



# High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent [A]

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026



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Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass  
**MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES**  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March –  
5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass – People of the Parish

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent [A]**  
9am (StAug) - Clinton Varghese (B'day)  
9am (SW) – Rose Alichukwu (Int)  
11am (StAug) – Blessings for Exams  
11am (OLG) – Frances Edwards RIP  
6.00pm (StAug) – Margaret Bartyla RIP

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – St Turibius of Mogrovejo (Bishop)**  
9.30am (StAug) – Protection of the Unborn

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March –**  
9.30am (StAug) – Diogo Ferrinho RIP  
10.00am (SW) –

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – THE ANNUNCIATION**  
9.30am (StAug) – Philip Rake (Int)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March –**  
9.30am (StAug) – Thanksgiving: Christopher Corless  
7.00pm (OLG) – JoMcNamee RIP

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March –**  
9.30am (StAug) – Angelo Picciano RIP – Anniv.  
10.00am (SW) –

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March –**  
9.30am (StAug) – Marian & Tony Ghiaradello (Int)  
5.00pm (OLG) - Vigil Mass –

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – PALM SUNDAY [A]**  
9am (StAug) –  
9am (SW) – Teresa Jones RIP  
11am (StAug) –  
11.15am (OLG) – .Art & Rosena Gibbs RIP  
6.00pm (StAug) – Martha Rebello RIP

**Sunday Mass Readings:** Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

### **Psalm response:**

With the LORD there is mercy, in Him is plentiful redemption.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

I Am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.  
Everyone who believes in Me shall never die.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION:**

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

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Everyone who lives and believes in Me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

### 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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Augustine's Saturday 6.30pm  
St Wulstan's After Friday Mass  
Our Lady of Grace After Thursday Mass

**PALM SUNDAY:** Please note that the morning Mass at Our Lady of Grace will begin at 11.15 next Sunday to allow travelling time between the churches after a longer Mass.

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses on the Sunday.

**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. After Palm Sunday the group at St Augustine's will be taking a break until 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**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.

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### 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: £1062.70

+Standing Orders of £696

St John Henry Newman: £1049.43

### PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Zoom – 8pm

13<sup>th</sup> April – Zoom – 8pm

20<sup>th</sup> April – Upper Room 7.30pm



For Zoom details please contact Deacon. Brin.

**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.

**LECTIODIVINA** Please join us via Zoom for our Thursday morning sessions as we reflect on the Word of God for the forthcoming Sunday. Thursdays at 11.00am-12.30pm latest. You can join the meetings from 10.45. All ages welcome. 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)

**JULIAN MEETINGS** The next meeting for Spiritual Reading, Contemplative prayer and discussion will be at 4pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at St Augustine's. All welcome. If you have not tried this before why not come along and see what it is about.

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (St Augustine's)

March 4 Pauline & Tony

March 11 Winston & Prem

March 21 Valentina & Kennedy

March 25 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.

**EMMAUS: Opening the Scriptures** There will be no April Talk. The series continues on 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield when Mgr Sean Healy will speak on Gratitude & Contentment – the Secret of a Thankful Heart (1Thess.5:16-18)

**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) The youth group is not only for St Wulstan's but for all three churches.

**HOLY EASTER EGGS** – The chocolate egg that shares the Easter story. The eggs are for sale at St Wulstan's £5.50 each.

**CARDS** for Easter available for sale in the narthex at St Wulstan's.

## **VOLUNTEERING**

**SINGERS** Our Churches are looking for more singers to lead the liturgies at all three churches. You don't have to read music or have an audition! Rehearsals are at Our Lady's at 10.30am on a Sunday before Mass at OLG and at St Augustine's on a Thursday evening. You don't have to be a great soloist, just someone who enjoys singing and offering that to the Lord. To know more do speak to any of our organists/choir leaders after Mass on Sunday

**CLEANERS** We are always looking for people to help with the cleaning and maintenance of our Churches. At present we are especially in need of cleaners at St Wulstan's. If you can spare a little time to help in this work that would be a great contribution to the life of the Parish.

**COLLECTION COUNTING** at St Augustine's is normally done on a Monday morning after Mass. If you would be able to help please speak to Fr Jonathan. It would be good to have several teams of people doing the work.

**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.

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

**31 March** : Penance Service (StAug) 7pm

**2 April:** **Maundy Thursday** Masses at 7.30pm at St Augustine's and St Wulstan's. Polish Mass at 7.30 at Our Lady of Grace.

**3 April:** **Good Friday** 10.30am (StAug) Children's Stations of the Cross.

Good Friday 3pm Service at St Augustine's and St Wulstan's. 7.30pm (Polish) at Our Lady of Grace.

**4 April:** Polish Blessing of Easter Food from 8.30-10.30am at Our Lady of Grace. Easter Vigil at 7.30pm (Polish) at Our Lady of Grace and 8pm at St Augustine's and St Wulstan's.

## **COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES DAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

The Pastoral Area Council is organising a Family Day to be held at St Teresa's, Beaconsfield to celebrate the diverse cultures and nationalities that comprise our parishes. If any family or group of friends is willing to provide either some entertainment (music/dancing or similar performance from your culture) 10 minutes max. or a dish of a speciality food for a shared late lunch please speak to Deacon Brin who can pass on suggestions to the organisers.

The day is to run from 10am to 4pm and will include a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving. Also see Poster in the porch.

## **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/>)

**GOD WANTS MEN TO SERVE AS PRIESTS – Could it be you? Discernment Day** on Saturday 28 March.

Any men who are wondering if God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to a 'Come and See' day of prayer, reflection, input on priestly vocation and an open Q&A, offering a relaxed and supportive space to explore God's call and learn more about priestly life. It is open to men who are exploring, questioning or actively discerning a vocation.

To register or for further info. Please contact Fr Pius Amoako either by email to [vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org) or call 01753 523147

**CHRISM MASS** This Mass, where the Holy Oils to be used throughout the year are blessed and consecrated will take place at the Cathedral in Northampton on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, beginning at midday.

## OTHER

**West Wycombe Chamber Choir Easter Concert** is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at St Lawrence Church on the hill in West Wycombe at 7pm. It is an evening of seasonal choral music, and there will be a licensed bar and a Raffle. Tickets are £12 for adults and £10 for under 12s and senior citizens, available from <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-wycombe-chamber-choir> or from Barry & Michele at 11am Mass at Our Lady's or on the door.

## PILGRIMAGES

**PATMOS of St John the Evangelist** Led by Fr Jerome Ituah OCD 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Cost £1595 including flights, ferries and hotels, with breakfast and one other daily meal. See poster in porch for details.

**ASSISI** led by Fr Matt Roche Saunders. Assisi is celebrating a Jubilee Year marking the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the life and death of St Francis. The trip is from 1-6 June 2026 from £1350 per person including return flights from Stanstead, Accommodation, Breakfast and Dinner and services of a local English-speaking guide throughout. Pilgrims will visit the basilicas of St Francis and St Clare, Mount Subiaco and also the tomb of St Carlo Acutis. Full details at [www.jcjournays.com](http://www.jcjournays.com) or call 01886 812862

### **+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.

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, from Whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle, we pray You, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Your Kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.