

# PARISH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Weekday Readings:** Third Week of Easter **Divine Office:** Week Three

### Masses This Week

<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	(The Parish)
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>		(Lydia Stephens RIP)
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	St Catherine of Siena	(Lionel Rigby RIP)
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>		(Maura Bennett RIP)
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	St Joseph the Worker	(Human Work)
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Athanasius	(Mgr. Patrick & Canon Matthias Corrigan)
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	(The Parish)

### FROM DEACON JOHN

Dear Parish Family,

First of all my grateful thanks for all the Masses, prayers, kind messages, cards, gifts and offers of help Jen and I have received since December when I was taken ill. I am well on the road to recovery, but still not ready to run a marathon. Maybe by the time of the next Olympics.

God bless you all, and thank you once again.

The fast pace of our modern lives flies in the face of that of our parents, grandparents and all previous generations. There is little time for reflection and bonding with family members as we are often "so busy." It is only when we lose a family member, a close friend, or someone we admire, that we are brought up with a jolt and perhaps for just a moment or two, given the chance to reflect on our own mortality and what really matters to us. But that, unfortunately, is usually only short lived. The present "Lockdown" as a result of Covid 19 gives us the opportunity to re-examine our lifestyle, to take a rain-check on our lives.

We are still in a critical phase of the pandemic, and in need of measured and balanced voices, yet just over a month into the Lockdown, already strident voices are calling for an easement to the restrictions, a return to the 'status quo,' in a time unlike most of us have ever known before, or probably will do again.

In Luke's Gospel (Ch.12), Jesus tells his disciples to 'Trust in Providence,' *Think how the flowers grow; they never have to spin or weave; yet, I assure you, not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of them..... There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.* We are truly blessed having our faith to give us strength and support in these testing times. Reach out with love to those in need, *You must love your neighbour as yourself.* (Matthew 22v39)

Jesus would often seek out a quiet place to pray, somewhere away from the hustle and bustle of daily life, where he could commune with his Father, in private. At present we have a glorious opportunity to do

just what Jesus did, these are quieter times. We can contemplate what really matters to us, what mistakes we may have made in our lives, those we may have distanced ourselves from, to draw closer to our family and friends, to strengthen our faith through the daily Masses beamed in via the ether from Fr. Michael (what a joy they are). We also have the chance to reach out to those around us, and to truly show love for our neighbours, parishioners, family and friends.

**PARISH MASSES ARE NOW ON YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK.**

There are direct links from our Website: **[www.augustineofhippo.com](http://www.augustineofhippo.com)**

**Facebook page: St Augustine of Hippo R C Church** (please note the space between R & C)

**YouTube: Saint Augustine of Hippo St Austell**

**Prayers & Readings** all available at **[universalis.com](http://universalis.com)**

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION BISHOP MARK OFFERS THIS PRAYER:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen*

#### **PASTORAL CARE DURING LOCKDOWN**

I am available on the telephone if you want to talk or pray with me. With appropriate protection and precautions I am available to administer The Sacrament of the Sick to those in danger of death. We can and must all pray for one another and discover new depths of faith and love.

#### **FUNERALS DURING LOCKDOWN**

I am still available, as required, for funeral services at the graveside or in a crematorium chapel so long as social distancing is maintained.

#### **CARITAS PLYMOUTH QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Caritas Plymouth aims to provide fresh impetus to put the command of the Lord into practise: 'Love one another as I have loved you', (John 13:34-35). It works with partner organisations already existing to put the Church's Social Teaching into action and provide a network to share good practice in the service of the most poor and vulnerable. It also aims to encourage new initiatives to put the Gospel imperative of love and mercy into action. The latest newsletter shares our recent work and highlights the positive actions that have been happening during the current Coronavirus and the many ways in which people are supporting each other. Caritas would love to hear and share your stories so please do get in touch with Deborah [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) with any news or updates.

#### **MAGNIFICAT BOOKLETS WITH DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS**

If you would like a monthly copy of the Magnificat booklet it will be posted to you for £14 for a 4 month subscription. Telephone: 0207 4483618

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THIS PARISH** and especially:-

Helen Ledwidge, Pauline Abdey, Yvonne Bradbury, Fr. Mike Stack, Fred Abraham, Sylvia Austin, Brendan Bowe, Teiaia Bradbury, Paul Briscoe, James & Margaret Clapp, Joanne Clarkson, Maureen Coles, Sue Dugmore, Pat Giles, Elaine Gladwin, Nick Haskins, Suzi Hill, Teresita Hill, Elizabeth McKie, Carmen Matthews, Sarah Mitchell, Mary O'Brien, June parsons, Edwina Porter- Duncan, Sylvia Ryan, Amanda Stickney, Paddy Wellington, Pauline Whitford, Sally Wilson and Veronica Nicholls.

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:-**

Maura Bennett, Lydia Stephens, Fr. Joe McGovern and Fr. Michael Downey. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.