



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

25 April 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 25 Apr Fourth Sunday of Easter
Day of Prayer for Vocations

9am Maciej Gradzki RIP
11am John Cressey, Mary, Peter & Andrew Loke RIP
6pm People of the Parish

Monday 26 Apr -
9.30am Nathan Taplin

Tuesday 27 Apr -
9.30am Patrick McDonagh RIP

Wednesday 28 Apr -
9.30am Mass

Thursday 29 Apr - St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor
9.30am Serena Coyle
6.30pm Maria Palmira RIP-Anniv

Friday 30 Apr -
9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 01 May - St Joseph the Worker
09.30am Frank & Colette Sparshott RIP

Sunday 02 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Vigil Mass 6pm (Sat) People of the Parish
9am Mass
11am John Loke RIP
6pm Mass

Psalm response

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my
own know me.
Alleluia!

**Acc: 2. When we eat this Bread and drink
this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
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 'Priests' Training Fund'**

PASTORAL AREA NEWS.....Bishop David has decided to amalgamate the two pastoral areas of **South Bucks and Chilterns** into one larger area. The new PA is made up of ten parishes and **the Dean is Mgr. Seán Healy, Parish Priest of St Teresa's, Beaconsfield.** The combined PA Councils are to meet shortly to see how we can further the mission of the Church in this part of the Diocese.

CONFIRMATION 2021: Bishop David will be visiting us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **November 4th** this year. Over the next couple of weeks we will make the forms available for applications for places on the Confirmation programme with details of when it will begin.

CHOIR: I would like to encourage any choir members who can be available for the **11.00 Sunday Mass** please to e-mail Patrick to let him know of your availability. It makes a huge difference, as we saw (or heard) at Easter to have just two or three people singing.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: As was mentioned we will be beginning next Saturday with a **temporary Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.00 on Saturday evening.** This is to attempt to take the pressure off the Sunday morning Masses which are full to capacity, and to make it possible for more people to come to Sunday Mass. If this Mass attracts only a few people, or if it fails to relieve the pressure on the others, it may be dropped. Please note that when the present crisis reaches its end the Mass will be dropped, so don't get too used to it!

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.

LIVE-STREAMING: We shall not be live-streaming Mass every day. The **11.00 Sunday morning Mass will be streamed as will the 9.30am Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays.**

BOOKING FOR SUNDAY MASSES: Just to make things clear, it is worth emphasising that places at Sunday Mass may be booked either by e-mail or by telephone. But please note that when you book by e-mail or by leaving a phone message, you will not normally receive a reply unless there is a difficulty with that booking.

CHURCH FLOWERS: We have a very small team of ladies who have been doing the flowers for the church week in week out through the months of lockdown and although they love the work and see it as a way to serve God in His House they are probably getting a little tired! Do consider whether you might help with this on some basis, whether regularly or occasionally. You do not need to be an expert flower arranger. Indeed you don't need to have any experience at this work at all, for training is readily available from the team. All you need is a willingness to give up a little time on a Saturday. I said the team was of ladies - but you don't need to be a lady to do this work, either! If you can help, please let me know and I can pass on your contact details.

REGULAR E-MAILS: If you know anyone who does not receive these weekly e-mails, but might like to, please let them know that if they go to the Parish website they can find a link to add their names to the list. If it doesn't work, they can always telephone and ask me to add their e-mail address. But we may not add addresses without consent, even when we know them.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Today is also the day for our annual collection for the Priests' Training Fund in our Diocese. Training our priests, like everything else, costs money - and just as the Parish is suffering a severely reduced income these days, so is the Diocese as a whole. So please give as you are able to this collection.

MASS PARTICIPATION: Please enter the church through the main porch, if at all possible. Because of the temporary rearrangement of the church there are no kneelers in use. Some people bring their own cushions to kneel on; some kneel on the floor anyway, while others remain standing for the Eucharistic prayer. We should not be sitting for this prayer - except in the case of those

whose state of health demands it. Masks are required in the Church, except for those who are exempt. Communion is brought to people in their places to avoid processing round the church. The collection baskets are by each door for you to leave any offering as you leave the church. At the end of Mass, please let those nearest the doors leave first, using all three exits on the south side of the church. Then those on the right hand side of the aisle should leave, then those on the left, avoiding getting bunched up in the doorways. Among those who are able, you are urged to sometimes allow a little extra time to remain behind from time to time to help with cleaning down the chairs afterwards. To avoid getting too close in the car-park, do remember that we are able on Sundays to use the car-parks across the road at ICWG and MRIB as well as the Old Registry.

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 31. 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.

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



THANK YOU for your generous donations to **CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent.** We featured

Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that your Fast Day donations have funded. Thank you for your steadfast support.

THANK YOU AS WELL to everyone who sponsored the **St. Augustine's CAFOD group** with their **Walk for Water Challenge** during the Lenten period? We walked 10,000 steps for 40 days to raise money for CAFOD's work around the world, highlighting people like Abdella who lives in a remote village in Ethiopia and walks 10 hours per day to obtain water for his family. Through everyone's generosity we raised a total of **£590.00** and wish to say a huge thank you for your continued support.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYERS FOR APRIL
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"*

TUESDAY 27 APRIL, is the 53rd Anniversary of the Abortion Act coming in to effect. Since then, over 9 million babies have been aborted in the United Kingdom. Please join us that day in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this Country. [As we are in the Easter Season please limit your fasting to some small sacrifice]
www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

THE ROSARY GROUP IS CELEBRATING ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY: You are invited to a beautiful evening of prayer, litanies, readings and Rosary, with music to praise and worship the Lord, on **Wednesday 28 April at St Augustine's, Amersham Hill at 7.30pm.**



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.

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH: - The Universe is a weekly tabloid newspaper covering national and world news through a Catholic lens. It's also full of many other features and it's available on subscription direct to home through your letterbox for just £99 a year all inclusive. Alternatively you have a digital subscription so it downloads weekly to your smartphone or tablet for just £55. Phone Andrea now on **07375 397312** or **0161 820 5722** and she'll happily help you and take your order.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord..

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bridie Wallace, Sheila McHugh, Philip Smith, Mary Hoing, Louis Farcas, Catherine Carter, Bridget Williams, David Nash, Christopher Rowinski, Winifred Maloney, Eileen Collins, Rosaline O'Callaghan, Anthony Sweeney, Elizabeth McCarthy, Lilian Sheraton, Terry Ball, Bohan Procyk.

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £544.48
+ Standing Orders of £696**

DIARY OF EVENTS

2021

13 May - Ascension of the Lord

23 May - Pentecost

30 May - The Most Holy Trinity

06 Jun - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

11 Jun - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

29 Jun - SS Peter & Paul

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.

