



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

23rd Sunday of the Year (B)

5 September 2021

Please take the newsletter home with you for reference.

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Morning Prayer 9.15am Mon-Sat. Evening Prayer 6.15pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 05 Sept - 23rd Sunday of the Year (B)

9am Lyn John Pereira RIP-3rd Anniv
11am Roy Rylance RIP-Anniv
6pm People of the Parish

Monday 06 Sept -

9.30am Adrian Anderson RIP

Tuesday 07 Sept -

9.30am Foundation Mass
No Evening Mass

Wednesday 08 Sept - *Nativity of the B.V.M.*

No Mass

Thursday 09 Sept - *St Peter Claver, Priest*

9.30am Trudie Kerberger & Barry Davis RIP

Friday 10 Sept -

9.30am Cynthia Soneja RIP-Anniv

Saturday 11 Sept -

09.30am Foundation Mass - Flynn

Sunday 12 Sept - 24th Sunday of the year (B)

Day of Prayer for all involved in Education

9am People of the Parish
11am Trudy Kerberger RIP
6pm Tony McGreevy RIP-Anniv

Psalm response

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

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

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO
EXPOSITION UNTIL 18 SEPTEMBER.**

**CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH on
Saturdays between 3.00 and 3.30pm
Or**

**CONFESSIONS - Please ring to make an
appointment.**

**RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR:
Lepra Appeal. Please visit website to
donate on line.** donate.lepra.org.uk



[Remote Faith Appeal
June 2021
www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

SEATING IN THE CHURCH: This week we shall be beginning to replace the chairs in the church. We shall be setting them out in the main body of the church only to begin with, leaving the aisles as they are for the present for the benefit of those who feel a greater need for more socially distanced seating. There will be fewer seats than normal in the main body because we shall for now be maintaining the same distance between rows. Bearing in mind that many people may prefer not to have someone sitting right next to them we will have available in the porch cards which may be placed on a seat adjacent to you asking people not to sit there but leave that space empty. All you will need to do is pick up a card on entering, place it on the required seats and (if you remember) to return it at the end of Mass.

BOOKING FOR MASS: This means that we will probably no longer need to book places for Sunday Mass because our seating capacity is expected to be adequate for the numbers presently attending. So beginning next Sunday we shall bring the booking system to an end. Should numbers increase it is possible that it will be necessary to reinstate this, but we hope not! Many thanks to you all for your co-operation in ensuring the system has worked smoothly for the last fourteen months.

11.00 SUNDAY MASS HYMNS:

Hymn books will now, as of next Sunday, be made available for this Mass to help you join in with the hymns. This does not breach guidelines on shared books because when they are put away at the end of Mass they will not be used again for another week.



UPPER ROOM: By next week, we should have some idea of when the Upper Room will be placed back in service - as we will be able to see what available space we have. More on this next week.

THURSDAY MORNING TEA & COFFEE:

We shall resume our Thursday after Mass tea and coffee in the Sacristy beginning this week. Those coming along are invited to sit back from the table rather than close up to it, to maintain a social distancing.

OTHER COVID MEASURES:

All else will remain unchanged for a while longer. You are still requested to wear a mask while in the church (unless exempt) and Communion will be brought to you at your seat. While it is now permissible to receive Communion on the tongue, it is still recommended to receive in the hand. Those choosing to receive on the tongue should come forward to the altar rails after Communion has been taken to those in their places. Hand sanitiser will remain in place and should be used on entering and leaving. Regular cleaning of the seats and other surfaces will continue.



KNEELING: Kneeling has always been a part of our worship at Mass, as a visible sign of our adoration. Indeed, we pray not only with the words we speak but with our bodily posture. For many kneeling is a problem with the kneelers still not in place and only the hardness of the stone floor! Should this be the case you are urged to stand rather than sit at these times. Obviously it must be recognised that some people find standing for any length of time difficult and they should not feel it wrong to sit down. Indeed, that was why seating was first introduced into churches! Others, as you may have noticed, bring with them some kind of cushion or kneeling pad and use that. If you have children with you, encourage them to stand or kneel at the same times as the rest of the congregation, for it can help them to feel more part of what is going on even if they may not yet understand the words.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2022: A reminder that all application forms should be returned by **19 September**. Families will subsequently be informed by e mail of dates for meetings, as soon as we have the full programme drawn up. Before Christmas we will have three or four meetings for parents, while the classes for the children will begin in the New Year, leading to the celebration of **First Holy Communion in June**.



WE WELCOME: Sebastian Lawrenson who was baptised here yesterday.

CONFIRMATION 2021:

Meetings for Confirmation Candidates have now begun Saturday Mornings at 9.30am.



CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:

Especially if you have not yet returned to regular Sunday Mass, it might be good to know that the church is now open throughout the day for private prayer. **Following morning Mass the church will be open until around 7.00pm.** You might choose to come in and see how it is set out in a way to keep a safe environment for all who come, whether on weekdays or Sundays.

ROSARY GROUP - ALL WELCOME

Every **THURSDAY** 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



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.

DIVINE ADORATION: We are delighted to invite you back to Divine Adoration - a beautiful, peaceful evening of Eucharistic Adoration, including praise and worship, and prayer ministry, at St. Augustine's, on Thursday 9th September at 7.30pm.

IS THIS FOR YOU OR FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW? St Scholastica's Retreat– Open Day–Saturday, 25th September The Retreat offers sheltered housing to Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £562pcm – more information on the poster and from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk www.stscholasticas.co.uk

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION ANNUAL SHOWCASE 2021

Wednesday 29 September, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Christ the Servant King Church, Sycamore Road, Booker, High Wycombe HP12 4TJ. And online (details to follow via email and on our website and social media). **Speaker:** We are looking forward to welcoming **Jon Kuhrt**, who is the Specialist Rough Sleeping Adviser at the government's Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Jon has worked with people affected by homelessness, addiction and poverty for 25 years. He is a former CEO of West London Mission and as a government adviser he focuses on how faith and community groups can work to reduce rough sleeping. If you would like to share our Facebook event invitation it is here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1039563756805880> I hope to see you there or online on the night, please do let us know if you plan on attending and please do share this invitation with anyone you think might be interested.

RIGHT TO LIFE: Prayers for September 5th - "Today we celebrate the feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for her intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like her, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us".

ON SATURDAY, THE 9TH OCTOBER, NYMO will be holding their annual Youth Ministry Conference at their offices in Luton. The conference theme will focus on re-engaging our young people in the Church post lockdown, and is open to anyone with an interest in the future of the young people in our Church. The conference starts at 11 am, with arrivals from 10.30am, and will finish at 3.30pm. Tickets for the conference cost just

£10, and can be booked online at <https://nymo.org/product/youth-ministry-conference/> More info at: <https://nymo.org/conference/>

Of your Mercy... Please pray for the repose of the souls of Trudy Kerberger and Barry David who have died. Please keep them and their Families in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord...

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kim Sutton, Clement De Gelas, Graham Newman, Maurice Cocksedge, Ruth Hourihan, Bridget Stone, Ludwik Chrominski, Mary Walsh, Mary Ashcroft, Everard Miguel, John Roberts, Tony McGreevy, Mary Murphy.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £561.71

+ Standing Orders of £696

DIARY OF EVENTS

2021

08 Sep - Nativity of the B.V.M

31 Oct - All Saints

02 Nov - All Souls

21 Nov - Christ the King

28 Nov - Advent 1

05 Dec - Advent 2

12 Dec - Advent 3

19 Dec - Advent 4

+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.

