

TEXTS FOR MASS

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking our breast, we say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

First reading

(Baruch 5:1-9)

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. R.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. R.

Second reading

(Philippians 1:4-6,8-11)

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that

your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel

(Luke 3:1-6)

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Homily – *A time for listening.*

Profession of Faith

The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to 'and became man', all bow.

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers after Mass

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 cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

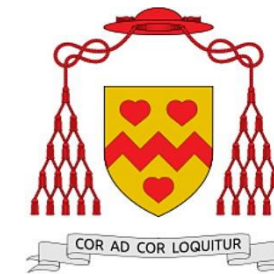
Hail Mary & Parish litany of Saints

NEWSLETTER

Catholic Parish of St John Henry Newman

- HIGH WYCOMBE - Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton

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5th December 2021 Second Sunday of ADVENT

Psalter: Week 2

5:00pm (Sat) (OLG) Vigil Mass

9:00am (SW) Holy Mass

11:30am (OLG) Holy Mass

During the Week

Mon (OLG) NO MASS

Tue (SW) Memoria – St Ambrose

10:00am Holy Mass

Wed Solemnity – Immaculate Conception of BVM

(OLG) 10:00am Holy Mass

(SW) 12noon Holy Mass

Thu (SW) Feria 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

7:00pm Holy Mass

Fri (OLG) Memoria – Our Lady of Loreto

10:00am Holy Mass

The month of December is dedicated to the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Holy Father's intention for November: **CATECHISTS**
We pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

FROM THE CATECHISM

You shall love your neighbour as yourself

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Honour your father and your mother. (Ex 20:12)

I. The Family in God's Plan - The nature of the family

2201 The conjugal community is established upon the consent of the spouses. Marriage and the family are ordered to the good of the

spouses and to the procreation and education of children. the love of the spouses and the begetting of children create among members of the same family personal relationships and primordial responsibilities.

2202 A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children, form a family. This institution is prior to any recognition by public authority, which has an obligation to recognize it. It should be considered the normal reference point by which the different forms of family relationship are to be evaluated.

2203 In creating man and woman, God instituted the human family and endowed it with its fundamental constitution. Its members are persons equal in dignity. For the common good of its members and of society, the family necessarily has manifold responsibilities, rights, and duties.

The Christian family

2204 "The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a domestic church." (Vatican II Council, *Lumen Gentium*, 11) It is a community of faith, hope, and charity; it assumes singular importance in the Church, as is evident in the New Testament. (Cf. Eph 5:21b: 4; Col 3:18-21; 1 Pet 3:1-7)

2205 The Christian family is a **communion of persons**, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity. The Christian family has an evangelizing and missionary task.

2206 The relationships within the family bring an affinity of feelings, affections and interests, arising above all from the members' respect for one another. the family is a privileged community called to achieve a "sharing of thought and common deliberation by the spouses as well as their eager cooperation as parents in the children's upbringing." (Vatican II Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, 52 # 1)

Mass times for the Immaculate and Christmas Time

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday 8th December, 10.00am at OLG & 12noon at SW

CHRISTMAS

Friday 24th December:

Vigil Mass 6.00pm at OLG

Mass during the Night 8.30pm at SW

Saturday 25th December:

Mass of the Dawn 9.00am at SW

Mass of the Day 11.30am at OLG

- **No Mass at 5.00pm** -

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

Sunday 26th December: 9.00am at SW & 11.30am at OLG

THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2021-2023

THE SYNODAL PATH

“The synodal path is one that is guided by the **Gospel** and grounded in **Tradition** and requires the equal participation of all those in the **People of God** who participate in the mission of the Church to together, *listen* and *discern* the work of the Spirit within the world.” (Vademecum nos. 1.2, 5.3)

THE SYNOD IN NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE

The diocesan leads for the Synod process are Fr Francis Higgins and Avril Baigent.

Our diocesan process has two strands:

- group conversations in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations;
- individual conversations.

We want to reach as many people as possible including those “on the margins”. Nobody should feel afraid to talk as long as they keep the teachings of Christ of His Church at heart. To do this, we will need local listeners (facilitators) who can create a safe space for good conversations, and submit notes afterwards.

As the conversation groups will consist of around 7-8 people, we need to have a team of local listeners in the parish – we currently have 3 volunteers for this but need more. Listeners will be given half-day’s training before they start. If you would like to join this team and facilitate the conversations, please contact Father Benedetto, or Catri on c.plummer@ntlworld.com (01494-639686).

Once people have been trained, we will start the Local Phase – it is hoped that we can offer face-to-face group conversations, Zoom group conversations and individual telephone conversations. These meetings will be based on prayer, gracious listening and gracious speaking and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

- The Local Phase will run from now until **end January 22**.
- Then there will be a Pastoral Area Phase **during Feb 22** - where lay people and clergy will bring together the results of their listening and reflect on their area in Pastoral Area meetings.
- These will feed into the Diocesan Phase which will run during **March 22** and a pre-synodal assembly will meet to discern the main themes for the Diocesan Report.
- During **April 22**, the Diocesan Discernment and Writing Phase will take place to produce the report to feed into the Synod of Bishops from around the world and Pope Francis, at their meeting(s) during **October 2023**.

Pope Francis has said: “The purpose of this Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be”.

PARISH

ATTENTION - DISTANCING IN CHURCH

Please continue to observe distancing inside the church. Socialise only outside the building. Do NOT congregate in the Narthex. This also shows respect for those who want to stay behind for private prayer.

Sanitising our churches after Mass

This is an invitation to every parishioner to take pride in their church. It is highly appreciated if some parishioners could help our Stewards /Welcomers in sanitising the seats after Mass. Ask the stewards for any advice. Thank you!

Guidance for Parishioners attending Mass

Available on our website or church noticeboard.

The distress of our Times

As numbers of contagions rise, please remember to keep in your prayer those who are affected by the Covid19 virus in our local area and within our parish community.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Martha Joie Priestley** who was baptised at Our Lady of Grace on **Sunday 21st November**. May God bless her, her parents, family and God-parents on this wonderful occasion.

Thank You

Deacon Paul and Sarah would like to thank all the Parishioners for the gifts and cards received and above all for all the prayers for their family, they have been deeply touched, Sarah, Deacon Paul & Martha

Catechesis for Adults

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Do you think you need ‘to wipe off’ the dust from what you already know? Have you not looked after your Faith since you were Confirmed? Do you have questions about our Faith? Do you want to learn more?

Why should I learn more about the Catholic Faith?

Well it is St Thomas Aquinas who gives us the answer:

“because for the one who has faith, no explanation is necessary; for the one without it, no explanation is possible”

COME ALONG! All are welcome!

Together we will ‘draw water’ from the ever-flowing wells of **Holy Scripture** and learn from the millennial wisdom of the **Church’s Teachings** handed down from the Apostles to our times. **STARTING ON MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

6.30pm at St Wulstan’s church

Disclaimer: This initiative is for the whole parish not just for those who attend Mass at St Wulstan’s

Christmas Giving

The SVP, St Augustine’s, St Wulstan’s and Our Lady of Grace will be making up parcels for those in need including families, the sick, lonely, and housebound. Each week we would ask for your generous donations to be brought to Church and placed in the narthex as follows:

4th/ 5th December - Mince pies, cakes (Christmas and other cakes), tinned tuna/salmon.

11th/ 12th December – Tins of vegetable soup, Christmas puddings, tins of custard, Christmas Crackers.

Please ensure that “Use-By” dates are later than 31st December 2021. No homemade items, please. Many of our Beneficiaries struggle at this time of year. We will also be having a retiring collection on: Sat 4th and Sun 5th December; or please leave a donation at Mass in an envelope.

Lectio Divina

Join us to Read, Pray, Reflect and Listen to God’s Word. The perfect way to prepare for Sunday Mass. Everyone Welcome, Thursday’s 11.00am – 1.00pm Contact mrs_s_priestley@hotmail.com

Companions in Christ

Tuesday evenings on Zoom. 7.30pm “doors” open, 7.45pm start, 9pm finish. Do join us for an informal get-together to keep in touch, read the Bible, share our faith, listen to God and pray together. Come along with your cup of coffee and see old friends/meet new ones. An opportunity for the Catholics of the area to come together every week if they want to – although there is no obligation to attend every week and you can just drop in on a Tuesday evening if you feel like it. Please email Catri Plummer c.plummer@ntlworld.com for the Zoom details if you would like to attend.

Repository at St Wulstan’s

St Wulstan’s Repository located in the Narthex will be open after Mass on Tuesday morning Thursday evening & Sunday morning for you to purchase cards and other religious items.

Watch this space: A wonderful selection of Christmas cards will be available for you to purchase in the coming weeks.

Anniversaries of death: Ellen Harris, Patrick O’Driscoll, Charles Denning, Bernard O’Hanlon, Jozef Kielpinski, Joan O’Reilly, Stanislaw Dawson, Maraie Burch-Schalini, Monica Baxter, Margaret Barge, Wawrzywic Smereka, Nellie Hurley, Leo Whitlow, Thomas Swaine, Dorthy Thomas, Margareta Connick, Frances McNamara, Irene White. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

Live streaming from the Cathedral

Those who happen to isolate for various reasons will be able to connect with our Cathedral in Northampton and join the live stream on: <https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>

DIOCESE

Online Advent Retreat

“Lift up your eyes and see!” Mondays in Advent, 7.30-8.30pm
An online retreat with Canon John Udris, a renowned spiritual director and retreat giver, giving us the chance to pause, reflect and encounter the Lord this Advent. https://lift_up_your_eyes.eventbrite.co.uk

Get a feel for our retreat with this little trailer:
<https://youtu.be/4NA6m0Ppz2k>

NYMO - LUX pilgrimage

A fun residential weekend for young Catholics aged 11 (Year 7) -18 years from **4th-6th February 2022** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk (transportation included from Luton & Northampton). Please contact Fiona email fiona@nymo.org or visit www.nymo.org/lux for more information and to book your place”. Please also see poster and leaflets in the Narthex.

OTHER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music for Advent

A Holy Hour of Adoration for private prayer at **6.30pm on Friday 10th December at St Augustines, High Wycombe**. There will be gentle worship music and scripture readings. A moment to pause and be still in the run up to Christmas. All welcome. Please feel free to drop in and out as you wish during this time.

West Wycombe Chamber Choir Christmas Concert.

Barry and Michèle Hodkinson invite you to an evening of festive reflection and enjoyment at their choir concert on **Saturday 11th December at 7pm** at St Lawrence’s church on the hill, West Wycombe. The program includes popular religious and secular Christmas music and some audience participation! Tickets available on the door, Adults £10 Concessions £8.

KSC - Christmas Posters

The Knights of St Columba are again providing Christmas Posters for people to put in their windows and stickers “Keep Christ in Christmas” to add to Christmas cards & envelopes. The posters will be available at the exits in the next week, while stickers, in strips of nine, will be available from this Sunday. Please take a strip and remind people what Christmas is really about.

Right to Life UK

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary ‘DIY’ abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous ‘DIY’ abortion schemes. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds

SmALL Saints

SmAll Saints has restarted. This weekly term-time activity for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers, their parents and carers takes place in All Saints’ Church in the town centre at **10am on Tuesdays**. All parents and carers welcome with their young children - no need to book.

Prayer for Britain and Israel

There will be a prayer gathering at St Andrew’s church, Hatters Lane, HP13 7NJ from 12.30pm on **Sat 11th December**. The prayer will be inspired by Haggai 2:9 Refreshment available at the end.

CAFOD

Please have a look at our **World Gifts magazine and poster “The true spirit of Christmas Giving 2021-2022”** located in the Narthex. Check out our full range of gifts available online: Last date for ordering **15th December**. cafod.org.uk/worldgifts
NEWS: “Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. “I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy.” Thank you for your support which enables hundreds of women like Garmah remain in their homes during times of struggle”

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.

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 & unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

VITAEOPUS - REDUNDANCY COACHING

<http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> provides free online information and advice about Job Hunting, Self Employment & Active Retirement for Parishioners adversely affected workwise by the pandemic.

Last Week’s COLLECTION

First Collection including standing orders **£1,021.91**

This week’s retiring collection: SVP
Next week’s retiring collection: Christmas Flowers for the church

200 CLUB – November Draw

First Prize	R. Walford	(No 135)	£50.00
Second Prize	V. Robertson	(No 59)	+ £15.00

DONATIONS

You can **Gift Aid** all your donations by phone and online. Otherwise, for a Gift Aid form just ask the office to hand you one or download and print it from the Donate page on our website and hand it in at the office.

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!*