

ST ALBAN'S R.C. PARISH, WINSLOW

Pastoral Area of Milton Keynes / Diocese of Northampton

Worshipping at
St Laurence C. of E. Church
on the High Street in
Winslow



Deo vero ac vivo

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Confessions: By arrangement ; **Baptisms:** By arrangement ; **Weddings:** Catholic weddings not normally possible

The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word

in the Catholic Church in England & Wales



**PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
HAVE SUSPENDED ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP FOR THE TIMEBEING.**

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

THIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE STILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

NOTICES FOR SATURDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2020—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT/LAETARE SUNDAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially: Kenneth Lee, Yvonne Williams, Angela Dale, and Mary Lyons.

A HAPPY MOTHERS DAY to all in our Parish!

SATURDAY MASS DURING CORONAVIRUS PERIOD: During these weeks/months, Fr Anton will continue to offer Mass each Saturday in his House Chapel in Loughton for all the People of the Parish.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: Last weekend, the Gospel was about Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. He started by asking for a drink. The Preface of that Mass observes, "When he asked the Samaritan woman for water to drink, ... so ardently did he thirst for her faith, that he kindled in her the fire of divine love." Jesus thirsts for our love. Although we cannot be at Mass and receive His Sacred Body and Blood, we can turn this to our advantage by thirsting for him, and making some prayer of desire to receive Him spiritually within us. Through his grace, we might actually grow in faith by acknowledging and expressing our deep desire for Him. See <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/act-of-spiritual-communion-339>

PATIENCE PLEASE! Please be mindful that Fr Anton is a full time thirty-seven hour contacted prison chaplain. As well as trying to care for you all in this difficult period, he is also managing this same uncharted situation with the prisoners in his care. Some parishioners have already expressed things he could be doing during this period (suggestions always welcome) but he still needs time to assess what he is able to do. At the time of writing this newsletter, it is the day of the Cardinal's decree, and the Diocese of Northampton has not yet released its own guidance for priests.

PLEASE PRAY FOR BISHOP DAVID, our new Bishop, who was ordained behind closed doors in the Cathedral on Thursday. All will agree that this is the most challenging of times for him to be talking charge.

Mass Intentions

If you would like Mass said for any intention—living or dead—please contact Fr Anton in person or by email to arrange it.

The Housebound/Infirm

If you need a lift to Mass or require Holy Communion at home, owing to infirmity, please call or email Fr Anton.

New/Moved Parishioners

All are welcome! Please send us your contact details so that a priest can more easily visit if you ever require one urgently.

Parish Safeguarding

Our officer is Emma Cull.
For any concerns contact her on:
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