/ + 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: £1,312.72

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

Bruno Selden, Christopher Brooks, Mikolaj Romaniak, Patrick Alec Whyte, Frank Marks, Nora Mary Putman, John (Jack) McNamara.

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, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions, transport included. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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.

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

Love Wycombe 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimages

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



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



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

St Wulstan's, Hollis Road, High Wycombe, HP137UN Opening hours: TUES, THURS and FRI 10am-3pm Parish email: parish.stjhn@northamptondiocese.org Parish Website: www.stjhnparish.org Parish Secretary: Mrs Ann Masat Priests' Telephone: 01494 523969 Parish Priest: Rev. Jonathan Hill email: frjonathan.hill@northamptondiocese.org Assistant Priest: Rev Alessandro Renò email: fralessandro.reno@northamptondiocese.org Deacon: Rev. Mr Paul Priestley - 07591 462894 deaconpaul.priestley@northamptondiocese.org Safeguarding Rep: Judith Forster email: safeguarding.stjhn@northamptondiocese.org

5th May 2024 - Year B **Sixth Sunday of Easter** (Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians)

Sat 4 ^t	May	(OLG)	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 5 th	May	(SW)	9.00am	Holy Mass
Sun 5 th	May	(OLG)	11.00am	Holy Mass

DURING THE WEEK

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Mon 6 th	May	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass		
(Private Intention)						
Tues 7 th	May	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass		
(Private Intention – Hanbury)						
Wed 8 th	' May	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass		
(Julia Gutteridge & Justin Thompson)						
Thurs 9 th	May	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass		
(Victoria Ilofuan – Intention)						
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD						
Thurs 9 th	May	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass		
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD						
Thurs 9 th	May	(OLG)	7.00pm	Holy Mass		
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD						
Fri 10 th	May	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass		
Sat 11 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

5th May 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

Psalm Response:

The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation:

Jesus said: If anyone loves Me he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and we shall come to Him.

Eucharistic Acclamation (Mystery of Faith)

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

Next Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter

PARISH

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS Second Collection this week

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

PENTECOST

The Easter season will soon end with the Feast of Pentecost. After the Easter Vigil, the Pentecost Vigil is one of the great occasions of the Church's year – especially since it has been restored in the present Missal. We would encourage all to come to this 5.00pm Mass at OLG on 18 May, whatever Mass you usually go to. We would especially encourage our young people, particularly those preparing for Confirmation, as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit among us.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A GENTLE REMINDER THAT THIS IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION. MASS TIMES ARE: 9.30AM ST AUGUSTINE'S, 10.00AM ST WULSTAN'S & 7.00PM OUR LADY OF GRACE.

JULIAN GROUP

Our newly-formed Julian Group will meet on Sunday at St Augustine's for a time of contemplative prayer. All welcome, especially if you wish to explore this way of praying – without any commitment!

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 <u>c.plummer@ntlworld.com</u> for more details and the Zoom link

Children's Liturgy (SW) 9.00am Sunday

Please note: There will be no children's Liturgy on the 19th May as we have First Holy Communion Mass.

Children's Liturgy (OLG) 11:00am Sunday

There will be a children's liturgy session every Sunday in May. More volunteers would still be very welcome to join our small team either to help or lead. 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.

First Holy Communion Candidates

Please pray for our First Holy Communion Candidates who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at both our churches on the 19th and 26th May. They include:

Our Lady of Grace: *Matilda B, Izabele M & Jake S.* St Wulstan's: *Adele O, Jaydah T, Jaydyl T, Kayla B, Perry G and Ryan A.*

First Holy Communion Flowers (OLG)

A basket will be available at Our Lady of Grace after Mass if anyone would like to make a small contribution towards the cost of flowers for the First Holy Communion Mass. Hopefully we can make the church look extra special for the children on their important day! Thank you.

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.



"TAIZÈ PENTECOST VIGIL MASS

on 18 May at 5pm at Our Lady of Grace We are waiting for young people, young adults, and candidates for Confirmation,

to celebrate a Vigil Pentecost Mass to invoke the Holy Spirit together with all parishioners, singing, lighting candles and praying for peace in the world and in our hearts

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) <u>Diocesan Day for Catechists & Youth Ministers</u> 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: <u>https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/diocesanday-for-catechists-youth-ministers-29th-june-2024/</u>

(2) <u>175th Anniversary of the Diocese – 29th September 2024</u>

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.

(3) Diocesan Music Day

Our diocesan liturgy commission music section will host a day for singers, choirs and instrumentalists on **Saturday 11th May 11.00am – 3.30pm** at Thomas Becket Catholic School in Northampton. The cost is £10 for adults and free for those under 18's Bookings and more information here https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/diocesan-music-day/

(4) International Mass, Aylesbury

The Pastoral Area of St John Fisher will host an International Mass to celebrate cultural diversity across Aylesbury. Parishioners of all backgrounds are invited to join Bishop David at **St Michael's Catholic School on Monday 13th May at 7 pm.**

(5) Mass for Those With Additional Needs

The next Mass will be on May 13th at 3.00pm at the Sacred Heart Church, Stopsley, Luton LU2 9AY. All are welcome.

(6) 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/ made a 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!

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

The Diocese is currently recruiting for a **Financial Accountant** and an **Accounts Assistant** to join their central team based in Northampton. Full information for both positions, including how to apply, can be found by visiting

https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/

The closing date for applications is Friday 17th May 2024,



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 **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.



Emmaus Talks

Our next talk takes place on Wednesday 5th June @ 7.30 pm – 9.00pm at St Aidan's Church in Little Chalfont (HP7 9NE) The topic is 'Laws of Purification: Should They Still Apply Today?" The speaker is Fleur Dorrell. We hope you can join us. Please take home a leaflet with you.

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 / marian_dunsire@outlook.com

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 learn more about your

faith? Consider joining online to follow the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies or Diocesan Certificate in Religious Studies? Both courses offer the same eight modules in Scripture and Catholic Theology with the CCRS leading to a nationally recognised qualification. Those who follow the CCRS/DCRS say they gain a great deal from the course, deepening their knowledge and understanding of their faith. To find out more about the course, contact Ann Collon E-mail: educationserviceadmin@northamptondiocese.org or visit our website: www.northamptondioceseschools.org