

ST ALBAN'S R.C. PARISH, WINSLOW

Pastoral Area of Milton Keynes / Diocese of Northampton

Worshipping at
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Deo vero ac vivo

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Sat.	11 th July	—	<i>NO MASS THIS WEEKEND</i>	
Sun.	19 th July	11:45	Sixteenth Sunday <i>per annum</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun.	26 th July	11:45	Seventeenth Sunday <i>per annum</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Confessions: 1st Sat. 5:30pm, side chapel ; **Baptisms:** By arrangement ; **Weddings:** Catholic weddings not normally possible

Live screenings of Mass on Weekdays and Sundays (including schedule) at our Cathedral: <https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>

The text of the readings for Daily and Sunday Mass can be found at: <https://www.universalis.com/mass.htm>

THIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

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NEW PARISH MASS TIMES

For various reasons connected with the pandemic, and with due consultation, we will have a new temporary Mass schedule (for review after September). *There will still only be one Parish Mass each weekend.*

First Saturday of the Month: Vigil Mass at 6pm
Other Weekends of the Month: Sundays at 11:45am

THE NEW PARISH MASS TIMES, it must be stressed, are temporary and subject to review after September so that parishioners can try it and have their say. A major factor is to encourage as many people back to Mass who may have understandable doubts for health reasons but may be even more deterred by a regular evening fixture. Fr Anton apologises Mass cannot be earlier than 11:45 when it is on a Sunday but this is due to his constraints with having to be in prison. The Bishops have asked for Mass to be shorter than usual so that people from many different households are not under one roof for longer than necessary. Bearing in mind also that no singing is allowed, Fr Anton anticipates Mass to be finished on Sundays at about 12:20/5pm, and First Saturdays at about 6:35/40pm

WEEKDAY MASS WILL RESUME in time but not yet. The impact on this currently is the uncertainly Fr Anton has as to when he will have to conduct services at Woodhill as the men gradually come out of lockdown.

WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT SUNDAY? Some of you may have already attend Mass again elsewhere. When you arrive you will come through the normal entrance and sanitise your hands (this will be available). You will need to do the same on exit but via a different door. At the time of writing, you will need to give your name and contact number for *Test & Trace* which will be held securely and discarded after twenty-one days. There will be 2m distancing at all times. There will be no refreshments, and people will be required to leave the building straight after Mass. Holy Communion will be administered

differently and there will be no option for a blessing at Holy Communion (only because of health reasons). The pews will be cleaned. The regular collection will be at the exit but people are encouraged to donate via the diocesan website if they are able.

FACE MASKS at Mass are optional, not obligatory. It is up to each person whether they want to bring and wear one. It will *not* be considered a lack of reverence to wear one during Mass; each person must do what feels right for them and be respected by others in their choice.

AM I OBLIGED TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS? There is currently *no obligation* in England and Wales to attend Sunday Mass. It is for each person to assess whether or not they currently feel safe to attend a public gathering, and they should have a clear conscience if they decide for reasons of health to delay their return to Mass. The Government advises those who are 70+ and who have underlying health conditions seriously to reflect on their situation. During this interim period while some—maybe many—people continue not to attend Mass, the website will continue to carry updated weekly homilies and Sunday Plus. We will NOT forget those who will be praying with us from their homes.

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

PARISH ANGELUS OF HOPE: We will continue to pray this together in person at the Vigil Mass on the First Saturday of August and September. All are encouraged to continue this practice on every Saturday until Christmas. Why? Because not everyone is returning to Mass; because we are far from back to normal and the virus is still at large; because we are journeying with Mary this year in hope throughout her nine months of pregnancy since March and the lockdown.

Parish Angelus of Hope

Pray the Angelus every Saturday at 6pm from 25th March to 25th December, 2020:

- *to join Mary in her pregnancy of hope*
- *to unite us all in prayer*
- *to commemorate our usual Mass time*
- *to pray for deliverance*
- *to pray for virus sufferers & carers*
- *in thanksgiving when we meet again*

Pray standing (to commemorate the Sunday):

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace...etc.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace...etc.

And the Word was made flesh, [*bow to honour the Incarnation*]

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace...etc.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we unto whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Alban, pray for us! St Laurence, pray for us!