

+ 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 COLLECTIONS

1st Collection: £1,267.26

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

Halina Papowszek, Michael John Dudley, Eileen Collins, Aileen Dearn, Mary Edge, Alfred Bryant, Kieron Munday, Antonio Cirillo.

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 See also the poster in the narthex. Complete confidentiality assured.



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.

Wycombe Homeless Connection (WHC) Community & Events Officer Fundraising Vacancy

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 See also poster in the narthex.

Volunteering Coordinator

This role is for 22.5 hours a week which can be worked flexibly And is office-based with flexible options. To find out more call: **01494 447699** or check the website. www.wyhoc.org.uk/vacancies or see the posters in the narthex

Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Incorporating Northampton & other Dioceses Will take place from the **23rd to the 30th August**

The official travel agent is Tangney Tours. **Booking forms are now in the narthex of both churches.** Please take one home with you. Helpers (medical and non-medical) assisted pilgrims (sick or with a disability), friends and family, new and experienced are all welcome regardless of UK location. Please see the posters in the narthex or email: contact@catholicassociation.co.uk for more information.

LOVE WYCOMBE 2024!

Sunday 9 June on The Rye, starting at 11am

A one hour celebration service, followed by fellowship, food and fun together with charity stalls, live music, and inflatables. Arrive from 10:30am and stay into the afternoon



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



14th April 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of His name.
O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

Psalm Response:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation (Mystery of Faith)

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

Parish Office: Tel: 01494 472526

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

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14th April 2024 - Year B Third Sunday of Easter

Sat 13 th Apr	(OLG)	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 14 th Apr	(SW)	9.00am	Holy Mass
Sun 14 th Apr	(OLG)	11.00am	Holy Mass

DURING THE WEEK

Mon 15 th Apr	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
Tues 16 th Apr	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
Wed 17 th Apr	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
Thurs 18 th Apr	(OLG)	7.00pm	Holy Mass
Fri 19 th Apr	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
Sat 20 th Apr	(St Aug)	9.30am	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

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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. **The meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings (now that the evenings are growing lighter!) at 7.00 in the Upper Room at St Augustine's, beginning on 17th April.**

PRAYER OF TAIZE

with a Brother of Taizè Community and leaders of the other churches

We are happy to invite all parishioners to pray together, especially young people and young adults at **St Augustine's** the **25th of April at 7.30pm**. We are happy to host a monk of the Taizè Community, Br. Jean-Patrick, who is coming to visit us from France. After the prayer, we will have a meeting with him who will tell us about Taizè and the opportunity for our young people to participate in the pilgrimage to Taizè this coming summer. We are looking forward to meet you!

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 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 14th 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

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!

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) 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/> See the poster with QR code in the narthex. See also Bishop David's video introduction on our website.



(2) 61st World Day of Prayer For Vocations

This will take place on Sunday 21st April (the fourth Sunday of Easter) also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. There will be a Second collection to support (a) ongoing formation (b) Seminary training (c) Priestly vocations promotion.

(3) Pilgrims of Hope

There are two evenings with Bishop David upcoming as part of the Pilgrims of Hope tour: Thursday 25th April at 7.00 pm at Our Lady of Peace in Burnham Friday 26th April at 7.00 pm at St John's Catholic Church in Luton

(4) National Day of Prayer For Victims & Survivors of Abuse

Tuesday 30th April this year is dedicated as the National Day of Prayer For Victims and Survivors of Abuse. The 5th Sunday of Easter (28th April) will be recognised in our parishes through prayers, homilies & pastoral sessions. Please see our website for more details.

(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 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. To read more about RISE Theatre's inspiring ministry please see: www.risetheatre.co.uk Suggested donation of £20.

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

(7) Virtual Webinar for parents

Virtual Webinar to explore supporting parents of children going through catechesis: Friday 24th May 2024, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. To book your free place: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/virtual-webinar-by-the-sycamore-team-hosted-by-mission-northampton-may-2024/>

(8) 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



(9) 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/> You do not need an account or to register in any way just click the album and look at the photo's.

(10) 175th Anniversary of the Diocese – 29th September 2024

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

(11) Diocesan Music Day

SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2024 11am – 3.30pm

Our diocesan liturgy commission music section will host a day for singers, choirs and instrumentalists on Saturday 11th May at Thomas Becket Catholic School in Northampton. The cost is £10 for adults and free for those under 18's (who must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings and more information here <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/diocesan-music-day/>

(12) Women in Ministry – The Gathering 3

Did you know that the Northampton Diocese has a Women in Ministry group? We have our own web page <https://northamptondiocese.org/women-in-ministry/> and we made a key contribution to the recent Diocesan assembly. We have been active for a number of years and want to invite the women of our Diocese to our next Gathering on June 8th at St Mary's Woburn Sands, 10am until 4pm. This is an opportunity to reflect on women in the catholic church, their calling and vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod and a chance to listen, pray, share, and reflect. For more information please email helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org. All are welcome!

OTHER

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 27th 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 Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

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

Our next talk 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. We hope you will be able to join us.



Ladies - date for your diary

"Jesus and Me" women's day retreat on Saturday, June 1st at St. Augustine's. Theme: "An Encounter With the King." With guest speaker Barbara Reed-Mason. A day to set aside and come together in praise and worship, fellowship and sharing, prayer and Adoration. More details to follow soon.

Volunteer Fire Marshalls Required

The Diocese are seeking two fire marshals from each parish. The role of a marshal is not to tackle fires but to be a point of contact with the fire service in the event of a fire and ensure that full evacuation has taken place. Training is provided and will take place on 30th April. Please let Fr Jonathan or the parish office know if you wish to be considered or contact Michelle for further information at property.manager@northamptondiocese.org

CAFOD – Thank You

Thank you to all parishioners at the Parish of St John Henry Newman for your generous support of CAFOD and for your latest donation of £1,119.70 which we received on the 31st March 2024. Thank you so much for being there for our global family.