

## + 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

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: £1,180.70

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

James Holmes, Kathryn Alice Williams, Bernard William Haines, Margaret Elsie Russell, Neville Humphrey, Walter William Stone, Joseph Goals, Mieczyslaw Kaminski, Margaret Hill, Richard Green, Johnny Matthews, Cynthia George, Catherine Allen, John O'Riordan.

*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.



## 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

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.

## 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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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



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## 21st April 2024 - Year B

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

|                      |     |       |                             |            |
|----------------------|-----|-------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> | Apr | (OLG) | 5.00pm                      | Vigil Mass |
|                      |     |       | (Thanksgiving)              |            |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> | Apr | (SW)  | 9.00am                      | Holy Mass  |
|                      |     |       | (Ferdinand Awa Fru R.I.P.)  |            |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> | Apr | (OLG) | 11.00am                     | Holy Mass  |
|                      |     |       | (Maria Schafer - Intention) |            |

### DURING THE WEEK

|                        |     |          |   |           |
|------------------------|-----|----------|---|-----------|
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Apr | (St Aug) | 9.30am  | Holy Mass |
|                        |     |          | (Private Intention)                                   |           |
| Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Apr | (SW)     | 10.00am   | Holy Mass |
|                        |     |          | (Kathleen Walsh R.I.P. - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) |           |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Apr | (St Aug) | 9.30am  | Holy Mass |
|                        |     |          | (Patrick Martin Sweeney R.I.P. - Anniversary)         |           |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> | Apr | (St Aug) | 9.30am  | Holy Mass |
|                        |     |          | (Holy Souls)  |           |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> | Apr | (OLG)    | 7.00pm  | Holy Mass |
|                        |     |          | (Marlene Hall R.I.P.)                                 |           |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>   | Apr | (SW)     | 10.00am   | Holy Mass |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Apr | (St Aug) | 9.30am  | Holy Mass |
|                        |     |          | (Moriah Nadeem - Birthday)                            |           |

## 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 April 2024

### Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### Psalm Response:

The lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know My own sheep and My own know Me.

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.

## Next Sunday:

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

## PARISH

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

### Second Collection this week

The retiring collection on Good Shepherd Sunday (today, the 21<sup>st</sup> April) is, as always, for the Diocesan Priests Training Fund. It is a way in which all of us help with the formation of new shepherds to serve Christ's people. Please take a leaflet and prayer card (situated in the narthex) home with you.

## We Dare to Say...

Our meetings considering the Lord's Prayer continue in the **Upper Room at St Augustine's on Wednesday at 7.00pm.** The prayer taught by Jesus to His disciples is the model for all Christian prayer and is also a reminder to us of the wonder of what God has done for us by adopting us as His children.

## JULIAN MEETING

The next Julian meeting for a time of contemplative prayer will be at **4.00pm at St Augustine's on Sunday 5th May.**

## 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 **14<sup>th</sup> MAY.** 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.

## 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.

## First Holy Communion Gifts at St Wulstan's

If you would like to purchase gifts for our First Holy Communion children, then Gill has a lovely selection of cards, medals, prayer books and rosaries at St Wulstans. She will be at the repository on Sunday morning after the 9.00am Mass.

## 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 **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. 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) 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

### (3) 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (28<sup>th</sup> April)** will be recognised in our parishes through prayers, homilies & pastoral sessions. Please see our website for more details.

### (4) 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.**

### (5) 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**  
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/>

### (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) 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.

### (8) 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/>

### (9) 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 want to invite the women of our Diocese to our next Gathering on **June 8th at St Mary's Woburn Sands, 10am until 4pm.** For more information please email: [helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org](mailto: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 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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> May @ 7.30 pm – 9.00pm** at **St Aidan's Church in Little Chalfont (HP7 9NE)** The topic is 'The Holy Spirit and Evangelisation' The speaker is **Michelle Moran** We hope you can join us. Please take home a leaflet.



### Ladies - date for your diary

"Jesus and Me" women's day retreat on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 all names should be given to property department by 30th April. Please contact Michelle for further information at [property.manager@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:property.manager@northamptondiocese.org)

### Pilgrims Cross Walk – Thank You

Maria has informed us of the total amount collected because of this pilgrimage. It includes:

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| The Website                        | <b>£1,020.00</b> |
| Collection from the three churches | <b>£1,450.33</b> |
| Overall Total                      | <b>£2,470.33</b> |