

+ 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: £1,169.20

2nd Collection: £ 331.54 (Sick & Retired Priests)

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

Martin Corderoy, Anne Faraday, Trudy Boyle, Nancy Graham, Thomas Cassidy, Margaret Bowden, Margaret Isabel Doyle, Richard Johnson, Tracy Ann Lee, Maurice Townsend, Martha Keegan, Margaret Ann Shepherd.

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.



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



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

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



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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12th May 2024 - Year B

Seventh Sunday of Easter

(Day of Prayer for the right use of the Media)

Sat 11 th May	(OLG)	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 12 th May	(SW)	9.00am	Holy Mass
(Francisca Zindonda R.I.P. & deceased family members)			
Sun 12 th May	(OLG)	11.00am	Holy Mass

DURING THE WEEK

Mon 13 th May	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Joseph Breen R.I.P.)			
Tues 14 th May	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
Wed 15 th May	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Foundation Mass – Rutledge)			
Thurs 16 th May	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
Thurs 16 th May	(OLG)	7.00pm	Holy Mass
Fri 17 th May	(SW)	10.00am	Holy Mass
Sat 18 th May	(St Aug)	9.30am	Holy Mass
(Faith Ycay Eugenio)			
Sat 18 th May	(OLG)	5.00pm	Holy Mass
PENTECOST VIGIL - Thanksgiving			

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

12th May 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face; hide not Your face from me, alleluia.

Psalm Response:

The Lord has set His sway in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Eucharistic Acclamation (Mystery of Faith)

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

Communion Antiphon

Father, I pray that they may be one as We also are One., alleluia.

Next Sunday:
PENTECOST

PARISH

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

(Media) Second Collection this week

The retiring collection this week will be for World Communications Sunday

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.

JULIAN GROUP

Our newly-formed Julian Group will meet on **Sunday 2nd June 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** c.plummer@ntlworld.com 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 **apart from the 19th** which is the First Holy Communion Sunday. 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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE – August 2024

We are glad to invite all young people and young adults to spend a week in Taize (France) from **18 to 24 of August 2024**, to pray, meet with other youth from different countries worldwide reflecting on the bible and helping the monks in small works. **Registrations until June 23rd 2024**. For info and subscription please visit the link: [Taizé 2024 – 17th August – 26th August 2024 – St Augustine's Catholic Church \(st-augustines-church.org.uk\)](http://Taizé 2024 – 17th August – 26th August 2024 – St Augustine's Catholic Church (st-augustines-church.org.uk)) or ask Fr Alessandro and Deacon Brin for more details.

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DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(1) World Communications Day

Takes place on Sunday 12 May. The theme for World Communications Day 2024 is 'Artificial Intelligence and Wisdom of the Heart'. Read Pope Francis' message here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message>

(2) 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/>

(3) 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/> 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!

(4) Called and Equipped

What is God calling you to do next? Our year-long formation course isn't for everyone but covering the foundations of Catholic teaching alongside developing a personal spirituality, it might just be for you. Find out more here <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> and at our introductory webinar on **23rd May, 7.30pm**.

(5) CARJ

The Catholic Association For Racial Justice turns 40 this year. To mark this important milestone, CARJ is holding 2 National events on **Sat 25th May and Sat 21st September**. Visit <https://www.carj.org.uk> for more information

(6) Northampton Chamber Choir

Northampton Cathedral is hosting the Northampton Chamber choir at **7.30pm on Friday 17 May. £15 Tickets, U19s free** available here: See also the poster in the narthex. , <https://www.northamptonchamberchoir.org.uk/concerts.html>

OTHER

RIGHT TO LIFE

ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT THE ABORTION TIME LIMIT REDUCTION AMENDMENT from 24 to 22 weeks

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks **Take action**: Collect a postcard (**Featuring twins Harry & Harley**) today from the narthex and post it to your MP **urgently** in support of this amendment!

ASK YOUR MP TO STOP ABORTION UP TO BIRTH BEING INTRODUCED. Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. **Take action**: To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth The Report Stage of the Criminal Justice Bill is going to be on **Wednesday 15 May – TIME IS SHORT!**



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.

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. To find out more about the course, **contact Ann Collon E-mail:** educationserviceadmin@northamptondiocese.org or visit our website: www.northamptondioceseschools.org

Lighthouse Christian Holiday Club

Lighthouse Christian Holiday Club for primary school-aged children needs help for this summer. Please volunteer if you can (eg. Lamplighters helping with children, prayer team, helpers' refreshments, craft team, site team, sports team, drama team). The more helpers we get, the more children we can take for this fun-filled week getting to know Jesus better. Please follow the links to register at a Lighthouse near you: **Cressex School: Mon 29th Jul - Fri 2nd Aug, 2024** <https://signmeup.org.uk/lighthouse-cressex/5> **High Crest Academy: Mon 5th Aug - Fri 9th Aug, 2024** <https://signmeup.org.uk/login> Also in Marlow, Hazlemere, Princes Risborough and other sites. Please see <https://lighthousecentral.org/get-involved> for more details.