

+ 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: £1,099.54

2nd Collection: £ 311.18 (Priests Training Fund)

200 CLUB – April Draw

1st Prize: £50 No 27 Catri P.

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

Rose Matthews, Malcolm Charles Dodwell, Sheila McHugh, Jennie Brown Woodward, Patricia Margret Crouch, Laurence Dudley, Bohdan (Bob) Procyk, Joanna Fisher, Joan Eileen Strange, Ron de Neys.

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, ema - 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.

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!

Sun. 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



Growing Hope – High Wycombe

Growing Hope are a Christian charity based in St James's Church, Downley, High Wycombe that provide free therapy for children with additional needs and support for their families. They are looking to recruit a speech and language therapist for one day a week (7.5hrs) or split over two days. Please see the job advert in the narthex.



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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28th April 2024 - Year B

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse)

Sat 27 th Apr	(OLG)	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 28 th Apr	(SW)	9.00am	Holy Mass
Sun 28 th Apr	(OLG)	11.00am	Holy Mass

DURING THE WEEK

Mon 29 th Apr	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
<i>(Foundation Mass – Rutledge)</i>			
Tues 30 th Apr	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
<i>(Anna Duval-Fryer R.I.P.)</i>			
Wed 1 st May	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
<i>(Davidson Family)</i>			
Thurs 2 nd May	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
Thurs 2 nd May	(OLG)	(NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS)	
Fri 3 rd May	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
Sat 4 th May	(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

28th April 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

Psalm Response:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation:

Make your home in Me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in Me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation (Mystery of Faith)

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by Your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.

Next Sunday:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PARISH

OUR LADY OF GRACE – Polling Station

THURSDAY MASS Please note that this week there will be no Confessions or Mass on Thursday evening at Our Lady of Grace. This is because the church is in use that day as a polling station for local elections.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Second Collection next week

The retiring collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese.

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.

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.

SVP Tuesday Morning Coffee at St Wulstan's

The next Tuesday Coffee Morning will be held on the **14th 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, **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.

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

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!

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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) Life in the Spirit

Beginning on **Tuesday 16th April** and running for **6 weeks** including a retreat day on **18th May.** 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) 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. Bishop David has issued a pastoral message reflecting on our recent audit report from the CSSA. **A copy of the message is available in the narthex.**

(3) International Day of Prayer for Eastern Churches

Sunday 5th May (sixth Sunday of Easter) is the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. It offers an opportunity for us all to join in prayer for peace, especially in the Middle East. Prayers for the weekend can be found here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pray-for-eastern-christians/>

(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** Suggested donation of £20. To book: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/diocesan-day-for-catechists-youth-ministers-29th-june-2024/>

(5) 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**



(6) 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.

(7) 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/>

(8) 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. 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/>

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 1st 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.



Jesus and Me - Women's Day Retreat

Saturday, June 1st at St. Augustine's, High Wycombe, starting at 9am and finishing with Mass at 4.30pm. Theme: "An Encounter with the King" with guest speaker **Barbara Reed**

Mason. A day to set aside and encounter Jesus in scripture, prayer, fellowship and reflection. Tickets £15, including lunch. Spaces limited - booking essential. Please bring a bible. Contact **Marian** 07910467588 or marian_dunsire@outlook.com.

Volunteer Fire Marshalls Required

The Diocese are seeking two fire marshalls 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

BIG SLEEPOUT TOTAL – Thank You

Maria has informed us of the total amount collected through the **Big Sleep Out in aid of Homeless Connection** is as follows:
The Website **£1,020.00**
Collection from the three churches **£1,450.33**
Overall Total **£2,470.33**

A special thank you all those who contributed to the Easter Vigil collection at St Wulstan's which raised £215.50

Apologies for the error in last week's newsletter which read Pilgrims Cross Walk instead of the Big Sleep Out.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 8th June 2024

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of our churches for those who would like to attend. If there are enough people interested, we will arrange for a coach from our parish. The format of the day follows:



12 mid-day Mass celebrated by Bishop David 3.00pm Process from the Chapel of Reconciliation along the Pilgrim's Route to the Priory Grounds. There will be a short service at the site of the original Holy House.

CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT DEMENTIA?

Maybe how to cope as a carer or with a family member with the disease? How to take a positive approach? There will be an informal talk which will give you really useful information on dementia and its impacts. Also, ideas of activities and stimulation to help the person with dementia. The talk is open to everyone. Carers, family members and those experiencing early stages of dementia. It will be held at **St Joseph's in Chalfont St Peter (SL9 8RY) on Wednesday 1 May.** You can choose between 2 sessions either **2pm in the afternoon or 7:30pm in the evening.** The talk will be given by **Sally Blackden** who has over 20 years of experience in this field.