



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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**21 March 2021**

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

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

**Monday 22 Mar -**

9.30am Theresa May

**Tuesday 23 Mar -**

9.30am Mass  
6.30pm No Mass

**Wednesday 24 Mar -**

9.30am Geraldine Cowley RIP

**Thursday 25 Mar - *The Annunciation of the Lord***

09.30am Private Intention  
6.30pm Mass

**Friday 26 Mar -**

9.30am Foundation Mass - Flynn  
6.30pm Mass

**Saturday 27 Mar -**

9.30am Birthday Thanksgiving - Rose Bogui

**Sunday 28 Mar - *Palm Sunday***

9am People of the Parish  
11am Filomena Ziccardi RIP  
6pm Marie Ayres-Regan RIP

**Psalm response**

A pure heart create for me, O God.

**Gospel acclamation**

Glory to you, O Christ,  
you are the Word of God!  
If a man serves me, says the Lord,  
he must follow me; wherever I am,  
my servant will be there too.  
Glory to you, O Christ,  
you are the Word of God!

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

### **EASTER VIGIL & EASTER SUNDAY:**

During this week we shall be inviting bookings for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday 3rd April at 8.30pm and for the Easter Sunday Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am. Bookings may also be made in the usual way for next Sunday, Palm Sunday.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY:**

Please note that we currently have no spaces left for the Maundy Thursday Mass and the Good Friday afternoon service. Those wishing to attend who have not booked are welcome to ring up on the day to find out if we have had any cancellations, or they may get in touch with Fr Benedetto and St John Henry Newman Parish. If you have booked but find yourself unable to attend, please let us know. **There are still plenty of spaces for our Good Friday evening service at 7.00pm.**

**CHURCH FACILITIES:** If you have been away from physical attendance at Mass for a while, please note that at present there are **no Toilet Facilities** available in the church, due to COVID restrictions.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CONFESSIONS & PRIVATE PRAYER:**

Stations of the Cross will be at 2.30pm next Saturday, followed by Confessions between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm to 4pm and the church will be open for private prayer from 3pm until 5pm.

**HOLY-WEEK live-streaming:** If you are unable to be present in church for the Holy Week services, those services held at the Cathedral will be live-streamed. If you go to: [www.northamptoncathedral.org](http://www.northamptoncathedral.org) and click on the link you will get there. Bishop David will be celebrating the Palm Sunday Mass at 11.00am, Maundy Thursday at 7.00pm, Good Friday at 3.00pm, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 7.00pm and Easter Sunday at 11.00am. These services will **NOT** be live-streamed from St Augustine's where we will be taking a break after the Wednesday of Holy Week until Easter Monday. This is because the Bishop has urged all who are participating remotely to take part in the Cathedral services as a sign of the unity of our Diocese.

**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 29. 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 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.

**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)



**RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYERS FOR MARCH 21st** - *"Today we celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day. We pray especially for the current attempts in Northern Ireland to protect babies with Down's syndrome from abortion, that elected representatives would pursue the protection of rights for all people with disabilities, and that babies with Down's syndrome are loved and protected equally. 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>

**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](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. for:- £115.00 Print Copy and Digital Edition, Saving over £39.00. **PRINT OFFER ONLY £99.00 (Postage Free)** **DIGITAL OFFER ONLY £55.00**

**Of your Mercy....** Please pray for Lucienne King who died on Monday 8th March. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dina Meech, Christina Lynch, John D'Souza, Angelina Iacofano, Margaret Bartyla, Bernard Amend, Joan Downes, Margaret Hasyn, Abe Cooke, Vincent Carr, Stella Fallon, Krystyna Sidorowicz, Marian Wylot, Martin Padden, Jadwiga Zaziemska.

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £319.80  
+ Standing Orders of £696**

**RETIRING COLLECTION For: 'Bishop's Maintenance Fund' came to £341.91  
Many thanks.**

### **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.

