

### + 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

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: **£1,109.57**

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

Mary Geraghty, John Thompson, Jan Dolezal, John Fallon, June Mary Youens, Patrick Sherry, Lily May Burke-Morris, Paddy Bateman, Ljuba Procyk, Teresa Stanislaw Pylnikow, John George Freeman Jones, Lilian West, Lilian Emma Oblein, Francis Joseph Murray, James Kelly, Agnes Taylor, James (Jim) Smith.

*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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. We have free places in the world famous Brighton Marathon which is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. If you'd like to know more, please contact Lynne Cole at [communications@wyhoc.org.uk](mailto: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

#### BIG SLEEP OUT

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

The Big Sleepout is back and we need it to be our biggest and best ever, so please, sign up to swap your bed for a sleeping bag to change the lives of people who are homeless in our community! We have two organised locations you can join: We are delighted to be back at Adams Park, home of Wycombe Wanderers FC, and at All Saints Church in Marlow. You can also opt to sleep out "at home" by choosing a location which suits you, maybe your churchyard, workplace, garden or the school playground. You can take part on your own or with groups and if the challenge itself isn't for you perhaps you can spread the word to those who might like to take part, and of course sponsor those who are.

All the details are online or please call 01494 447699.

Find out more, see the poster in the narthex and sign up here: [www.wyhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2024](http://www.wyhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2024)

### Love Pray Walk

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com)

### The SVP (SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)

#### Wednesday Friendship Group

meets at: St. Augustine's Church, in the Upper Room after 9.30am Mass - 12.30pm



# 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

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

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### 21st January 2024

## 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	(OLG)	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jan	(SW)	9.00am	Holy Mass
(Molly Venes R.I.P.)				
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jan	(OLG)	11.00am	Holy Mass

### DURING THE WEEK

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(John Thornber R.I.P. – Anniversary)				
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jan	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
(Myrna Kelly R.I.P.)				
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Victoria Ilofuan – Birthday)				
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	(OLG)	7.00pm	Holy Mass
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Mrd R Leitan R.I.P.)				

### 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

### 21st January 2024

#### Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

#### Psalm Response:

Lord, make me know Your ways.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

The Kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News.

#### Eucharistic Acclamation (Mystery of Faith)

We proclaim Your Death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again.

### Next Sunday:

### 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## PARISH

### SVP Tuesday Morning Coffee at St Wulstan's

The next Tuesday Coffee Morning will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY Please do join us.



### 200 CLUB

It is that time of the year to join the 200 Club or to renew your membership. Bridie will be available every Sunday after Mass at St Wulstan's during January to sign you up to the monthly draw of £50.

### 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.



## 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](mailto:marian_dunsire@outlook.com), **Anne Freier**: [freier1961@gmail.com](mailto:freier1961@gmail.com), or **Kathy Russell**: [karussell43@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 **21st of January**. 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.

## 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](mailto:frjonathan.hill@northamptondiocese.org)

## NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2024

The Northampton Diocesan Directory for 2024 containing the Ordo is now available at the back of our churches. Price £3

## RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY

**THIS WEEKEND - 20/21 January – MARY'S MEALS**  
**26/27 January - LEPR**

## BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

The Bethlehem Nativity Group, who visited St Augustine's Parish last month will be visiting High Wycombe again in February. They will be selling their hand-made olive-wood items at **St Wulstan's and Our Lady of Grace after the Masses on the weekend of 3rd - 4th February**. The money they raise goes to help poor Christian families in the Holy Land.

## DIOCESE

## NORTHAMPTON PRIESTS CALENDAR 2024

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS AND TO PROMOTE PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD, NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE HAVE PRODUCED A PRIESTLY CALENDAR FOR 2024. THE COST IS **£5**. COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT SEPTEMBER TO SEE IF YOU RECOGNISE SOMEONE!!

## 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) Pope's Prayer Intention For January:

#### For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

A video of the Popes prayer intention can be viewed here [https://youtu.be/j0EvaTVtyPI?si=0HX2TDhVvIr\\_P5Ps](https://youtu.be/j0EvaTVtyPI?si=0HX2TDhVvIr_P5Ps)  
The text of the video can be read in English here <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pu bblico/2024/01/02/240102b.html>

### (2) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

A reminder that the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on **18th January and ends on 25th January**. More information can be found here: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/>

### (3) Mission Northampton

The Secrets of St Paul is a 10-week online course beginning on Wednesday 10th January and finishing on Wednesday 20th March. For more information visit: [www.northamptondiocese.org/courses](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/courses) or call **01604 434362**

### (4) Pilgrims of Hope Tour

Bishop David has announced a list of dates he will visit parishes across our diocese for 'an evening with...'. The evenings will be open to all, Catholic's and non-Catholic's. For more information and full list of venues and dates visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/pilgrims-of-hope-tour/>

### (5) Preparing for the Rite of Election 2024

RCIA group leaders, catechists, liturgists [not catechumens/candidates] to explore the Rite and prepare for this year's celebration which will be held on **18 February at 3 pm in the Cathedral with Bishop David**. To register your place for the session please contact Mgr Kevin McGinnell at: [frkevin.mcginnell@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:frkevin.mcginnell@northamptondiocese.org)

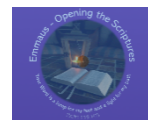
You will then receive a confirmation of booking and the Zoom details you will need to join the session.

### (6) LUX Dive Residential Weekend

Lux is a residential for young people organised by our diocesan youth ministry team, NYMO. From the evening of **Friday 9th February - the afternoon of Sunday 11th February**, those in **school years 7-13**, will gather in Northampton. The cost for the weekend is **£125pp** and this includes all program activities, all meals and accommodation. Transport to and from the venue is not included. For more information visit <https://nymo.org/lux-dive/> or email [info@nymo.org](mailto:info@nymo.org)

### (7) Bookings for BLAZE 2024 Retreat Days are now open

South Pastoral Area (Aylesbury, South Bucks, Chiltern, Slough) **Saturday 11th May 2024 11.00am – 4.00pm at St Joseph's RC High School, Slough. Cost: £13 per person**. Bring your own lunch, refreshments provided. Bishop David invites Confirmandi (11-18 years) to meet him and to come together to explore their faith and take part in interactive workshops, in preparation for their forthcoming Confirmations.



## EMMAUS – Opening the Scriptures

Our South Bucks Pastoral Area.

### SPRING 2024 TALKS

They will be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:30-9pm. Venue: St Teresa's Church, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL Register Now at: [www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus)

### Wednesday 7th February

The Seven Last Words - New Insights

Speaker: Fr Timothy Radcliffe (based on his book)

A list of forthcoming talks can be found in the narthex.

## Chief Finance & Operations Officer

St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are looking to recruit a Chief Finance and Operations Officer working across all the schools in our Trust, in Luton, Bucks and Slough. For more details and to apply please visit <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/320797/EDV-2023-STCAT-45441>. Closing date for applications is **Midday on 29th January 2024**.

## R.E. TEACHERS

St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are looking to recruit RE Teachers. To register your interest for this or any other role within our Trust, please visit: [St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust](http://StThomasCatholicAcademiesTrust.com), [Dunstable](http://Dunstable.com), [Luton](http://Luton.com) and [Slough](http://Slough.com) | [Teaching Jobs](http://TeachingJobs.com) & [Education Jobs](http://EducationJobs.com) | [MyNewTerm](http://MyNewTerm.com)

## OTHER



## Rosary Evening

You are invited to a beautiful evening of prayer, litanies, readings and Rosary, with music and prayer ministry on **Wednesday**

**31st January 2024 at St Augustine's church, 24 Amersham Hill, High Wycombe HP13 6NZ at 7.30pm**



## A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on **8 - 11 February 2024** or there is a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **14-16 June 2024**. Call or text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443**, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) See also the poster in the narthex. Complete confidentiality assured.



## The Love goes even further

Thanks to a very generous donor who has provided an extra £100,000, our **Double The Love** appeal can now go even further. Donations made up to **£1.1 million** can now be matched **until the end of January**. Please **Donate now** to help us to make the most of all the available funding and feed even more hungry children. **A collection will be taken at our churches on the weekend of 20th & 21st January 2024**

## Stop Two Extreme Abortion Amendments

Pro-Abortion MP's Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill. **Right to Life UK** has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds

## SAFEGUARDING – JANUARY KEY MESSAGE

The key message for January this year is :

'The Diocese of Northampton have adopted the National policies of CBCEW' Key webpages:

<https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/resources/national-safeguarding-policy/>  
<https://northamptondiocese.org/policies/>

## CAFOD – School Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training, resources and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact **Debbie Purfield** [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) or call **07786 114 390**.

## A Day with Mary

**On Saturday 10th February 2024, 10.00am – 5.30pm**

**At Our Lady of Peace & Bld. Dominic Barberi, Early, Reading.** A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Please see the poster in the narthex. For more details visit: [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org)



## JBMS

John Bradburne Memorial Society

## World Leprosy Day 28th January 2024

JBMS is a UK based charity that supports those living with leprosy at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe, where John worked for the last 10 years of his life. The society currently supports 32 patients and their families at the centre. With your prayers and support John's legacy can continue. Please see the poster in the narthex for more details and how to donate to this worthy cause.

## LEPRA

**World Leprosy Day.** Leprosy is a terrible disease suffered by people in many parts of the world. It results so often in people being disabled, disfigured and marginalised in their communities. But it is in fact relatively easy to cure. Lepra has been at the forefront of this work for over 100 years now improving early detection of the disease, slowing its progress and providing ongoing support and medication for sufferers.. **Next weekend we have a retiring collection for the work of Lepra.**

## The UN thought police to control our freedom

This is another important petition that needs to be signed if we don't want to let another of our rights of freedom be taken away. Please read the article on the **Citizen Go** website <https://citizengo.org/en-gb> to know what will happen if we don't act in time.