



St Augustine's Catholic Church High Wycombe

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

25 February 2024

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Morning Prayer 9.15am Mon-Sat.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 25 Feb - Second Sunday of Lent (B)

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

Monday 26 Feb -

9.30am Louis & Pauline Caruana RIP

Tuesday 27 Feb -

9.30am Patrick Dunleavy RIP
10am St Wulstan's -

Wednesday 28 Feb -

9.30am Monica Caruana RIP

Thursday 29 Feb -

9.30am Mary Josephine Keogh RIP-Anniv
7pm Our Lady of Grace -

Friday 01 Mar - St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

9.30am Marie Thornber RIP-Anniv
10am St Wulstan's -

Saturday 02 Mar -

9.30am Tony Da Silva RIP

Sunday 03 Mar - Third Sunday of Lent (B)

9am People of the Parish
11am Roger Akram RIP
6pm Agnes D'Souza RIP-Anniv

Hymns: 16, 43a Vs 1 - 4 & 7, 499, 196, 641

Psalm response

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice
was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to him!"
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Acc: 1: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

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 TODAY for
'CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day.' Envelopes on
the tables in the Church.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £908.34
+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/>

“WHAT HAPPENED IN ROME AT THE SYNODAL ASSEMBLY IN OCTOBER 2023? Why not join us at St Teresa's Parish Centre in Beaconsfield on Saturday 2nd March from 10am to 12noon. Austin Ivereigh will share his experience as a witness to the proceedings. There will be an opportunity to share

comments after the webinar and refreshments will be served.” Please see the poster on the tables in the Church.

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
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:

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: 25th (2nd Sunday of Lent) - "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".

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 29th February, 7th, 14th, 21st, March. For more info, email colette.usher@hotmail.co.uk

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

BISHOP DAVID will be with us on **Monday 4th March**, celebrating a Station Mass for Lent here at **St Teresa's at 7:30pm**. You are very welcome to join us!

WE HAVE TWO LOVELY EVENTS COMING SOON TO THE CATHEDRAL:

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2024 will be the 4th Anniversary of Bishop David's Ordination as Bishop. He would like to invite everyone to attend. Mass will be at 11am and there will be refreshments in the St Thomas Centre afterwards.

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024 is the **Chrism Mass** which will start at 11am and then refreshments to follow in the St Thomas Centre.

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:

Gary Styles, David De Cruz, James McHugh, Thomas Hogan, Elsie Saxby, Nessa Cooney, Eamon McAlinden, Laura Sanders, Sid Armstrong, Christopher Hawkins, Denise Michael, Elizabeth Wills, Eustace Maunsell, Rosanna Perkins, Philomena Bateman, Janette Craggs.

DIARY OF EVENTS

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.

