



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 02 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Vigil Mass 6pm (Sat) People of the Parish
9am Peadar O'Dwyer
11am John Loke RIP
6pm Jon Hanbury RIP

Monday 03 May - SS Philip & James, Apostles
10am Holy Souls

Tuesday 04 May - Martyrs of England and Wales
Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse
9.30am Alex Kopieczek RIP
6.30pm David Family Ints.

Wednesday 05 May -
9.30am Mass

Thursday 06 May -
9.30am Thanksgiving - Clarke
6.30pm Mass

Friday 07 May -
9.30am Foundation Mass - Peacock

Saturday 08 May -
09.30am Mass

Sunday 09 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter
Vigil Mass 6pm (Sat) People of the Parish
9am Mass
11am Kathleen Moran RIP
6pm Mass

Psalm response

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me,
as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me
bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Acc: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and 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.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER: Later this month it is proposed to begin celebrating the Prayer of the Church together once more on weekdays. Morning Prayer will be said before Mass Mondays to Saturdays, and Evening Prayer before Evening Mass, when that is celebrated. Until we are told otherwise, those taking part will have to have their own books instead of the shared ones we normally use. Or you might make use of the Universalis app on a smartphone. There is not yet a date for resuming these prayers, but watch this space.

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES: Because the days and times of the Evening Mass will vary from week to week do please check the Newsletter - either in paper form or else on the website. Although in general there will be regular days, amendments may have to be made as a result of funerals or other commitments.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: As mentioned last week, beginning today we are introducing a **temporary Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.00 on Saturday evening**. This is in an attempt to accommodate the increasing numbers. So far it does not look as if many want to come to this Mass, but we will let it run throughout May and then assess the situation. Of course, once social distancing measures are lifted this extra Mass is likely to be removed from the timetable in any case.

ROSARY EVENING: There was an excellent turnout for this week's Rosary Evening. Well done to all who came along and those of the Rosary Group who arranged it. It is hoped to make this a more regular feature of Parish Life.



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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE: Bishop David Oakley will lead a service of prayer at **6.00pm on Tuesday 4 May**. The service is open to all, as a symbol of our collective sorrow and reminder of our united responsibilities in keeping all God's family safe. For those unable to attend, the service will be **live streamed from our Cathedral in Northampton**. The service has been organised by a small group of volunteers including survivors, all coordinated by our **Diocesan Safeguarding Office**.

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.

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.

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 34. 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.

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.

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](tel:07375397312) or [0161 820 5722](tel:01618205722) and she'll happily help you and take your order.

RIGHT TO LIFE: Earlier this year the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill and it passed Second Stage by 48 votes to 12. The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this

important change. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation

RIGHT TO LIFE: Prayers for May

2nd - *“As we enter into this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we bring to mind all mothers. That, like Mary, they would be able to love and cherish their children from the point of conception. We pray also that these women would find support in their spouses, family and friends as they journey through the joys and trials of parenthood. Lord hear us”*

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord..

ANNIVERSARIES: Sheila Robertson, Bruno Selden, Peter Hawkins, Lesley Springford, John Fitzpatrick, Norah Cooke, Helen Geggus, Maureen Wilcox, Denis Corrigan, Mina Burrows, Susan Prosser, Catherine Ceurvorst, Michael O'Donovan, June Romaniak.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £420.19
+ Standing Orders of £696

'PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND was £557.03
Many thanks

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.

