Mass

**Wednesday 17 Mar - St Patrick, Bishop-Patron of Ireland**

9.30am Hugh Twomey  
6.30pm Mass

**Thursday 18 Mar -**

09.30am Francis McLoughlin RIP

**Friday 19 Mar - St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

9.30am Margaret Dorricott RIP  
6.30pm People of Cameroon

**Saturday 20 Mar -**

9.30am Foundation Mass - Rutledge

**Sunday 21 Mar - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9am Mass  
11am Helga Hughes RIP  
6pm People of the Parish

**Psalm response**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not!

**Gospel acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
God loved the world so much that  
he gave his only Son; everyone who  
believes in him has eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Acc: 2. When we eat this Bread and drink  
this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

**RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY**  
For 'Bishop's Maintenance Fund'

**COVID-19 SURVEY FORM - NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE IS ONE OF FOUR DIOCESES TAKING PART:** Please click on link below and complete survey if you are interested. [https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/covid-19-survey-form/?fbclid=IwAR05d07AZ4-BFt52kktmZDpmYzAxK7mvW5tnQGIXHAekOygUC\\_c amUJCQFA](https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/covid-19-survey-form/?fbclid=IwAR05d07AZ4-BFt52kktmZDpmYzAxK7mvW5tnQGIXHAekOygUC_c amUJCQFA)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross continue on **Saturdays in Lent at 2.30pm.** It is not necessary to book for this service. Stations of the Cross is followed by an hour where people can come and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until around 4.00pm. Following this, the church will remain open for a further hour for private prayer.

**PRIVATE PRAYER IN THE CHURCH:** If you want to pray in the church at other times, you are welcome to do so on request, but please phone the Presbytery before coming out - just to be sure that someone will be there to let you in.

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon between **3.00 and 3.30pm.** If you cannot make this time you can always arrange an appointment for the Sacrament at a suitable time.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Booking is now closed for Maundy Thursday, with all seats being taken. If you have booked and find yourself unable to attend, please let us know. If you have not booked but would like to come, do ring up on the Wednesday or Thursday of Holy Week to find out if there have been any cancellations.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Booking for **Good Friday, 2nd April,** opens tomorrow (Monday) The main service will, as usual, be at 3.00pm. The veneration of the Cross is, of course, part of that service. All those coming are encouraged to bring with them a rosary or a small crucifix so as to be able to kiss the cross as the priest does. There will also be a service at 7.00pm in the evening partly based on the old Holy Week service of tenebrae with the penitential psalms and the lamentations of Jeremiah interspersed with the Good Friday readings. **Holy Communion may only be given at the 3.00pm service.** When booking, please make it clear which service you wish to attend

**HOLY SATURDAY -** Easter Vigil at 8.30pm  
Booking for the Easter Vigil will open **NEXT Monday (22 March)**

**CHURCH FACILITIES:** Please note that unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to have the toilet facilities in the church open for the use of parishioners.

**LIVE-STREAMING OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** We will not be live-streaming these services from St Augustine's as **Bishop David** has expressed the wish that anyone unable to get to church for these events should, as a sign of our unity as the **Diocese or Church of Northampton**, watch the services he will be live-streaming from the Cathedral - probably of a better quality than our own efforts! If you go to: [www.northamptoncathedral.org](http://www.northamptoncathedral.org) and click on the Cathedral Services Live! link you will get there. Bishop David will be celebrating at the following times: Palm Sunday 11.00am, Maundy Thursday 7.00pm, Good Friday 3.00pm, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7.00pm, Easter Sunday 11.00am

**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 28. 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.

Please click on link below if you would like to know more about the **Bible**. You can register and join free for the eight sessions at: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

**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 BAPTISM:** Baptisms are able to go ahead, by arrangement, with 6 people attending.

**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](mailto:mrs_s_priestley@hotmail.com) or Catri Plummer [c.plummer@ntlworld.com](mailto: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.  
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](mailto:brin.dunsire@gmail.com)



**THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH** will take place from **10 - 18 March 2021** at: **St Joseph's Church** in **Maidenhead**. 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](http://stjosephsparish.co.uk) and the Mill Hill website:

[www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://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](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

### RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYERS FOR

**MARCH 14th** - *"As we celebrate Mother's Day, we pray for all mothers who are expecting. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us"*

**THE PASSAGE'S** mission and work is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless. It is raising funds through the **Big Give from 12 noon Tues 16 March – 12 noon Wed 24 March** to support **No Night Out** a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away. Further details of the work is at [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk). **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 0207 592 1886 [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

## ASK YOUR MP TO ATTEND A PARLIAMENTARY EVENT ON THE DANGERS OF DIY ABORTION:

Governments are currently deciding on whether to make permanent the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in England, Wales and Scotland. To ensure that politicians are aware of the negative impact of 'DIY' home abortions, the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group will be hosting a parliamentary event on **Tuesday 23 March** where experts will cover the latest evidence on how 'DIY' home abortions are placing women at risk. **Right To Life UK** has set up an easy-to-use tool that will enable members of the public to easily contact their MPs asking them to attend this event. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!

[www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting)

**ON WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH, THE VIGIL OF THE ANNUNCIATION**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/725021905067267>

**Of your Mercy....** Please pray for Lucienne King who died on Monday. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

**Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord..**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John T Walsh, Tony Chapman, Eddie Cullen, Douglas Williams, John McEvoy, Tony Hine, Maria Waddington, Lia Suglia, Alan Manze, Anthony De Battista, Johnnie Johnson, Edmundo Iacurti.

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £428.52  
+ Standing Orders of £696**

## DIARY OF EVENTS

2021

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.

