

+ 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: £1,090.76

2nd Collection: £ 40.00 CAFOD

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.



RICS Diocesan Job Vacancy

The Diocese are looking for a Qualified RICS Chartered Building Surveyor to join our Property team and be responsible for the portfolio of all Diocesan properties and land. The role will be for 35 hours per week. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org The closing date for applications is **27th March 2024**. Interview dates to be confirmed

Youth Ministry Leader – Lake District

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Anniversaries of death

Marie-Therese O'Connor, Katherine Mary Charles, Margaret Bartyla, John George Green, Edward Michael, Emilia Anunciacao Feleciaa Avery-Sequeira, Irene Reardon, Olive Norah Keegan, John Thomas Graham, Mary Palmer, Patrick Hogan, Michael Paparozzi, Alan Peter Newham.

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.

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



A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

There is no group therapy or group work. 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 - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk See also the poster in the narthex. Complete confidentiality assured.

IGNATIAN SPAIN 7-13 APRIL 2024:

Our pilgrimage travelling by coach from Bilbao to Barcelona would welcome more participants: contact joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org for details.

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



Parish Office: Tel: 01494 472526

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24th March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Year B

Sat 23 rd	Mar	(OLG)	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 24 th	Mar	(SW)	9.00am	Holy Mass
(Antonio Cirillo R.I.P. - Anniversary)				
Sun 24 th	Mar	(OLG)	11.00am	Holy Mass

DURING THE WEEK

Mon 25 th	Mar	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Angelo Picciano R.I.P. Anniversary)				
Tues 26 th	Mar	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
Wed 27 th	Mar	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Catherine Ilofuan - Birthday)				
Thurs 28 th	Mar	(NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL)	11.00am	(CHRISM MASS)
Thurs 28 th	Mar	(SW)	7.30pm	Holy Mass
(MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER)				
Fri 29 th	Mar	(SW)	3.00pm	Holy Mass
(COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION)				
Sat 30 th	Mar	(SW)	7.30pm	Holy Mass
(EASTER VIGIL)				

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

24th March 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, Who have come in Your abundant mercy!

Psalm Response:

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation:

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised Him high and gave Him the Name which is above all names.

Eucharistic Acclamation (Mystery of Faith)

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

Next Sunday:

Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord

PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Through Lent we may follow Christ on His journey to Calvary in all our churches.

THURSDAY 6.30pm Our Lady of Grace

FRIDAY c. 10.30am St Wulstans

7.30pm Our Lady of Grace (Syro-Malabar)

SATURDAY 5.00pm St Augustine

COLLECTIONS

On Maundy Thursday there will be a collection for Wycombe Homeless as we seek to follow Christ's command to serve others.

On Good Friday there will be a collection which is for the upkeep of the Holy Places in Israel.
At the Easter Masses the collection is for the priests of the Parish.

We Dare to Say...
The resource mentioned in Bishop David’s recent letter arrived too late to make it the basis for a Lenten course, but we do plan on holding a series of meetings in the weeks following Easter where we can use it to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the Lord’s Prayer – that basic prayer of all Christians taught to us by Jesus Himself.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9.30am (StAug)
Mass on Tuesday at 10.00am (SW)
Passover Meal (StAug) Monday 25th March 7.00pm (Booking required)
Penance Service (St Aug) Tuesday 26 March 7.00pm
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Mass of the Chrism at Northampton Cathedral 11.00am
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7.30 (StAug & SW; Polish Mass (OLG))
(These Masses will be followed by a period of watching in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
At St Augustine’s the Watching will continue to Midnight, ending with Compline)
GOOD FRIDAY
Morning Prayer at 9.30 (StAug)
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion at 3.00pm (StAug & SW); 7.30pm (OLG[Polish])
HOLY SATURDAY
Morning Prayer at 9.30 (StAug)
Easter Vigil at 7.30pm (St Aug & SW); Polish Mass (OLG))
EASTER SUNDAY- Normal Times, except no evening Mass at St Aug)

CONTEMLATIVE PRAYER
The first meeting of our newly established ‘Julian Group’ will be at 4pm on Sunday 7th April in St Augustine’s.

SVP Tuesday Morning Coffee at St Wulstan’s
The next Tuesday Coffee Morning will be held on the 9th APRIL. Please do join us.

SECOND COLLECTIONS
At a time when money is tight for many people, and when many charities are also appealing for money, it is easy for people to feel overwhelmed by the number of collections



in the church. Accordingly, there is now a list of the year’s retiring collections posted in the porch. This will allow you to plan ahead and decide which ones you are able to support.

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
Good news! We have enough volunteers to have a children's liturgy session for every Sunday from 24th March up to the end of April. More volunteers would still be very welcome to help once a month. Contact Claire via the parish office for more information or just come and observe a session. All children aged 4 to 8 are very welcome.

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.

Knights of St Columba (KSC) Posters
The Knights of St Columba have again provided Easter Posters, for placing in your window or other prominent places. They will be available at the back of the churches from this Sunday – do pick up a poster

MASS INTENTIONS
In future, please direct all Mass intentions to St Augustine’s. The no. for St Augustine’s is : 01494523969 or email your request to: frjonathan.hill@northamptondiocese.org

OUR LADY OF GRACE – GAMES DAY
Why not pop along to our Games Day on the 1st Wednesday of every month, 1pm at Our Lady of Grace. Age range: 18 to 80 plus. Come along for a chat and make new friends. Contribution of £2 for attendance will provide refreshments. Look forward to seeing some friendly faces!

WALK WITH ME LENTEN BOOKLETS & CHILDREN’S LENT CALENDARS
In preparation for Lent, the Walk with Me booklets (price £1) can be found in the narthex of both our churches. We also have the children’s Calendar for Lent posters. These are not priced but any loose change donation will be gratefully received.

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DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
To keep up to date with fortnightly news and opportunities from across our diocese by signing up to receive updates. Visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/#signup>
(1) **Pope’s Prayer Intention for March**
For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. You can watch the video here https://youtu.be/ov49RPt2ii8?si=xvGOX_3pkEayZdhg
(2) **Year of Prayer 2024 – Prayer Resources**
Prayer resources for Lent and the Year of Prayer have been updated: <https://northamptondiocese.org/prayer-resources/>
(3) **Bishop David’s Lenten Gospel Reflections**
This final Lenten Gospel reflection is attached. The reflection for passion Sunday can be viewed on video here <https://youtu.be/BC0NGLQ4hSM?si=hSoUvIc-mlpPV95K>
(4) **Life in the Spirit**
Beginning on Tuesday 16th April and running for 6 weeks including a retreat day on 18th May, Life In The Spirit Seminars are designed for anyone looking to know more about life in the Spirit of God. The seminars are free to attend and can be joined at Northampton Cathedral or one of the ‘hub’ venues in Milton Keynes, Luton, Slough, Bedford, Corby or Aylesbury. For more information visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/>
(5) **Mass for the Sick and Housebound**
Mgr Kevin McGinnell will celebrate Mass for the sick and housebound at Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 27th April at 11.00am.
(6) **Diocesan Pilgrimages**
For your information, posters for the up and coming Diocesan Pilgrimages are now in the narthex. Bookings open 18th March.

- **Northern France** (Lieux, Chartres & Paris)
 - 15.10.2024 – 22.10.2024
- **Rome & Assisi** (2025 Jubilee Year)
 - 27.03.2025 – 03.04.2025

OTHER
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, until 12.30pm

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED
Aid to the Church in Need are seeking new volunteers. Please see the poster in the narthex for more details.



RIGHT TO LIFE
ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT THE ABORTION TIME LIMIT REDUCTION AMENDMENT:
Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the narthex and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!
Through Lent with Pope Francis
There's a great online retreat at <https://www.onlineprayer.net/lent-2024/> with a quotation from Pope Francis, scripture, a picture, music and reflection for each day and a printed booklet available too. Contact Joanna joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org if you'd like to reserve a copy of the booklet or would like the link for prayer together on weekday mornings, 7.40am for 7.45 to 8.15.

Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes
Incorporating Northampton & other Dioceses
Will take place from the 23rd to the 30th August. For more information or to register your interest email: contact@catholicassociation.co.uk or see small poster in the narthex.

THE BECKETT FESTIVAL
Will take place over the weekend 6-7th July 2024 at Northampton Cathedral. On Saturday 6th Mass will begin a daily program at 11.00am. It is hoped that each pastoral area will consider transport to enable parishioners to attend on this day. A program for the weekend will be available in the next few weeks.

St Hilda’s, Whitby – Oasis of Silence
Lead a programme of contemplative prayer days and retreats based at the Priory in Whitby, North Yorkshire. The retreats are based on the Gries Path of Prayer developed by the Jesuit Priest Fr. Franz Jalics. The programme is ecumenical and open to Christians from all denominations. Please see the poster in the narthex for more details of retreats & courses.

The Big Sleep Out – THANK YOU
Maria Schafer would like to thank everyone for their support for the Big Sleep Out. A total of £2,450.33 was raised. £1,020.00 was raised online and £1,430.33 was raised through loose change donations. May God reward your generosity. Maria would also like to thank you all for your help.



Pilgrimage to Knock
Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 26th May 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights’ in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. See also the poster in the narthex.