



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

3rd Sunday of Advent [A]

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www.stjhnparish.org

🌐 www.facebook.com/StAugustinesHW

Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

Saturday 13 December – St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

9.30am (StAug) –

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass – Jill Palin RIP

Sunday 14 December – 3rd of Advent [A]

9am (StAug) – People of Moscow

9am (SW) – People of the Parish

11am (StAug) –

11am (OLG) –

6.00pm (StAug) –

Monday 15 December –

6.30pm (StAug) – Fr Jonathan (Int)

Tuesday 16 December –

9.30am (StAug) – Anne King RIP

10.00am (SW) –

Wednesday 17 December – O Wisdom

9.30am (SW) – Holy Souls

Thursday 18 December – O Adonai

9.30am (StAug) – Martin, Kathleen & Family (Int)

7.00pm (OLG) –

Friday 19 December – O Root of Jesse

9.30am (StAug) – Thanksgiving (Ilofuan)

10.00am (SW) –

Saturday 20 December – O Key of David

9.30am (StAug) –

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass –

Sunday 21 December – 4th Advent [A] O Rising Sun

9am (StAug) – People of the Parish

9am (SW) –

11am (StAug) –

11am (OLG) –

6.00pm (StAug) – Josephine O'Regan RIP – Anniv.

Sunday Mass Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6,10; Psalm 146:6-10, R/.cf. Isaiah 35:4; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.

Psalm response:

Come, Lord, and save us.

Gospel Acclamation

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me; He has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION:

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

Communion Antiphon:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and He will save us.

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**

PENANCE SERVICE FOR ADVENT Our Penance Service will be at St Augustine's on Wednesday evening, 17th December, beginning at 7.30.

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 held on December 28th or January 4th.

TEA AND COFFEE after the 11.00 Mass at St Augustine's in the UPPER ROOM now on Christmas break and back on 4th January.



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

ALSO after Thursday Mass at St Augustine's and the 2nd 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: £918.74

+Standing Orders of £696

St John Henry Newman: £

PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

1st December – Zoom 8pm

8th December – Zoom 8pm

15th December – Zoom 8pm

Then no meeting until:

12th 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 or **Kathy Russell** 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.



At St Augustine's Wednesday mornings, after Mass, in the Upper Room. The group is now going for a Christmas break and will be back on 7th January.

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 No meeting this month.

CHRISTMAS GIVING Over these 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 this week for soups, canned meat/fish/stews etc. and next week 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 7th 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

You can also watch online at 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 TODAY. The date for the Confirmation Mass is 6th June 2026. Those signed up will be notified of the programme details by email.

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 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.

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. At St Wulstan's there are also envelopes which you may use if you wish to Gift Aid these offerings. These envelopes should only be used if you are Gift Aiding.

DECEMBER EVENTS

14th 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.

14th 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.

15th December There will be a Mass at 6.30 on this Monday evening at St Augustine's to celebrate Fr Jonathan's 30th 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.

20th December Carol singing in Town Centre gathering outside the Falcon in the High Street between 10am and 2pm.

24th 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.

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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S LIFT is now in service again after the recent difficulties.

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 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Lunch provided. Info. from Dominic on 07754 051840.

RETRouvaille The Retrouvaille organisation exists to support marriages, and can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next programme begins on 12th February 2026. Visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk for information.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL at All Saints in High Wycombe town centre from 18th-23rd December. Pop in to see the trees representing the different churches and vote for which one you think is the best – especially if it's the one for our church!

+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.