



# High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent [A]

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[www.stjhnparish.org](http://www.stjhnparish.org)

🌐 [www.facebook.com/StAugustinesHW](https://www.facebook.com/StAugustinesHW)

Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

### MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

**Saturday 29 November –**

9.30am (StAug) –

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass –

**Sunday 30 November – 1<sup>st</sup> of Advent [A]**

9am (StAug)– Peter Kennedy RIP

9am (SW) – Peggy Priestley RIP – Anniv.

11am (StAug) – Michele, Ferdinandina & Domenico Picciano & Concetta Cristinziano RIP

11am (OLG) – Clifford Bunting RIP

6.00pm (StAug) – People of the Parish

**Monday 1 December – St. Edmund Campion**

9.30am (StAug) – Thanksgiving

**Tuesday 2 December –**

9.30am (StAug) –

10.00am (SW) – Rosemary Hill RIP & Martin Hill

**Wednesday 3 December - St Francis Xavier, Priest**

9.30am (St Aug) – Clive Grimshaw & Paddy McDonagh

**Thursday 4 December – St John Damascene**

9.30am (StAug) – Foundation Mass - Rutledge

7.00pm (OLG) – Fr Alessandro (Int)

**Friday 5 December – St Birinus, Bishop**

9.30am (StAug) – John Eaves RIP

10.00am (SW) – Win Matthews RIP

**Saturday 6 December – St Nicholas, Bishop**

9.30am (StAug) – Phil & Geoff Nash RIP

5.00pm (OLG) - Vigil Mass – Kathryn Smieszek (Int)

**Sunday 7 December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent [A]**

9am (StAug) –

9am (SW) – Leticia John & Family (Int)

11am (StAug) –

11am (OLG) –

6.00pm (StAug) – Tony Braganza RIP

### Mass Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2,4-9; Romans 13:11-14a;

Matthew 24:37-44

### **Psalm response:**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Show us, O LORD, Your mercy, and grant us Your salvation.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION**

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

### **Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord will bestow His bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

## CONFESSIONS:

**St Augustine's**      **Saturday 10.15-11.00am**  
**St Wulstan's**      **Saturday 11.30-12.00am**  
**Our Lady of Grace**      **Thursday 6.30-7.00pm**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** The Children's Liturgy for those children who have not yet made their First Communion at the 11.00 Mass at St Augustine's and the Sunday morning Masses at the other churches.

## TEA AND COFFEE after the 11.00

**Mass at St Augustine's in the UPPER ROOM**

**ALSO** after Sunday morning Mass at St Wulstan's and Our Lady's.

**ALSO** after Thursday Mass at St Augustine's and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at St Wulstan's.



## EXPOSITION & ADORATION:

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

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

**Our Lady of Grace: 6.30-7.00pm Thursdays**

## ROSARY ON MONDAYS & FRIDAYS:

After 9.30 Mass at St Augustine's.

## ONLINE ROSARY

All welcome. Thursday evenings 8 – 8.30pm via Zoom. For joining details, contact Deacon Brin on 07931 607249



## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**St Augustine: £977.82**

**+Standing Orders of £696**

**St John Henry Newman: £1246.60**

## PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

1<sup>st</sup> December – Zoom 8pm

8<sup>th</sup> December – Zoom 8pm

15<sup>th</sup> December – Zoom 8pm

Then no meeting until:

12<sup>th</sup> January – Upper Room 7.30pm

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](mailto:freier1961@gmail.com) or **Kathy Russell** [karussell143@aol.com](mailto:karussell143@aol.com)

**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.

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



**Wednesday mornings, after Mass, in the Upper Room.**

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (St Augustine's)

Nov. 26      Liz & Maria

Dec.3      Pauline & Tony

Dec.10      Winston & Prem

Dec. 20      Valentina & Kennedy

## 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.

**JULIAN MEETINGS** There will be no meeting in December

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** now available at St Wulstan's in the narthex.

**EMMAUS: Opening the Scriptures** This very popular series of talks on a wide range of subjects continues in the Autumn, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, when Dr Levi Maria Fernandez will speak on Creation and Evolution and whether these ideas are in conflict, looking at the first 2 chapters of Genesis. To register contact

[www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus)

You can also watch online at [you.tube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks](http://you.tube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks)

**CONFIRMATION 2026** Application forms for those who are around the age of 14 are available in the porch/narthex and should be returned by 14<sup>th</sup> December. The date for the Confirmation Mass is 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA (KSC)** Members are local men supporting the Catholic Church by working for the spiritual and material wellbeing of all, following Christ's example.

If you would like to know more contact Paul Hogwood on 07740 812414 or at [pjhogwood@btinternet.com](mailto:pjhogwood@btinternet.com)

**YOUTH CLUB** meeting at St Wulstan's on Saturday afternoons.. If interested in either joining or volunteering contact **Leticia** 07506 421908 or [ltcadenuga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ltcadenuga@yahoo.co.uk) It should be emphasised that the youth group is not only for St Wulstan's but for all three churches.

**MORNING PRAYER** For any who wish to participate in the Morning Prayer of the Church, offered at St Augustine's most mornings Monday to Friday, we use the 'Universalis' app which you can put on your smartphones on the settings for Northampton Diocese.

**NIGHT SHELTER** The Upper Room will be used as a WHC Night Shelter venue on Wednesday nights from January to March. We need volunteers from our parishes to help with the various tasks that go with this, basically cooking and serving an evening meal for clients, overnight supervision (10pm-7am) and breakfast and clear-up (7-8.30am) You can volunteer weekly, monthly or just as a one-off. Wycombe Homeless Connection need all volunteers to attend training sessions and there is a range of times and dates for these in October.

**BEGA KWA BEGA AGM Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 8.00pm on Zoom** The charity will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Zoom. If you would like to attend to hear the latest news and meet the committee, please contact Dave Russell on 07951 570351 or at [daverussell43@aol.com](mailto:daverussell43@aol.com) for zoom details and documents.

BkB also thank all those who took part in this month's quiz and who made donations. The total raised came to £1605.68.

**ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS** To help us make a good advent we have the 'Walk With Me' booklets available giving us a brief time of prayer and reflection each day in this season. The booklets are sold at £1 each.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING** Envelopes are available for those who wish to use them for your Christmas Offering. This collection is one that is divided between the priests of our Parishes.

## **DECEMBER EVENTS**

**13<sup>th</sup> December** In the afternoon from 2.00pm help would be welcomed in setting up and decorating the Christmas Tree at St Augustine's. The tree is due to arrive on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**14<sup>th</sup> December 3pm St Wulstan's** Carol Service

**14<sup>th</sup> December 3pm St Augustine's** Our Carol Service this year promises to be something truly special – filled with joy, surprises, and the voices and talents of our own community.

**15<sup>th</sup> December** There will be a Mass at 6.30 on this Monday evening at St Augustine's to celebrate Fr Jonathan's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. The Mass will be followed by a little do in the Upper Room, to which anyone is invited to bring some 'finger-food'. **Please, no gifts or presents on this occasion.** It is simply a time to celebrate together.

**20<sup>th</sup> December** Carol singing in Town Centre – details to follow.

**JUBILEE OF PRISONERS Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10-2.30** at the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Great Missenden. Hosted by the SVP there will be presentations by Prison Advice and Care Trust, SVP members and a Prison Chaplain. Also testimonies from Prisoners and their families. Refreshments will be provided, but do bring a packed lunch.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE:**

**VIGIL MASS 6.30pm (OLG)**

**VIGIL MASS 7.30pm (SW)**

**MIDNIGHT MASS**

with Carols from 11.30pm (**StAug**)

### **CHRISTMAS MORNING:**

**9.00am (StAug & SW)**

**11.00am (StAug & OLG)**

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS:**

**11.00pm (StAug)** followed by a reception in the Upper Room to 'see in' the New Year.

For other Masses over the Christmas period please watch the weekly Newsletter.

## **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/>)

**FR ALESSANDRO** Fr. Alessandro will be formally inducted as Parish Priest of Towcester on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Any parishioners who would like to attend this Mass please email Fr Alessandro to help him know what numbers to expect – [fralessandro.reno@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:fralessandro.reno@northamptondiocese.org)

## **OTHER**

**CAFOD** – Catalogues of Advent Calendars and Christmas Gifts now available on the tables.

**FIRST FRUITS gardening project** on 5 allotments. Volunteers wanted to help between 10.30am and 3.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. Lunch provided. Info. from Dominic on 07754 051840.

**WEST WYCOMBE CHAMBER CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** at St Lawrence Church on the hill, West Wycombe on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm Tickets \$12, Concessions £10 on the door or call Michele on 07795 680253.

**PRO-LIFE NEWS** Recently the Assembly of the Principality of Monaco voted to pass a bill liberalising the abortion laws in Monaco. Among the proposals was that parental consent was not needed in the case of 15 year olds. Although the bill passed the Assembly Prince Albert refused to sign it, thus it can not become law. His refusal was partly based on the argument that such a law would go against the Catholic foundation and tradition of the Principality. Do thank God for Prince Albert of Monaco's firm stance and pray that he may continue to hold firm.

## **+Useful Websites:**

<https://northamptondiocese.org>  
<http://www.catholicreadings.org>  
<http://www.heavenroadfm.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.