



# High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

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

4<sup>th</sup> January 2026



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🌐 [www.st-augustines-church.org.uk](http://www.st-augustines-church.org.uk)  
[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 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Most Holy Name of Jesus**

9.30am (StAug) –

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass –

**Sunday 4 January – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Christmas [A]**

9am (StAug)– People of the Parish

9am (SW) – Marci Pereira RIP

11am (StAug) – Anne Dudley (Int)

11am (OLG) – Jason Mollring RIP

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

**Monday 5 January –**

9.30am (StAug) – Tadeusz Opiola RIP

**Tuesday 6 January – EPIPHANY**

9.30am (StAug) – Clinton & Trisha Varghese (Int)

10.00am (SW) –

6.00pm (StAug) – People of the Parish

7.00pm (OLG) –

**Wednesday 7 January – St Raymond of Penyafort**

9.30am (StAug) – Thanksgiving - Cherian

**Thursday 8 January –**

9.30am (StAug) –

7.00pm (OLG) –

**Friday 9 January –**

9.30am (StAug) – John Eaves RIP

10.00am (SW) – Molly Venes RIP

**Saturday 10 January**

9.30am (StAug) – Foundation - Flynn

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass –

**Sunday 11 January – BAPTISM OF THE LORD [A]**

9am (StAug) – Clifford Bunting RIP

9am (SW) – People of the Parish

11am (StAug) –

11am (OLG) – Jasmine Fergusson RIP

6.00pm (StAug) – Joseph & Family (Thanksgiving)

**Sunday Mass Readings:** Sirach 24:1-2,8-12; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 R/John 1:14; Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18; John 1:1-18

## Psalm response:

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory to You, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.  
Glory to You, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION:

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

## Communion Antiphon:

To all who would accept Him, He gave the power to become children of 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**

**MANY THANKS** from Fr James and myself to all of you for all your kind wishes, cards and gifts and for your generous Christmas Offering. May the Lord be with you and bless you all throughout the coming year.

**A very Happy and Blessed New Year to all in our parishes.**

**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 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**

## 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: £720.31**

**+Standing Orders of £696**

**St John Henry Newman: £**

## PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

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.



**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 7<sup>th</sup> January.**

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (St Augustine's)

Jan. 7	Pauline & Tony
Jan.14	Winston & Prem
Jan.24	Valentina & Kennedy
Jan.28	Liz & Maris

## 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** for a time of Spiritual Reading and Prayer, followed by refreshments and chat!. Our January meeting will be on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at the usual time of 4.00pm. All welcome.

**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)

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ken Scott, who died last week, and keep his family in your prayers that they may receive God's comfort at this time.

**BAPTISM** Please pray for Mila Baptista and her family. Mila is to be baptised at St Augustine's this Sunday.

**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.

## **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**

**POPE LEO XIV** has chosen Bishop Richard Moth of Arundel and Brighton to be the next Archbishop of Westminster when Cardinal Nichols retires. Bishop Moth is to be installed as 12<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Westminster on 14 February this year. Please keep him and the retiring Archbishop, in your prayers at this time.

**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.

**RETRouvaille** The Retrouvaille organisation exists to support marriages, and can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next programme begins on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) for information.

**NEURODIVERSITY & FAITH RESEARCH** The Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales, and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you are an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a caregiver for such a person, they would like to hear from you. Your experiences will help them to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to complete a short survey, please visit [www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/)

**CHRISTMAS REFLECTION** Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop Richard Moth have released a statement reflecting on the meaning of the coming of Christ at Christmas. In it, they express their shared concern about societal tensions and divisions within our communities, something that does not 'reflect the spirit or message of Christmas.' You can read the full message at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-affirm-the-true-nature-of-catholic-witness-and-worship-at-christmas/>

**+Useful Websites:**

<https://northamptondiocese.org>

<https://www.catholicreadings.org>

<https://cbcew.org.uk>

<http://www.heavensroadfm.com>

<http://www.walsingham.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.