



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

The Baptism of the Lord [C]

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Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

Saturday 11 Jan. –
9.30am (StAug) –
5.00pm (OLG) - Vigil Mass

Sunday 12 Jan.- THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)
9am (StAug) – Myrna & Bruce Kelly RIP
9am (SW) –
11am (StAug) –
11am (OLG) –
6pm (St Aug) – Paul & Peter Beeston RIP

Monday 13 Jan. – *St Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop*
9.30am (StAug) –

Tuesday 14 Jan. –
10.00am (SW) –

Wednesday 15 Jan. –
9.30am (StAug) –

Thursday 16 Jan. –
7.00pm (OLG)

Friday 17 Jan. – *St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot*
10am (SW) –

Saturday 18Jan. –
9.30am (StAug) – Fr Alessandro – Ordination Anniv.
5pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass:

Sunday 19 Jan. – 2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)
SW – Solemnity of St Wulstan

9am (StAug) –
9am (SW) –
11am (StAug) –
11am (OLG) –
6pm (StAug) –

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.
Psalm: 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30.
2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7-7.
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

Psalm response

Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great You are!

Gospel Acclamation:

He Who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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

CONFESSIONS:

St Augustine's Sat.10.15-11am
St Wulstan's Sat 11.30-12.00am
Our Lady of Grace Thurs 6.30-7pm
Or ring to make an appointment

PARISH & PASTORAL AREA

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: at 11am Mass (St Aug) and Sunday morning Masses (StJHN).

TEA AND COFFEE after the 11.00 Mass at St Augustine's in the U/R Please do not block anyone in, in the Car Park. All proceeds go to the SVP.



ALSO, after the Sunday morning Masses in our other churches. Please do come along at least occasionally as this is a great way to get to know other Parishioners.

ALSO: After Mass at **St Wulstan's on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. All proceeds to the S.V.P.**

ALSO: After Thursday morning Mass.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION:

St Augustine's: Saturday after Mass until 11am.

St Wulstan's: First Tuesday of the month after Mass until 11am

ROSARY ON MONDAYS & FRIDAYS:

After 9.30 Mass at St Augustine's.

ONLINE ROSARY

All welcome. Thursday evenings 7.45 - 9pm via Zoom. For joining details, contact Deacon Brin on 07931 607249



LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

St Augustine: £777.84

+Standing Orders of £696.00

St John Henry Newman: £1027.20

TODAY We have our annual White Flower Day, raising funds for SPUC

PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

13th January – Upper Room 7.30pm

20th January – Zoom 8pm

27th January – Zoom 8pm

For Zoom details please contact Deacon Brin.



LECTIO DIVINA Thursdays at 11.00am

Sessions are over Zoom (joining from 10.45 to start at 11) and will last up to 90 minutes. For details of how to join, please contact **Anne**

Freier freier1961@gmail.com or Kathy Russell karussell143@aol.com

THE SVP (SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL) WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP.



after 9.30am Mass. In the Upper Room. Back now, after the break for Christmas and New Year.

SICK & HOME VISITS: If you know of anyone who is ill or housebound please get them to call Fr Jonathan, so we can arrange for a visit and to receive Holy Communion if they wish.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (St Augustine's)

Jan.15 Winston & Prem

Jan.25 Valentina & Kennedy

Jan.29 Liz & Maria

OUR LADY OF GRACE - GAMES DAY

Do come along on the **1st Wednesday** of the month whatever your age (18-80+!) for a time of chat, games and refreshment from **1.00pm** onwards. A contribution of £2 is requested to cover the cost of refreshments. Come and join in this successful and enjoyable event.

YOUTH CLUB at St. Wulstan's on Saturday afternoons from 4pm. If interested in either joining or volunteering contact **Leticia** 07506 421908 or ltcadenuga@yahoo.co.uk

YOUNG ADULT FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

Invites new members. For more information contact Peter Donnelly at: lifetothefullyouth@gmail.com Meeting after Sunday 6pm Mass followed by informal social after (around 7.45pm) Refreshments, Praise, Prayer, Sharing, Friendship. Contact for more information or to be added to **WhatsApp group** or telephone 07716686383.

JULIAN MEETINGS Our next meeting will be on 26 January at 4pm

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION

The WHC Night Shelter will open in January. Please visit www.wyhoc.org.uk/night-shelter either to donate, to discover more or to express an interest in volunteering. www.wyhoc.org.uk/vacancies Find out more on their website or call 01494 447699.

BIG SLEEP-OUT Once again Maria Schafer will be taking part in the Big Sleep-Out on the night of Saturday 15th February to raise money

for the homeless. Sponsor forms are on the tables, or visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/maria-schafer-2025>

FIRE MARSHALS We are now looking for people at each Sunday Mass to act as Marshals in the event of an evacuation of the building. Ideally there would be two or three people at each Mass who would undertake to help guide people out of the Church. Two or three because obviously people do sometimes go on holiday! Please talk to Fr Jonathan to find out more.

PARISH ICON TOUR Following the success of the Lent & Easter 'Icon Tour' the icon of Our Lady will be travelling again during Advent and Christmastide. Those who have signed up at St Augustine's for a week in which to give Our Lady a home. The icon should be collected on Sundays and returned to the Presbytery on Saturdays.

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN DIRECTORY
The who's who and who's where of our Diocese. Copies available at £3.50

PRIESTS' CALENDAR 2025 Well, actually it also includes Seminarians but the 2025 calendar is now available from the Repository at £3.50.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS Those copies of the Missal that have not been collected by those who ordered them are now available for anyone who wishes to buy one, at a cost of £13 each.

HOLY YEAR OF 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Holy Year, or year of Jubilee, has been inaugurated in Rome by Pope Francis, and no doubt many will visit Rome during this year. The Jubilee, however, is something that the whole Church can and should participate in. To help us in this we have booklets available with explanations, hymns and prayers for the Jubilee. Also in the book are highlighted six specific areas for us to ponder and pray about. 1] Care for Creation; 2] Food Poverty; 3] Modern Slavery; 4] Managing Debt; 5] Forgiveness; 6] Rest and Worship. We hope to arrange meetings in our Parishes to focus on these issues and what should be a Christian response to them. The booklets are £1.50 each.

EMMAUS: Opening the Scriptures This very popular series of talks continues at St Teresa's, Beaconsfield on 5th February at the usual time of 7.30-9.00 in the evening. Bishop David will be speaking on 'Jubilee ["To proclaim the Year of the Lord's favour."]' To register contact www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus You can also watch online at [you tube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks](https://www.youtube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks) For other talks in the series, please see the posters/flyers.

DIOCESE

See the latest information from NYMO about upcoming events for teens, young adults and those working with young people in our diocese. If you would like to sign up to NYMO's newsletter receive emails about these and future events, please see their webpage: News – NYMO (<https://nymo.org/news-2/>)

BLAZE 2025 The Blaze event for those who will be preparing for Confirmation next year will take place on Saturday 16 May 2025 at St Joseph's High School in Slough from 11am-4pm. The day will be an opportunity for candidates and catechists to meet with the Bishop and others from across the Diocese preparing for the same sacrament. Confession will also be available. Those attending should bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available. The cost is £13 per person and Booking will be available from December.

Visit <https://nymo.org/events/blaze-2025/#1728645666689-d827419f-46ea>

TRAIN-to-TEACH Are you interested in training to become a teacher? Would you like to find out more about what is involved and how you can apply? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are hosting a series of open mornings in December and January where you can find out all about our Train-to-Teach programme starting in September 2025. To find out more and to book a place visit <https://www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/>

PILGRIMAGES 2025

ROME & ASSISI 27 March-3 April 2025 A Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year, with 5 nights in Rome and 2 in Assisi. Details from www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage

UGANDA 31 May-5 June Visit the sites associated with the Ugandan Martyrs at a cost of £1700. For more information see noticeboard.

ITALY 27-31 March 2025 to sites associated with St Scholastica, St Benedict, St Pio of Pietrelcina and St Michael. All for £890. For more information see noticeboard or call Clare at Gold Star Pilgrimages 07980 481845.

TURKEY 23-29 April 2025 For £980 this pilgrimage takes you to Ephesus, Laodicea and Philadelphia among other ancient Christian sites. For more information, see noticeboard, or call Clare at Gold Star Pilgrimages on 07980 481845.

OTHER

RETROUVAILLE: A programme of hope helping couples to heal and/or renew their marriages. Find out more at www.retrouvaille.org.uk

DIARY OF EVENTS

12 January – The Baptism of the Lord ends Christmastide
19 January -- Solemnity of St Wulstan
2 February – Candlemas
5 March – Ash Wednesday

+Useful Websites:

<https://northamptondiocese.org>
<http://www.catholicreadings.org>
<http://www.heavensroadfm.com>
<http://www.walsingham.org.uk>
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>
<https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/>
<http://cafod.org.uk>

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. Amen.



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION to be used especially by those not receiving the Eucharist.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER should be sent to Fr Jonathan or to the Parish Office at St Augustine's since at present the Parish Office at St Wulstan's is not staffed.

TELEPHONE: At present all telephone calls should be made to St Augustine's, for the same reason as the above notice.