

+ 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.



+ Prayer to St Michael

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, thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.



+ Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful.

R/ And kindle in them the fire of Your love.

V. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

R/ And You will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who, by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His holy consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



Last Week's COLLECTION

1st Collection: £1,100.95

2nd Collection: For Sick & Retired Priests £343.85

DONATIONS

You can Gift Aid all your donations 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 InvestMyCommunity for one-off or monthly donations. 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.

LEGACIES

Future Legacies. Consider not just our own future but the future of our Parishes. One way of making that future real is by considering a Legacy. Many people do not really consider this because they don't have very much to leave but as has truly been said: Every Little Helps Please take one of the cards sent out by the Diocese and think about what you might do.

Anniversaries of death

Connaught Wilkie, Vincent George Whitmore, Peggy Priestley, John (Jack) Wiggins, Aidan Pollard, John William Sheedy, John Connolly, Martin Delaney, Evelyn Elsie Edwards, Flossie Mae, Norah Muscroft, Douglas Eric Faulkner, Larry Doyle, Daniel Bradley, Ivy Carr, Sally Watts, Fred Dodge, Alice Abbot, Annie Teresa Sands, Alojzy Kazmierczak.

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

WHC - Brighton Marathon – Free Spaces!

Sunday 7th April 2024. We have free places in the world famous Brighton Marathon which is on Sunday 7th April 2024. If you'd like to know more, please contact Lynne Cole at communications@wyhoc.org.uk or call 01494 410849 and please let anyone you think might be interested know. See also the poster in the narthex.

Wycombe Homeless Connection

Dates for your diary

1- Christmas Appeal 2023 Just Launched. An opportunity to directly support those sleeping rough and those in danger of losing their homes. For details see www.wyhoc.org.uk/appeal

2 - Be part of: MARLOW SANTA'S FUN RUN Sunday 3rd December 5km. Get your Santa outfit on and run/jog/walk/push. Sign up today: www.wyhoc.org.uk/MarlowSantaRun or 01494 447699

3 – BIG SLEEPOUT 2024 moved to February 2024 Keep up to date via the website: www.wyhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2024 There are 20 people sleeping rough locally. The need for the WHC services has tripled but donations have significantly dropped. To give online: www.wyhoc.org.uk/appeal Please also see the poster in the narthex. Thank You.

Love Pray Walk

Friday 22nd – Sunday 31st March 2024

Holy Week and Easter 2024

Oxford to Walsingham



See poster in the narthex to find out more with QR code or email: studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com

Wycombe Rent Deposit Scheme

JOIN WYCOMBE RENT DEPOSIT GUARANTEE SCHEME TEAM FOR SPONSORED SANTA FUN RUN ON SUNDAY 3rd Dec. 2023

Wycombe Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme is getting a team together for the Santa Sponsored 5km Fun Run, taking place in Marlow on Sun 3rd December at 9.20am. Would anyone like to join us to raise much needed funds for our charity? <https://wrdgs.org.uk/> Please contact Catri c.plummer@ntlworld.com for more information.

WALKERS WELCOME AS WELL AS RUNNERS

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

SW: St Wulstan's, Hollis Road, HP13 7UN

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME FOR REFERENCE



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St Wulstan's, Hollis Road, High Wycombe, HP137UN

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26th November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King & World Youth Sunday

Sat 25 th	Nov	(OLG)	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 26 th	Nov	(SW)	9.00am	Holy Mass
(Peggy Priestley R.I.P.)				
Sun 26 th	Nov	(OLG)	11.30am	Holy Mass
(Theresa Ramsbottom R.I.P.)				

DURING THE WEEK

Mon 27 th	Nov	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Shaji Kuruvilla R.I.P.)				
Tues 28 th	Nov	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Holy Souls)				
Tues 28 th	Nov	(SW)	12.30pm	Holy Mass
(REQUIEM MASS FOR MARY McMORROW)				
Wed 29 th	Nov	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Peter & Enid Andrews R.I.P.)				
Thurs 30 th	Nov	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Margaret O'Kane R.I.P. Anniversary)				
Thurs 30 th	Nov	(OLG)	7.00pm	Holy Mass
Fri 1 st	Dec	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
(Jiji Varughese)				
Sat 2 nd	Dec	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Mark Sarl & Family)				

Week Commencing 3rd December

Sat 2 nd	Nov	(OLG)	5.00pm	Holy Mass
Sun 3 rd	Nov	(St W)	9.00am	Holy Mass
Sun 3 rd	Nov	(OLG)	11.00am	Holy Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.15-11.00 (St Augustine)

Saturday 11.30-12.00 (St Wulstan)

Thursday 6.30-7.00pm (Our Lady of Grace) Or, by arrangement, at any reasonable time by phone, or email to the Parish Priest.

BAPTISMS by arrangement

Sunday 1.00pm Our Lady of Grace

Sunday 1.30pm St Augustine

Sunday 1.30pm St Wulstan

26th November 2023

Entrance Antiphon:

How worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Psalm Response:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Blessings on Him Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our father David.

Eucharistic Acclamation (Mystery of Faith)

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim Your Death, O Lord, until You come again.

Next Sunday:

1st Sunday of Advent

PARISH

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES

Envelopes are placed in the Narthex for the names of any among the dead you wish to be prayed for throughout the coming Month of the Holy Souls. If you write their names down and place them, with any offering you may be making, in the envelope, those names will remain on the altar throughout November and will be brought before God in prayer at each Mass. The envelopes may simply be placed in the collection baskets.

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: This week there will be no Tuesday morning Mass at St Wulstan's. This is because of the Requiem Mass for Mary McMorrow, which is at 12.30. Mary will be brought into the Church on Monday evening at 7pm.

REST IN PEACE

Mary McMorrow's, funeral will be held at **12.30pm** in **St Wulstans Church on November 28th**, followed by cremation at Amersham crematorium at 2pm. The wake and light refreshments at The Potters Arms, Winchmore Hill from 3pm.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carol Service – Sunday 17th December 4.00pm at St Wulstan's
Advent Reconciliation Service – Wednesday 20th December at St Augustine's
Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass at St Wulstan's. Carols from 11.30pm. **PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS AT OUR LADY OF GRACE.**
Christmas Day – 8.30am Mass at St Wulstan's
11.00am Mass at Our Lady of Grace
All other Mass Times remain the same.

SVP Tuesday Morning Coffee at St Wulstan's

The next Tuesday Coffee Morning will be held on the **12th December**. Please do join us.

Repositories at our churches

The Repositories located in the narthexes at both our churches will be open after Masses on Sat. night and Sun. morning.

Christmas Cards at St Wulstan's & Our Lady's

The Christmas Cards have arrived. You will be able to view them, Christmas paper, Religious Calendars, and Advent Calendars in the narthex of both churches.

Lectio Divina Thursdays at 11.00am

Sessions are over Zoom (joining from 10:45 to start at 11:00) and will last a maximum of 1 hour 30 minutes. For further details on how to join, please contact: **Marian Dunsire** marian_dunsire@outlook.com, **Anne Freier** freier1961@gmail.com, or **Kathy Russell** karussell43@aol.com

Companions in Christ

We meet on a **Tuesday evening from 7.30 – 9.00pm on Zoom**. If you would like to discuss aspects of your faith in a relaxed, informal way then why not come along and join us. Please email Catri c.plummer@ntlworld.com for more details and the Zoom link

Children's Liturgy (OLG) 11:00am Sunday

The next children's liturgy sessions will be on the **26th of November followed by the 3rd and the 17th of December**. All children aged 4 to 8 are very welcome. **Could you help just once a month?** Contact Claire via the parish office for more information or just come and observe a session.

Children's Liturgy (SW) 9.00am Sunday

The children's liturgy will take place every Sunday at St Wulstan's.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Application forms for places on our Confirmation Programme are available in the narthex. Forms need to be completed and returned by **26th November** at the latest.

WALK WITH ME – Advent Booklets

These are now available at the back of our churches with a forward by Cardinal Nichols and a prayer card insert from Bishop David. **Price £1 each. Children's calendars are free.**

MASS INTENTIONS

In future, please direct all Mass intentions to **St Augustine's**. this is so that the intentions can be kept in **one diary and it will avoid any clashes between our three churches**. The no. for St Augustine's is : **01494523969** or **email your request to:**

frjonathan.hill@northamptondiocese.org

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Christmas raffle tickets will be at the back of our churches from this weekend. Please take as many as possible.

Bethlehem Olive Wood Products

As Christmas is coming you might want to look for a somewhat special gift. We have a date in the Diary for the makers of these products to be at **St Augustine's on Sunday 3rd December**.

THE UNIVERSE

There are a couple of hard copies of the Universe Catholic Weekly paper at the back of our churches. Do have a read of it and decide if you would like to purchase a hard or digital copy.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now in both our churches **FOR THE NEXT WEEK ONLY**. Last year your response was incredible despite times being tough. We hope you will continue to support this local charity for local people. Perhaps you know someone who would appreciate a parcel but doesn't like to ask? For more information speak to **Dee Harvey (OLG)** or **Josie Williams (SW)**



DIOCESE

BISHOP'S VISIT

BISHOP'S VISIT We welcome Bishop David, who is visiting the Parish this weekend as part of his visitation of the South Bucks Pastoral Area. **On this weekend please note that the Sunday Mass at Our Lady's will be at 11.30am**. This is to allow the Bishop a little time to talk with parishioners at St Wulstan's.

Northampton Healing & Reconciliation Group

This is a sub-group of the Safeguarding Advisory Board (SAB). It's membership consists of SAB members and individuals who have lived experience of abuse, which may include, direct experience, as a parent, family member or partner of a person who has been abused, or a person with experience of working with victims and survivors of abuse. They would welcome people with lived experience of abuse to join them. Please see the posters and pamphlets in the narthex for more details.

Diocesan Dates for your diary

We are currently receiving a lot of information from the Diocese. There is really only room on the newsletter for

monthly events. All other information will be on the front page of the website. Just scroll down past the Mass times.

Alternatively, To keep up to date with fortnightly news and opportunities from across our diocese by signing up to receive updates straight into your inbox. Simply visit

<https://northamptondiocese.org/#signup>

(1) Our Lady Immaculate – Bishop David will preside at Mass at **Northampton Cathedral at 7pm on Friday 8th December** to celebrate the Solemnity of our Diocesan Patron.

(2) Thriving or Closing? Thursday 7th December 7.00 pm
Will my parish still be here in 10 years? If it were to close, would the community even notice? In the face of such sobering thought, the good news is that parishes can come to new life if they live their missionary identity and make new disciples. Think it's time to take a more serious look into the problem of church decline? **Join Bishop David Oakley and Fr. James Mallon on Tuesday, 7th December in our online event, Thriving or Closing: Where is your parish going?**

<https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/CPSDecember>

(3) 60 Second Advent Fr Brendan Seery has recorded more of this popular series for the season of Advent. In each video, Fr Brendan explores a theme for this time of year in less than one minute. Watch the first of the video's here

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLigXOaGqhQzN4s4QVC3it57F71gJYet_Q&si=9EMtiJf2EqU7IQPr

(4) Sycamore An advent course for those wishing to renew their faith in the season of Advent. This is a four-week video series <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

OTHER



EMMAUS: Opening the Scriptures

Wednesday 6th December @ 7.30 pm. We are privileged to be welcoming Bishop David Oakley to speak to us on our Advent theme "Mary the New Eve". **The talk will be held at**

St Joseph's Parish, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8RY. We hope you will be able to join us in person or on line. Please click here for all Emmaus Talks. Good News Books will also have a stall on this day, providing a selection of bibles, study guides and books relating to our talks planned for 2024. Thank you for your support for this new initiative in our Pastoral Area.



Red Missio Boxes

If you have a Red Missio box, please leave it in the narthex by the end of November. They will be collected and counted and returned with details of how much you have collected on the box label and left in the narthex. There are also magazines at the back of the church for you to take away.

Carol Singing – Save the Date

Saturday 2nd December

On Saturday 2nd December, our parishes will be in the High Street, while giving out



information on Church Services as well as tea and doughnuts. We also need some people willing to respond to any queries people may have about our Church and our faith. This is potentially a great opportunity to Witness and to Evangelise.

CAFOD World Gifts 2023-2024

Are you looking for a perfect, waste-free gift? **The CAFOD World Gifts Christmas catalogue 2023-2024** is in the narthex along with an explanatory poster. Please take one home.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information or see the leaflets and prayer cards in the narthex. Please take them home with you to read.

Rosary Evening in November



You are invited to join in a beautiful, peaceful evening of rosary, litany, reading, music and prayer ministry on **Wednesday, 29th November, at**

7.30pm, at St. Augustine's, Amersham Hill, High Wycombe, HP13 6NZ. Come and find the peace you're looking for. Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome and there is plenty of extra parking just over the road.

Christmas Concert

by the West Wycombe Chamber Choir and Special Guests, **Saturday 9th December, 7 p.m. at St Lawrence Church, on the hill, Church Lane, West Wycombe**. An evening for all the family with lots of your Christmas favourites. **In aid of West Wycombe Churches. Tickets Adults £10 and Concessions £8**. If purchased in advance, £1 discount per ticket. For more information or tickets **phone 07795 680253** or **speaking to Barry and Michèle after 11 a.m. mass at OLG**.

Online Advent Retreat

Mondays from 27th November, 7.30-8.30pm

The Advent retreat this year is "Let the Wilderness Bloom!". Join Fr John Udriš and Avril Baigent as we draw on the life of John the Baptist to explore themes of silence, solitude, dryness, and vulnerability, moving towards resilience, promise and hope. Join us live on Monday evenings or access the recording by registering here. Also, poster in the narthex. <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/bloom/>

WorkAid

The winter 2023 brochure is now in the narthex for you to read. Please take a copy and see if you can donate tools, volunteer at the workshop or buy a Christmas gift to support young people in Africa through vocational training.

BkB Quiz 2023 – a big Thank You!

We had 60 attendees at the BkB Quiz on Friday 17th November, and everyone said how much they had enjoyed the event. With additional Sunday morning donations, the total profit from the event was **£1,214.35**, a little more than we made last year! We'd like to give special thanks to Marian and Bernie Foot for preparing and delivering the quiz questions, and to the many others who made very generous donations of cash and raffle prizes, helped set up the room, run the bar, sell the raffle tickets and tidy up afterwards.