

TEXTS FOR THE MASS

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

We bow at the name of Jesus (in bold).

Lord **Jesus** Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, **Jesus** Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First reading

(Acts 4:32-35)

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ R.

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die. R.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. R.

Second reading

(1 John 5:1-6)

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God’s children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

All: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Reader: Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

All: **Alleluia!**

Gospel

(John 20:19-31)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’ Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Homily

Profession of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including ‘the Virgin Mary’, all bow.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers after Mass

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail Joseph the just, wisdom is with you;
Blessed are you among men and blessed is Jesus,
The fruit of Mary, your faithful spouse.
Holy Joseph, worthy foster-father of Jesus Christ,
Pray for us sinners and
Obtain divine wisdom for us from God,
Now and at the hour of our death. AMEN.

Hail Mary & Parish litany of Saints

NEWSLETTER

Catholic Parish of St John Henry Newman

- HIGH WYCOMBE - Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton

OLG: Our Lady of Grace, 29 Squirrel Lane, HP12 4RY

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TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME. DON’T LEAVE IT IN CHURCH!



11th April 2021
2nd Sunday of EASTER – Low Sunday
(of the Divine Mercy)

Psalter: Week 2

5:00pm (Sat) (OLG)

Vigil Mass

9:00am (SW)

Holy Mass

11:30am (OLG)

Holy Mass

There will be no Masses during the week (12th-16th April), as Fr Benedetto will take his five days post Easter break. Please check St Augustine’s newsletter to find the times of other Masses this week. <https://st-augustines-church.org.uk/newsletter/>

N.B.: The church will be opened 15 mins before the start of Adoration or Mass.

The Bundle of Mercy

Today’s Gospel passage (cf. Jn 20:19-31) recounts that on the day of Easter, Jesus appears to his disciples in the Upper Room, in the evening, bearing three gifts: peace, joy, the apostolic mission.

The first words he says are: “Peace be with you” (v. 21). The Risen One brings authentic peace, because through his sacrifice on the Cross he achieved reconciliation between God and humanity, and he conquered sin and death. This is peace. His disciples needed this peace first and foremost, because, after the Master was arrested and condemned to death, they fell into dismay and fear. Jesus appears among them alive and, in showing the wounds — Jesus wanted to preserve his wounds — in his glorious body, gives peace as the fruit of his victory. But that evening the Apostle Thomas was not present. Apprised of this extraordinary event, incredulous at the testimony of the other Apostles, he demands to personally verify the truth of what they assert. Eight days later, just as today, the apparition is repeated: Jesus confronts Thomas’ incredulity, inviting him to touch His wounds. They are the sources of peace, because they are the sign of the immense love of Jesus who defeated the forces hostile to man: sin, death. He invites him to touch the wounds. It is a lesson for us, as if Jesus were to tell all of us: “If you are not at peace, touch my wounds”.

Touch Jesus’ wounds, which are the many problems, difficulties, persecutions, illnesses of so many suffering people. Are you not at peace? Go. Go to visit someone who is the symbol of Jesus’ wounds. Touch Jesus’ wounds. Mercy flows from those wounds. That is why today is the Sunday of Mercy. A saint used to say that Jesus’ crucified body is like a bundle of mercy, which reaches each of us through his wounds. All of us need mercy, as we know. Let us draw near to Jesus and touch his wounds in our suffering brothers and sisters. Jesus’ wounds are a treasure: mercy issues from them. Let us be courageous and touch Jesus’ wounds. With these wounds he stands before the Father; he reveals them to the



Father, as if to say: “Father, this is the price; these wounds are what I paid for my brothers and sisters”. With his wounds Jesus intercedes before the Father. He gives us mercy if we draw near, and he intercedes for us. Do not forget Jesus’ wounds.

The second gift that the Risen Jesus brings to his disciples is joy. The evangelist recounts that “the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord” (v. 20). And there is also a verse, in Luke’s version, that says that they disbelieved for joy. We too, perhaps when something incredible, beautiful has happened, might say: “I cannot believe it; this is not true!”. This is how the disciples were. They disbelieved for joy. This is the joy that Jesus brings us. If you are sad, if you are not at peace, look to Jesus Crucified; look to the Risen Jesus; look at his wounds and receive that joy.

And then, in addition to peace and joy, Jesus also brings the gift of mission to the disciples. He says to them: “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (v. 21). Jesus’ Resurrection is the beginning of a new dynamism of love, capable of transforming the world with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

This second Sunday of Easter, we are invited to approach Christ with faith, opening our heart to peace, joy and the mission. But let us not forget Jesus’ wounds because from them come peace, joy and the strength for the mission. Let us entrust this prayer to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Pope Francis, Regina Coeli, Divine Mercy Sunday, 28 April 2019

Antiphons at Mass

In the celebration of the Holy Mass we have two antiphons: the Entrance Antiphon and the Communion Antiphon. An antiphon in its nature and by the true meaning of the word **must be sung**.

On Sundays, the antiphons are commonly replaced by a hymn (which at the moment is sung by the choir only). So, whenever there is a hymn the antiphons are not sung or recited at all, because it would be a repetition. **On weekdays**, at the moment, the priest will sing the antiphons at Mass. Some speak about the important concept of ‘Full and Active participation’ at Mass. **This is really important!** And this is what the Dogmatic Constitution on Sacred Liturgy, promulgated by the Second Vatican Council states in regards:

“Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people” (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism. In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy.” (Sacrosanctum Concilium 14)

Full participation means that we have to participate in the Mass with our whole being, body and soul. We are to be people of integrity, which means that we must not be living a double life, one inside the church and another outside of the church. Hence, we must bring heart and soul in the celebration of the liturgy. **Active participation** means that we cannot be viewers in the liturgy. In church we are not as at the theatre or cinema. During the **Liturgy of the Word** we are called to be attentive listeners following every word is proclaimed by the reader. During the **Eucharistic Prayer** we are called to an active listening where we are to agree to what the priest is praying. The Great **Amen** that we say at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer is the people’s **YES** to all that the priest has just prayed to God.

P.T.O.

It is important to recite together the common parts of the Mass, loud and clearly. These include: the I Confess, the Gloria, the Alleluia, the Creed, the Sanctus, the Mystery of Faith, the Lord's Prayer, the Agnus Dei and all the other responses. Regarding the **Gospel Acclamation**, this is divided into *two parts*: the **Alleluia** and its **Verse (Alleluiaic Verse)**. On one hand, the **Alleluia** is sung or recited by the whole assembly before and after the Verse. The **Verse**, on the other hand, is sung by the choir or read by the reader alone. It is very cacophonous (unpleasant sound) when an antiphon or the Alleluiaic Verse are read by all at the same time. However, we all hope to be able to sing together at Mass in the very near future.

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The **weekly newsletter** is generally available at all Masses. However, if copies run out or you aren't able to come to Mass you can still keep informed by going to the front page of the parish website <http://www.stjhnparish.org/> where a link will take you straight to the latest newsletter.

PLEASE, IF YOU CAN, ATTEND MASS DURING THE WEEK INSTEAD OF SUNDAY

Masses via live streaming

Sunday 9.00am, Tue 10.00am Thu 7.00pm

YouTube Channel: Parish of SJHN High Wycombe

Link: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCRQXTp-PWlr4Czyw-rGbiqw/videos>

If you SUBSCRIBE to the YouTube Channel it will be easier for you to find the channel in the future. You can also find a direct link on our Parish Website.

Spiritual Communion 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. As You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Do not forget! WE ARE STILL SOCIAL DISTANCING 2metres

Before entering the church, face covering MUST be worn over both mouth and nose. Households who are not 'linked' must maintain social distancing (2 metres) during Mass.



Anniversaries of death:

Anthony Caira, John Llewelyn, Stanley Tucker, Rosina O'Neill, Halina Papowszek, Michael Dudley, Eileen Collins, Aileen Dearn, Mary Edge, Alfred Bryant.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Guidance for Parishioners attending Mass

Available on our website or church noticeboard.

Capacity per church

•St Wulstan's:

44 Faithful = 36 single seats & x2 households (up to 4 members each)

2 Stewards & 2 Clergy = **48 Total**

• Our Lady's:

56 Faithful = 15 single seats & x4 households (up to 4 members)

x3 households (up to 3 members)

x8 household (up to 2 members)

2 Stewards & 2 Clergy = **60 Total**

VITAEOPUS – EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

For Parishioners who may be job hunting or going self-employed due to the pandemic, Sacred Heart Parish Luton has set up a free online career coaching programme www.vitaeopus.co.uk providing a wealth of information, tools, practical advice and activities to help anyone.

Please pass on the web link to anyone who might find it useful.

TRACK & TRACE – NHS

Please note that it is highly encouraged to adhere to the 'Track and Trace' strategy, where details need to be provided each time you come to church either by including your **name and contact number** in the book provided or by clicking on the **NHS app QR code**. This is so we know who is at each Mass and you can be contacted if someone attending that Mass is later found to be infected with Covid-19.

Additionally, and to keep everyone as safe as possible, please wait for the stewards to show you to a seat before Mass and for them to guide you to the exit after Mass. This is to maintain social distancing, so if you could remain seated at the end of Mass until asked to leave, that would be very helpful. Thank you for your co-operation.

CONFESSIONS By appointment presently.

Do you need help during these difficult times?

The High Wycombe SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul)

- **24hr phone line (07891 693 735)**, we will arrange for an experienced member of the parish SVP to call you back.

- An **email address coronasvphighwycombe@gmail.com** which will be monitored from 09:00 to 21:00. You will receive a response as soon as possible (and within the hour if you submit a request for support).

DONATIONS

You can **Gift Aid** all your donations by phone and online. Otherwise, for a Gift Aid form just ask Fr Benedetto to hand you one.

ONLINE DONATION on the Diocesan Website:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/>

Scroll down to find the 'Donate' button and follow the instructions on the Catholic Diocese of Northampton Virgin money giving page. Please ensure the parish name and area, e.g. *SJHN, High Wycombe*, that the donation is intended for is indicated in the notes section of the donate page. Please include your full name too.

STANDING ORDER via donor's own bank:

You can also set up a standing order for donations to the parish using either your online bank account or in branch. The information required to make the donation is as follows.

Bank: NatWest Sort Code: 60-06-11 Account Number: 46898093

Account Name: Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust

Payment Ref: SJHN, High Wycombe

TELEPHONE – 'Giving Tuesday'

To donate simply call **01604 712065** with your debit or credit card details.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You!

I wish to thank all parishioners for their generous contribution to my salary through the Easter Collection. Thank you!

PARISH

STEWARDS, CLEANERS, SACRISTANS, etc.

A heartfelt massive thank you for your commitment, generosity and willingness to help in keeping our Parish alive. Your contribution has

been and continues to be vital for our community. Daily, I thank God for each one of you. We are not out of the pandemic yet, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. That is Christ's Light!

St Wulstan's Choir

St Wulstan's Choir has put together for the Parish a short collection of music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter Day. The format follows the same virtual format as that produced for Christmas. It will be available from Palm Sunday Morning and can be viewed – and listened to – via the following link. <https://tinyurl.com/47ejmrt3>. We hope that you will find the programme helpful and encouraging.

Companions in Christ

Meeting on **Zoom** on Tuesday evenings. **7.30pm** doors open, **7.45pm** start, **9pm** finish. Keep in touch, read Scripture, share our faith, listen to God and pray together. This is a new opportunity for the Catholics of the area to come together every week if they want to. Please email Sarah Priestley mrs_s_priestley@hotmail.com or Catri Plummer c.plummer@ntlworld.com for the Zoom details.

BibleAlive

The Easter issue of Bible Alive is available in the Narthex.

Repository at St Wulstan's

Easter Cards available from the Repository in the narthex after Mass on Tuesdays and Sundays. Unfortunately, *Real Easter Eggs* are no longer available in supermarkets or from Gill this year. Orders: www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk For questions about delivery or placing orders email info@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk Tel: 01948831 043 - The Meaningful Chocolate Company Ltd. 584 Knutsford Road, Warrington, WA4 1JE.

DIOCESE

LIVE STREAMED MASS FOR THE SICK

Bishop David invites the sick and housebound of our diocese to a special live-streamed Mass on **Saturday 24th April**, 3 pm.

This is a joint project between the Pastoral Ministry Office, the Liturgy Commission and the SVP of our Diocese.

<https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>

SUMMER Webinars – beginning on Monday 19th April

After a roller-coaster year, what's next for our churches? How do we meet Pope Francis' challenge to become the church for all people? Join Avril Baigent and special guests as we read Fr James Mallon's Divine Renovation together. **Week 1: Remembering our Identity and Purpose with Bishop David Oakley.** To receive the zoom link, register here: https://readalong_divine_renovation.eventbrite.co.uk

What was your experience over the past year?

Take part in a multi-diocesan survey to explore the effects and responses to the coronavirus pandemic. <https://northamptondiocese.org/diocese-covid-survey/>

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

A series of online Zoom sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year.
Tue. 13th April (7.30-8.30pm)
Tue 4th May (7.30-8.30pm)
Tue 8th June (7.30-8.30pm)
Tue 13th July (7.30-8.30pm)
Please register by email or phone email admin@nores.org.uk or phone 01582 723312 (ext1)

OTHER

Stations of the Resurrection

In our Pastoral Area there is the opportunity to reflect on the Stations of the Resurrection by Fr Richard Q Greatrex There are 16 stations so Joanna Hale and Christine Cornwell would run Zoom sessions on Monday-Thursday for weeks 3-6 of Easter, **19th April to 13th May**, at 7.45 - 8.15 am and 10.30 - 11 am. Click on the link below to request a

book and / or register your interest in a group no later than Sunday 11th April.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJq7QxIXjcX2gOCO4RhNRIkNzUkhUGsEK66n19EdoBZrTL-w/viewform>

Right to Life UK

Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on

Wsz1 f0. etal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. **Right To Life UK** have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

ROSARY Group in Wycombe

All Welcome! Every **Wednesday evening 7.45pm - 9pm** via Zoom. The evening includes group prayer, readings, praise and worship and praying the Rosary. Please feel free to join in on a flexible basis. For joining details, contact Deacon Brin on 07931 607249 or email: brin.dunsire@gmail.com

ALPHA Course

Zoom meetings on **Monday evenings at 7:45** sign-in for an **8pm** start. The Alpha course is a series of informal evenings, designed as an introduction to the basics of the Christian faith. Anyone interested, please contact **Deacon Brin** by phone or text to 07931 607249 or on brin.dunsire@gmail.com.

Online Faith Resources

FAMILY <https://opusdei.org/en/tag/working-on-trust/>
<https://opusdei.org/en/section/christian-life-other-resources/>
FOR MARRIED COUPLES <https://smartloving.org/breakthrough/>
THE YOUTH OPTION <https://lifeteen.com/>
CHILDREN'S <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturg>

Deacon Paul's CAFOD Walk

Deacon Paul would like to express his thanks to all the Parishioners who supported him during Lent when he took part in the 10,000 steps per day in support of CAFOD Walk for Water. A total of **£887** has been raised.

Regina Coeli

During the Easter Season let us rediscover the Regina Coeli prayer. This is a Easter prayer dedicated to the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.
Has risen as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray
O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In the following link you can find the *Regina Coeli* sung: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1NesSxVAZs>