

### + 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: £1,187.00

### 200 CLUB - March Draw

1<sup>st</sup> Prize No 91 £50 Debbie M.

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.

### Anniversaries of death

Vivienne May Milner, Esther Morris, Keith Hobbs, June Walker, Francis (Frank) McGuinness, Stella Barszcz, Mary Catherine Page, Kevin Clayton, Eugene Pylnikow, James Doherty, Rosemary Lilian Griffin, Pat Hickey, Rex Horwood Eldridge, Eliza Mary Ann Alice Moth, Tom Howell, Michael Edward William Hughes, Trudy Boyle, Paul Julian McCann. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*



### 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](http://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](mailto:joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org) for details.



### Pilgrimage to Knock

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, **26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). See also the poster in the narthex.

### Wycombe Homeless Connection (WHC)

#### Community & Events Officer Fundraising Vacancy

Working with WHC volunteers and staff, the Community and Events Fundraising Officer will build relationships with individuals, community groups, businesses, schools, faith groups and other local organisations to encourage their support for the charity, run and develop fundraising and awareness events, and support people taking part in challenge events. The role is part time, 30 hours a week and there is a need to work weekends and evenings to deliver/support events. Find out more on their website or call **01494 447699** [www.wyhoc.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.wyhoc.org.uk/vacancies) See also poster in the narthex.

#### WHC Annual Service

All are welcome to join the charity for this ecumenical service to give thanks for God's blessings in the last year, to remember those we have lost and to pray for the ongoing work to end homelessness in our community.

**Wednesday 1 May, 7pm for a 7.30pm start, at Trinity URC, London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ**

If you can't make it in person, it will be livestreamed:

[www.wyhoc.org.uk/annual-service-2024](http://www.wyhoc.org.uk/annual-service-2024)

Refreshments will be served after the service.

# 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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### 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

### 31st March 2024

#### Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia! To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia!

#### Psalm Response:

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

#### Eucharistic Acclamation (Mystery of Faith)

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

### Next Sunday:

#### Second Sunday of Easter

#### (Low Sunday or Divine Mercy Sunday)

## PARISH

### EASTER: A Blessed and joyful Easter to all Parishioners and your families.

Seven Weeks of celebration now follows our six weeks of Penance – because joy is more Lasting than sorrow; indeed it is eternal.

### EASTER MASS COLLECTIONS

THE EASTER MASS COLLECTIONS ARE FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH.

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

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

Parish Office: Tel: 01494 472526

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

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### 31st March 2024 - Year B

#### Easter Sunday

#### The Resurrection of the Lord

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	(SW)	7.30pm	Vigil Mass
			(EASTER VIGIL MASS)	
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mar	(SW)	9.00am	Holy Mass
			(EASTER SUNDAY)	
			(Jackie Merrifield)	
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mar	(OLG)	11.00am	Holy Mass
			(EASTER SUNDAY)	
			(Teresa Ramsbottom & Alan Styles)	

#### DURING THE WEEK

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Apr	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
			(Angelo Picciano R.I.P. Anniversary)	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Apr	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
			(Simon Hill – Birthday)	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Apr	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
			(Matthew Daniel R.I.P. – Anniversary)	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
			(Celina, Vincente & Horacio Posse)	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	(OLG)	7.00pm	Holy Mass
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
			(Reetha Itoop R.I.P. – Anniversary)	



## 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. There will hopefully be an announcement of dates and venues in next week's newsletter.

## SVP Tuesday Morning Coffee at St Wulstan's

The next Tuesday Coffee Morning will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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](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

Good news! We have enough volunteers to have a children's liturgy session for every Sunday 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.

## Children's Liturgy (SW) 9.00am Sunday

The Children's Liturgy at the 9.00am Mass at St Wulstan's will resume on the 14<sup>th</sup> April.

## 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.

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

## OUR LADY OF GRACE – GAMES DAY

Why not pop along to our Games Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

## DIOCESE

### 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) Year of Prayer 2024 – Prayer Resources

Prayer resources for Lent and the Year of Prayer have been updated: <https://northamptondiocese.org/prayer-resources/>

#### (2) 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/>

#### (3) Mass for the Sick and Housebound

Mgr Kevin McGinnell will celebrate Mass for the sick and housebound at Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am.

#### (4) Diocesan Day for Catechists & Youth Ministers

Diocesan Day for Catechists & Youth Ministers with RISE Theatre Company: Saturday 29th June 2024, 10am - 5pm St Thomas Centre, Northampton

Are you a catechist or do you work with children in any way in your parish? This day will help us more effectively share the Good News. We will be equipped and inspired by RISE Theatre and the Mission Northampton Team with skills based training to further develop our presentation and communication skills. To read more about RISE Theatre's inspiring ministry please see: [www.risetheatre.co.uk](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk) Suggested donation of £20.

To book: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/diocesan-day-for-catechists-youth-ministers-29th-june-2024/>

#### (5) Virtual Webinar for parents

Virtual Webinar to explore supporting parents of children going through catechesis: Friday 24th May 2024, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. During this webinar Susan Longhurst of the Sycamore team will be helping us explore ways that we can reach out to and support parents of children preparing to receive the sacraments (focussing mainly though not exclusively on First Reconciliation/ First Holy Communion). Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives people space to meet other people, share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. It has proven to be a useful and effective tool in family catechesis and accompaniment elsewhere

To book your free place:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/virtual-webinar-by-the-sycamore-team-hosted-by-mission-northampton-may-2024/>

#### (6) Diocesan Pilgrimages

For your information, posters for the up and coming Diocesan Pilgrimages are now in the narthex. Bookings open 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Northern France (Lieux, Chartres & Paris)

15.10.2024 – 22.10.2024



Rome & Assisi (2025 Jubilee Year)

27.03.2025 – 03.04.2025



#### (7) FLICKR

Pictures of diocesan events can be found here. They are all kept in albums on the diocesan Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/diocesefnorthampton/album/s/> You do not need an account or to register in any way just click the album and look at the photo's.

#### (8) 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Please keep the date in mind. Plans are underway for a Mass and celebration in the Cathedral for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment the Diocese with the restoration of the hierarchy of England and Wales in 1850.

#### (9) Diocesan Music Day

SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2024 11am – 3.30pm

for Singers and Choirs, showcasing Parish Music for all ages. Instrumentalists Welcome. Between Ascension and Pentecost is a great time to encourage singers and music groups of all ages in your parish. VENUE: THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL, BECKET WAY NORTHAMPTON NN3 6HT With Marcela Campaña & Matt White (School Choirs) Fr Kevin McGinnell (Music & Liturgy) & Fr Daniel Rooke Teresa Brown (Pilgrimage Mass composer) and members of the Liturgy Commission Music Section Adults £10, Young people Free if 18 or under, accompanied by an adult. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee, juice provided. Bookings will open next week.

## 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

## 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.

## 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!

## Criminal Justice Bill

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales wish to draw your attention to two amendments in this bill which will shortly be debated in the House of Commons. Please read more here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/>

## Pro-Life Chain – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024

On Saturday 27th April SPUC Northampton is holding a Pro-Life Chain on St Peters Way, Northampton. This act of silent witness is to remember the millions of lives lost to abortion since the Abortion Act, of 1967. It will take place between 11 am and 1 pm. Please consider joining us at this important event. We will stand together to proclaim the pro-life message. If you can join us or want more information, then please contact William on 07393965643(text is fine) or [wpcurrie@btinternet.com](mailto:wpcurrie@btinternet.com) Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

## Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Incorporating Northampton & other Dioceses

Will take place from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> August. For more information or to register your interest email: [contact@catholicassociation.co.uk](mailto:contact@catholicassociation.co.uk) or see small poster in the narthex.

## THE BECKET 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.

## Emmaus Talks



The next talk in the Emmaus series takes place on Wednesday 10th April @ 7.30 pm in St Teresa's Church in Beaconsfield (HP9 2PL). The topic is 'You are my witnesses' (Isa 43:10): Chosen and Sent and the speaker is Fr Pius Amoako.

## Pilgrimage Series on BBC

On GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, the BBC screens the first of three hour-long episodes of its series 'Pilgrimage' following seven celebrity pilgrims, of differing faiths and beliefs, on a spiritual journey across North Wales. The series features the Catholic National Shrine at Holywell where Bishop Peter Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham, was filmed for a segment