



# High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent [A]

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Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

### MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

**Saturday 6 December –**

9.30am (StAug) – Phil & Jeff Nash RIP

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

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

9am (StAug)-

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

11am (StAug) –

11am (OLG) –

6.00pm (StAug) – Tony Braganza RIP

**Monday 8 December – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

9.30am (StAug) –

**Tuesday 9 December – St Juan-Diego**

9.30am (StAug) –

10.00am (SW) –

**Wednesday 10 December – Our Lady of Loreto**

10.00am (SW) –

**Thursday 11 December – St Damasus I, Pope**

9.30am (StAug) –

7.00pm (OLG) –

**Friday 12 December – Our Lady of Guadeloupe**

9.30am (StAug) –

10.00am (SW) –

**Saturday 13 December – St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

9.30am (StAug) –

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass –

**Sunday 14 December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent [A]**

9am (StAug) –

9am (SW) –

11am (StAug) –

11am (OLG) –

6.00pm (StAug) –

## Psalm response:

In His days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

## Gospel Acclamation

Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION:

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

## Communion Antiphon:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

## 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. St Augustine's Children's Liturgy will not be on on December 28<sup>th</sup> or January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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**

**R.I.P.** Please for the repose of the soul of Jill Palin, who died this week past. Pray also for Peter and all family and friends, that God may bring them His comfort and consolation.

**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: £1086.48**

**+Standing Orders of £696**

**St John Henry Newman: £1153.13**

**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.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING** Over the next two weeks, do bring any items you are able to for the SVP Christmas Giving. Please leave them in the porch where they will be collected.

We are looking in Week 1 for soups, canned meat/fish/stews etc. and in Week 2 for Biscuits, chocolates, puddings, pies, custard etc.

Any surplus will be donated to the London Runs organised in Marlow & Slough.

**EMMAUS: Opening the Scriptures** This very popular series of talks on a wide range of subjects continues on 7<sup>th</sup> January, when Deacon Brin will speak on the One New Man and the Second Coming (Ephesians 2:13-16 & Romans 11:1,15). 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 [lucadenuga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lucadenuga@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.

**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**

**10<sup>th</sup> December Our Lady of Grace** Source Community Advent Worship 7.30-9pm with carols, Christmas Readings, Poems & Adoration, followed by hot mince pies, mulled wine and non-alcoholic punch. All welcome. For info. and lifts call Dominic 07754 051840.

**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. For the Nativity Service children are invited to come along dressed as Shepherds, Kings or Angels etc. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Parish Room.

**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.

**24<sup>th</sup> December St Augustine's.** The Children's Liturgy Nativity Service will be held on Christmas Eve at 10.30am. As usual the children are invited to come dressed in Nativity costumes.

**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.

**MASS TEXTS** At St Augustine's we have purchased yet another set of cards with the text of the Mass that may be helpful to many parishioners – especially those whose first language may not be English. Please use them, but also LOOK AFTER THEM. Return them after Mass to where you picked them up. Over the last few years we have bought several sets of these cards, but cannot really justify the continued expense if people just keep on taking them away.

### **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.

Booklets are available giving all times of services across the Pastoral Area.

### **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/>)

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORY** for 2026 now available at £3 a copy.

### **OTHER**

**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.

#### **+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.