



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

4th Sunday of Advent (C)

22 December 2024



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Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

Saturday 21 Dec. – St Peter Canisius
9.30am (StAug) – Foundation Mass - Rutledge
5.00pm (OLG) - Vigil Mass

Sunday 22 Dec.- 4th Sunday of Advent (C)
9am (StAug) –
9am (SW) –
11am (StAug) – Thanksgiving
11am (OLG) – Karen Burns
6pm (St Aug) – People of the Parish

Monday 23 Dec. –
9.30am (StAug) – Philip Rake (Int)

Tuesday 24 Dec. -
6.30pm (OLG) -
7.30pm (StAug) – Foundation Mass - Fraser
Midnight (SW) –
Midnight (StAug) -

Wednesday 25 Dec. –
9.00am (StAug) –
9.00am (SW) –
11.00am (StAug) – People of the Parish
11.00am (OLG) – Deceased of Geraghty/Gallagher Families

Thursday 26 Dec. –
9.30am (StAug) – Myrna Kelly RIP – Anniv.
Friday 27 Dec. –
9.30am (StAug) – Thanksgiving (Tiyana Jiji)

10am (SW) –

Saturday 28 Dec. –
9.30am (StAug) – Cecilia Nkwocha
5pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass:

Sunday 29 Dec. – THE HOLY FAMILY (C)
9am (StAug) –
9am (SW) – People of the Parish
11am (StAug) – Gracy Simon RIP
11am (OLG) – Josephine & Francis Burns RIP
6pm (StAug) – Dudley & Kelly Families

1st Reading: Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm: 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19, R/v.4
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Psalm response

Bring us back, O God; let Your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to Your word.

EUCCHARISTIC ACC. Save us, Saviour.....

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. There will not be Tea and Coffee on Dec.15, 22 and 29; we resume on Sunday 5th January



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: £802.46

+Standing Orders of £696

St John Henry Newman: £1167.59

The Collection at the Christmas Masses is your offering to the Priests of our Parishes.
300 Club December Winner: Ann Masat

PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

9th December – Zoom 8pm

16th December – Zoom 8pm

6th January – Zoom 8pm



13th 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

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

FRIENDSHIP GROUP.



after 9.30am Mass. In the Upper Room. These get-togethers will be having a Christmas Break. After Wednesday 18th December the next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January

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.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.

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

YOUNG ADULT FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

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

lifetotheullyouth@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.

JULIAN MEETINGS Because of the Carol Service there will be no meeting this month. Our next meeting will be on 26 January at 4pm

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.

BIG SLEEP-OUT Once again Maria Schafer will be taking part in the Big Sleep-Out on the night of Saturday 15th February to raise money for the homeless. Sponsor forms are on the tables, or visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/maria-schafer-2025>

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 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.

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.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2024 The certificates are now available at St Augustine's or from the Presbytery.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

CONFESSIONS: At St Augustine's on Monday from 11.00am-12 mid-day and in the evening from 6pm-7pm

ST WULSTAN

24th December 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

25th December 9.30am Christmas Mass

ST AUGUSTINE

24th December 7.30pm Vigil Mass

11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

25th December Mass at 9am and 11am

OUR LADY OF GRACE

24th December 6.30pm Vigil Mass

25th December 11.00am Christmas Mass

AND A very happy and Blessed Christmas to all parishioners and their families from all your clergy:

**Fr Jonathan & Fr Alessandro,
Deacons Brin and Paul.**

If you are travelling, may the Lord keep you safe and bring you home.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE HOMELESS

A big thank you to everyone who participated in any way. There was a real flood of people volunteering to help in all kinds of ways which was a joy to see. However, this did bring its own problems, and if there is anyone with whom we failed to get in touch, please accept our apologies and our thanks.

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.

Visit <https://nymo.org/events/blaze-2025/#1728645666689-d827419f-46ea>

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

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

8 December – (4.00pm SW) Carol Service
15 December – (3.00pm StAug) Carol Service
25 December Christmas
19 January -- Solemnity of St Wulstan

+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.