



St Augustine's Catholic Church High Wycombe

First Sunday of Lent (B)

18 February 2024

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Morning Prayer 9.15am Mon-Sat.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 18 Feb - First Sunday of Lent (B)

9am People of the Parish
11am Edward Kelly RIP-Anniv
6pm Cecilia Ruby Fernandez RIP

Monday 19 Feb - *St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor*

9.30am Luke Rickett RIP-Anniv

Tuesday 20 Feb -

9.30am Danny O'Brien RIP & John Joe O'Brien RIP
10am St Wulstan's -

Wednesday 21 Feb -

9.30am Sara Jao Benjamin

Thursday 22 Feb - *The Chair of St Peter the Apostle*

9.30am Joseph & Sincy - Wedding Anniv
7pm Our Lady of Grace -

Friday 23 Feb - *St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*

9.30am Holy Souls
10am St Wulstan's -

Saturday 24 Feb -

9.30am John Bascom

Sunday 25 Feb - Second Sunday of Lent (B)

9am People of the Parish
11am Tony DeSouza RIP
6pm Claude Fernandez RIP

Hymns: 129, 206, 248, 149, 498

Psalm response

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does live on bread alone, but on every
word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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

**CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH on Saturday
10.15 - 11.00am (Or ring to make an
appointment)**

**EXPOSITION & ADORATION follow Saturday
Mass, ending with Benediction at 10.50-ish.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Saturday at
5pm during Lent.**

**RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY for
'CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day.' Envelopes on
the tables in the Church.**

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £821.63
+Standing Orders of £696

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Through Lent we may follow Christ on His journey to Calvary in all our churches.

THURSDAY 6.30pm Our Lady of Grace

FRIDAY c.10.30am St Wulstan

7.30pm Our Lady of Grace
(Syro-Malabar)

SATURDAY 5.00pm St Augustine

SECOND COLLECTIONS: At a time when money is tight for many people, and when many charities are also appealing for money, it is easy for people to feel overwhelmed by the number of collections in the church. Accordingly, there is now a list of the year's retiring collections posted in the porch. This will allow you to plan ahead and decide which ones you are able to support.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER: Lent seems like a good time to see if there is any interest in forming a 'Julian Meeting'. These are small groups which meet for Contemplative Prayer. Normally a meeting begins with a welcome, a short reading either from Scripture or from some spiritual reading, and a time of silent prayer in God's presence. The meetings often end with tea or coffee and conversation. Contemplative Prayer is for many people a new (or perhaps I should say different!) way of praying, and it can be a very rewarding one. If anyone might be interested in this do please speak to me and we can try and discover what would be a good time and venue.

LIGHT UP LENT - 29TH FEB – 7TH MARCH: Light Up Lent is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer, a retreat in everyday life via Zoom. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and love for the Lord. With one-to-one support each day for a week, from an experienced prayer guide. Find out more here: <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

WALK WITH ME LENTEN BOOKLETS & CHILDREN'S LENT CALENDARS
In preparation for Lent, on the tables in the Church. Walk with Me booklets (price £1)

ST JUDE 'FOOTPRINTS OF HOPE' the Carmelite Shrine of Saint Jude in Faversham, Kent will be starting to lay bricks on a new path for the 'Footprints of Hope' project. If you would like to donate for a brick and have a name engraved on it please visit their website: www.stjudeshrine.org.uk/footprints or telephone 01795 539 214 Each brick costs £30 and all bricks need to be ordered by 23 February 2024.

PARISH ICON HOUSEHOLD TOUR - 2024: Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer. So, in response to this, we invite parish families and households to host an icon of Our Lady Queen of Heaven as a focus of family prayer for themselves and maybe invite their neighbors and friends to pray together one evening. The idea is that each household will host the icon for a week and return the following Saturday or Sunday at 9.00 am Mass. **We will begin on the first Sunday of Lent and end on Trinity Sunday.** To make a booking, please sign up on the sheets at the back of the Church.

PRAYER GROUP: Meetings are as follows

19th Feb Zoom 8pm

26th Feb Upper Room Lenten evening 7.30pm

04th Mar Zoom 8pm

For Zoom details please contact Deacon Brin.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Will be on the following dates:

at the 11am Mass

25th February

10th and 24th March



REGISTRATION FORMS for new parishioners are on the notice board in the porch.

SICK & HOME VISITS: If you know of anyone who is ill or housebound please let Fr. Jonathan know, so we can arrange for a visit and to receive Holy Communion if they wish.



TEA AND COFFEE in the Upper Room after the 11am Mass. All are welcome, but please do not block anyone in, in the Car Park. All Donations go towards **SVP**.

ROSARY ON MONDAYS & FRIDAYS:

After 9.30 Mass.

THE SVP (SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL) WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP.

In the Upper Room after 10am-12.30pm



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (in the Porch)

28/02/24 Maria & Liz

06/03/24 Pauline & Tony

13/03/24 Winston & Prem

16/03/24 Valentina

27/03/24 Maria & Liz

LECTIO DIVINA Thursdays at 11am Sessions

are over Zoom (joining from 10:45 to start at 11:00) and will last a maximum of

1 hour 30 minutes. For further details on how to join, please contact: Anne Freier:

freier1961@gmail.com, or Kathy Russell:

karussell43@aol.com

ONLINE ROSARY

All welcome. Thursday evenings 7.45 - 9pm via Zoom. For joining details, contact Deacon Brin on 07931 607249 or email:

brin.dunsire@gmail.com



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

1. YOUTH INVITATION: Young Adults Meeting this Sunday 18th February St Augustine's after 6pm Mass. For any information ring Dominic 07754051840 (lifts available). All are welcome!

2. GREETINGS FROM BR. MATTHEW OF TAIZE:

Fr Alessandro spent some days in Taize, in France for his spiritual retreat and met Brother Matthew, the Prior, from the UK. Brother Matthew sends his greetings and good wishes to our Parish Communities and especially our youth. He wrote: "Listen to Jesus who whispers in our heart: *Do not be afraid. I am with you, every day until the end of time.* (Mt 28:20). Will we listen to this promise?" One of the Brothers will soon come to visit our parishes. Further information to come!



RIGHT TO LIFE: 18th (1st Sunday of Lent) -

"We pray for our society. That we would promote a culture that values life" Lord hear us".

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT WYCOMBE

HOMELESS CONNECTION Please see below

<https://wyhoc.org.uk/vacancies>

LENT HOUSE GROUP: You are most welcome to come to an Informal study group as we look at the readings of the Sundays in Lent. **Meet on Thursday mornings 10.30 - 12.00** at 6 Hampden Rd. HP13 6SX on 22nd, 29th February, 7th, 14th, 21st, March. For more info, email

colette.usher@hotmail.co.uk

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal: In Liberia, staying safe at sea and making a catch is still a challenge today. James, who is pictured on our poster faces a terrible choice; stay home and stay hungry or put everything on the line and go out onto the water in his small canoe. Family Fast Day is on **Friday 23rd February**. Please join in by eating simply and giving whatever you can. Collect a CAFOD envelope, gift aid your donation if applicable and return your envelopes on Sunday 25th February. Once again thank you for all your support throughout the year.

CAFOD School Volunteers needed. Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD School volunteer. For more information contact Debbi Purfield dpurfield@cafod.org.uk or call 07786 114 390

BIG SLEEPOUT 2024 ON SATURDAY 2ND MARCH: Please support Maria Schafer who is doing another sleepout!!! All details and sponsorship forms in the Church. You can support her online at:

www.justgiving.com/page/mariaschaferlee-pout



EMMAUS - Opening the Scriptures: Our South Bucks Pastoral Area.

SPRING 2024 TALKS

They will be held on the **1st Wednesday of each**

month from 7:30-9pm.

Venue: St Teresa's Church, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL Register Now at:

www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus

- ◆ 06th March The Suffering in the Book of Job. Speaker: Mgr Seán Healey

- ◆ 10th April You are my witnesses' (Isa 43:10) Chosen and sent. Speaker: Fr Pius Amoako

ST THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST are looking to recruit **RE Teachers**, both existing and current teachers looking to convert. To register your interest for this or any other role within our Trust, please visit: **St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, Dunstable, Luton and Slough | Teaching Jobs & Education Jobs |MyNewTerm**

IGNATIAN SPAIN 7-13 APRIL 2024: Our pilgrimage travelling by coach from Bilbao to Barcelona would welcome more participants: contact joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org for details.

BOOKINGS FOR BLAZE 2024 Retreat Days are now open South Pastoral Area (Aylesbury, South Bucks, Chiltern, Slough) **Saturday 11th May 2024 11.00am – 4.00pm** at St Joseph's RC High School, Slough. **Cost: £13 per person.** Bring your own lunch, refreshments provided. Bishop David invites Confirmandi (11-18 years) to meet him and to come together to explore their faith and take part in interactive workshops, in preparation for their forthcoming Confirmations.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord...

ANNIVERSARIES: Giovanni Albanese, Robert Buhagiar, Steve Quinn, Joseph John, Edmund Busch, Donna Centauro, Florence Hoare, Tom McCormack, Ann Cullen, John B O'Brien, David Pooley, Marta Gierszewska, Marisa Azevedo.

DIARY OF EVENTS

- 25 Feb - Cafod (Fast Day Friday 23 Feb)
- 24 Mar - Palm Sunday
- 28-30 Mar - Easter Triduum
- 31 Mar - Easter Sunday
- 09 May - Ascension of the Lord
- 19 May - Pentecost
- 26 May - Trinity Sunday

+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>

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.

