



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

Advent Sunday (C)

1 December 2024



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Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

Saturday 30 Nov. – *St ANDREW, Apostle*
9.30am (StAug) –
5.00pm (OLG) - Vigil Mass- James O'Regan RIP

Sunday 1 Dec.- 1st Sunday of Advent (C)
9am (StAug) –
9am (SW) – People of the Parish.
11am (StAug) – Thanksgiving
11am (OLG) – Sarah Priestley (B'day)
6pm (St Aug) –

Monday 2 Dec. –
9.30am (StAug) – Rosemary Hill RIP – Anniv & Martin Hill (B'day).

Tuesday 3 Dec. - St Francis Xavier
9.30am (StAug) – Clive Grimshaw RIP
10am (SW) –

Wednesday 4 Dec. – St John Damascene
9.30am (StAug) – James Young RIP

Thursday 5 Dec. – St Birinus, Bishop
9.30am (StAug) – Foundation Mass - Rutledge
7pm (OLG) –

Friday 6 Dec. – St Nicholas, Bishop
9.30am (StAug) – Foundation Mass - Lord
10am (SW) –

Saturday 7 Dec. – St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

9.30am (StAug) – Mina Picciano RIP – Anniv.
5pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass:

Sunday 8 Dec. – 2nd Sunday of Advent (C)
9am (StAug) – People of the Parish
9am (SW) – Josie McMonagle
11am (StAug) – Thanksgiving
11am (OLG) –
6pm (StAug) –

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm: Psalm 25 4-5b, 8-10, 14 R/ 1b
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Psalm response

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

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

CONFESSIONS:

St Augustine's Sat.10.15-11am
St Wulstan's Sat 11.30-12.00am

Our Lady of Grace Thurs 6.30-7pm
Or ring to make an appointment

PARISH & PASTORAL AREA

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: at 11am Mass (St Aug) and Sunday morning Masses (StJHN).

TEA AND COFFEE after the 11.00 Mass at St Augustine's in the U/R
Please do not block anyone in, in the Car Park.



ALSO, after the Sunday morning Masses in our other churches. Please do come along at least occasionally as this is a great way to get to know other Parishioners.

ALSO: After Mass at **St Wulstan's** on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. All proceeds to the S.V.P.

ALSO: After Thursday morning Mass.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION:
St Augustine's: Saturday after Mass until 11am.

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

ROSARY ON MONDAYS & FRIDAYS:
After 9.30 Mass at St Augustine's.

ONLINE ROSARY

All welcome. Thursday evenings 7.45 - 9pm via Zoom. For joining details, contact Deacon Brin on 07931 607249



LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

St Augustine: £983.70

+Standing Orders of £696

St John Henry Newman: £1085.97

This weekend St Augustine's has a retiring collection for Christmas Flowers.

PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

2nd December – Upper Room 7.30pm

9th December – Zoom 8pm

16th December – Zoom 8pm

23rd December – Zoom 8pm

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

ADVENT EVENING On Monday December 2nd at 7.30pm in St Augustine' Upper Room there is an opportunity to spend a little time away from the more commercial demands of Christmas, to enjoy some beautiful music, short readings and delicious refreshments. Please come. Everyone welcome.

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



after 9.30am Mass. In the Upper Room.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (St Augustine's)

Dec.4 Pauline & Tony

Dec.11 Winston & Prem

Dec.21 Valentina & Kennedy

Liz & Maria will not be cleaning the church on Christmas Day, so if possible help to give a good clean on Dec.21!

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. Come and join in this successful and enjoyable event.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

Invites new members. For more information contact Peter Donnelly at:

lifetothefullyouth@gmail.com Meeting after Sunday 6pm Mass followed by informal social after (around 7.45pm) Refreshments, Praise, Prayer, Sharing, Friendship. Contact for more information or to be added to **WhatsApp group** or telephone 07716686383.

YOUTH CLUB at St. Wulstan's on Saturday afternoons from 4pm. If interested in either joining or volunteering contact **Leticia** 07506 421908 or ltcadenuga@yahoo.co.uk

StJHN 200 Club Winner for November is Leonie Gould (No.30)

JULIAN MEETINGS Because of the Carol Service there will be no meeting in December.

Our next meeting will be in January at a date to be announced.

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION

The WHC Night Shelter will open in January. Please visit www.wyhoc.org.uk/night-shelter either to donate, to discover more or to express an interest in volunteering. www.wyhoc.org.uk/vacancies Find out more on their website or call 01494 447699.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE HOMELESS

We would like to thank all those who have responded so enthusiastically to assist at this venture. While we are still processing this information we are also looking for donations of Hats, Scarves and Warm Jackets (all items to be clean, please). A box will be left in the porch for this purpose.

HIGH WYCOMBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We are hoping that this will be a great way to help us support one another both personally and professionally. If you or a family member run a small to medium size business and would like to advertise this to other Catholics then please email Angela Plah at angelajplah@gmail.com. She will then send you a few basic questions and will compile the first version of the booklet for distribution within the parish and publication on the Parish websites.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS – See the leaflets showing some Christmas Presents with a difference. Use them to order or do so online from the full range of gifts, and begin to change the world.

BkB Quiz 2024 Thanks to all who took part in the quiz on 18th November. There were 75 participants in all and, with some additional donations the sum raised was £1480.69, quite a bit more than last year.

Special thanks to Marian and Bernie Foot for preparing and delivering the questions, and to all who donated cash or raffle prizes, those who set up, ran the bar, sold raffle tickets and who tidied away afterwards. Well done, all!

FIRE MARSHALS We shall shortly be looking for people at each Mass to act as Marshals in the event of an evacuation of the building. Do please give some thought as to whether you might be a person to do this. More on this probably after Christmas.

ST WULSTAN'S There will be a meeting this afternoon at 3.30 to discuss the proposals made by the Polish community for the use of the buildings. We shall look at any possible difficulties and consider how or whether they can be met. All welcome. Next Sunday we will publish the results of this meeting so as to enable any parishioners unable to attend to make known any further views they may have before sending our response to Northampton.

PARISH ICON TOUR Following the success of the Lent & Easter 'Icon Tour' the icon of Our Lady will be travelling again during Advent and Christmastide. Parishioners may sign up on the list on the tables at St Augustine's for a week in which to give Our Lady a home. The icon should be collected on Sundays and returned to the Presbytery on Saturdays.

FIRE ESCAPE at St Augustine's. The diocese have agreed for work to be done to restore the emergency exit from the Upper Room. This will cost in the region of £23.6K

EMMAUS TALKS The next session in these talks will be on 4th December when Dr Jessie Rogers will be considering 'A surprising story of Faithfulness', the stories of Naomi and of Ruth from the Old Testament all at the usual time of 7.30-9.00pm at St Joseph's, Gerrard's Cross.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS Those who have ordered new Sunday Missals may collect them from the sacristies this weekend at a price of £13 each. We do not have any spares, I am afraid. If paying by cheque please make cheque out to St Augustine's.

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/>)

BLAZE 2025 The Blaze event for those who will be preparing for Confirmation next year will take place on Saturday 16 May 2025 at St Joseph's High School in Slough from 11am-4pm. The day will be an opportunity for candidates and catechists to meet with the Bishop and others from across the Diocese preparing for the same sacrament. Confession will also be available. Those attending should

bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available. The cost is £13 per person and Booking will be available from December.

TRAIN-to-TEACH Are you interested in training to become a teacher? Would you like to find out more about what is involved and how you can apply? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are hosting a series of open mornings in December and January where you can find out all about our Train-to-Teach programme starting in September 2025. To find out more and to book a place visit <https://www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/>

OTHER

WEST WYCOMBE CHAMBER CHOIR
Christmas Concert on Saturday 7th December at 7pm at St Lawrence Church on the hill, Come along for Christmas favourites and some audience participation, plus licensed bar and raffle. Tickets available at the door from 6.15 £12, Concessions £10 (£1 discount if booked in advance – phone Michele 07795680253.

RETRouvaille: A programme of hope helping couples to heal and/or renew their marriages. Find out more at www.retrouvaille.org.uk

DIARY OF EVENTS

1 December – Advent Sunday
8 December – (4.00pm SW) Carol Service
15 December – (3.00pm StAug) Carol Service
25 December Christmas

+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.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER should be sent to Fr Jonathan or to the Parish Office at St Augustine's since at present the Parish Office at St Wulstan's is not staffed.

TELEPHONE: At present all telephone calls should be made to St Augustine's, for the same reason as the above notice.