



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

The Presentation of the Lord [C]

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Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

Saturday 1 Feb.
9.30am (StAug) –
5.00pm (OLG) - Vigil Mass

Sunday 2 Feb.- THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
9am (StAug) – People of the Parish
9am (SW) – Teresa Doherty RIP
11am (StAug) – Pauline & Francis Clark RIP
11am (OLG) –
6pm (St Aug) – Amy Fernandez (Int)

Monday 3 Feb. – St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
9.30am (StAug) – May Walsh RIP

Tuesday 4 Feb. – St Werburga, Virgin
9.30am (StAug) – Patrick Hanbury RIP – Anniv.
10.00am (SW) –

Wednesday 5 Feb. – St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
9.30am (StAug) – Thanksgiving – Veronica Anthony

Thursday 6 Feb. – St Paul Miki & Comps., Martyrs
9.30am (StAug) – Thanksgiving
7.00pm (OLG) –

Friday 7 Feb. –
9.30am (StAug) – Sandra Ilofuan (Birthday)
10am (SW) – Elizabeth Nicholls RIP

Saturday 8 Feb. – St Jerome Emiliani, Priest
9.30am (StAug) –

5pm (OLG) - Vigil Mass:

Sunday 9 Feb. – 5th Sunday of the Year ©
9am (StAug) –
9am (SW) – John Townsend RIP
11am (StAug) – Tom O'Hara RIP
11am (OLG) – Ian Barber RIP
6pm (StAug) – Tony Braganza RIP

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm: 24:7-10.
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18;
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Psalm response

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!.

Gospel Acclamation:

The Lord has sent Me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to captives.

EUCCHARISTIC ACC. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people, Israel.

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
BAPTISM (StAug): Elizabeth Margiotta

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. All proceeds go to the SVP.



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 8 – 8.30pm via Zoom. For joining details, contact Deacon Brin on 07931 607249



LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

St Augustine: £846.68

+Standing Orders of £696

St John Henry Newman: £1215.79

Next weekend we have an appeal for the Wycombe Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme, with a retiring collection to follow.

PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

27th January – Zoom 8pm

3rd February – Zoom 8pm

10th February – Upper Room 7.30pm

17th January – Zoom 8pm

24th February – Zoom 8pm

For Zoom details please contact Deacon Brin.



RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of **BILL GILBERT**, a St Wulstan's Parishioner, who died last Sunday.

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. All welcome for refreshment, chat and games.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (St Augustine's)

Feb.5 Pauline & Tony

Feb.12 Winston & Prem

Feb.22 Valentina & Kennedy

Feb.26 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. 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: 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.

JULIAN MEETINGS Our next meeting will be on Sunday 23rd February at 4pm. These times of contemplative Prayer consist of listening to a spiritual reading followed by 20-25 minutes of silent prayer during which we ponder and pray about what we have heard. After that we have some coffee in the Sacristy and talk or share what we have got from the reading. All very simple! All are welcome to come and try.

JHN 200 Club Winner – Jason Hall (101)

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.

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>

SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER On 23rd February we shall be having our annual appeal for the Missions and one of the sisters will be joining us for Mass at St Augustine's that weekend. We are hoping to find a parishioner who is able to put her up for the Saturday night, 22nd February. If you are able to help please let me know.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE/ YEAR OF JUBILEE The Jubilee used to be a time of restitution and new beginnings. Throughout this year we shall be hosting a series of meetings in our churches to pray about and consider the main themes of the year. We begin on **Tuesday 18 February** at Our Lady of Grace. We will begin with a time of prayer in the church followed by a period in the Parish Room for talk and discussion on the theme of 'Care for Creation': what it means, why we should do it and how we might make it a reality.

To help us in all this the Jubilee booklets are available in all three churches at £1.50.

JUBILEE CHURCHES Bishop David has designated three churches in the Diocese as Jubilee Churches: Northampton Cathedral, Holy Child & St Joseph, Bedford and St Peter's, Marlow. Pastoral Areas and Parishes are particularly encouraged to make a pilgrimage to one of these churches.

CARE FOR CREATION RETREATS The Canonesses of St Augustine are running retreats at Boarbank Hall in Cumbria, titled 'The Joy of Limits' These will be on 27-31 May and 4-10 October. For information and booking go to margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

EMMAUS: Opening the Scriptures This very popular series of talks continues at St Teresa's, Beaconsfield on 5th February at the usual time of 7.30-9.00 in the evening. Bishop David will be speaking on 'Jubilee ["To proclaim the Year of the Lord's favour."]'. To register contact www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus You can also

watch [online](https://www.youtube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks) at [you.tube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks](https://www.youtube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks)

For other talks in the series, please see the posters/flyers.

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>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 14 June, beginning with Mass at the Shrine at 12.00 noon, followed by lunch and at 3pm the pilgrims process along the Holy Mile to conclude with the final service in the Priory grounds.

PILGRIMAGES 2025

ROME & ASSISI 27 March-3 April 2025 A Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year, with 5 nights in Rome and 2 in Assisi. Details from www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage

UGANDA 31 May-5 June Visit the sites associated with the Ugandan Martyrs at a cost of £1700. For more information see noticeboard.

ITALY 27-31 March 2025 to sites associated with St Scholastica, St Benedict, St Pio of Pietrelcina and St Michael. All for £890. For more information see noticeboard or call Clare at Gold Star Pilgrimages 07980 481845.

TURKEY 23-29 April 2025 For £980 this pilgrimage takes you to Ephesus, Laodicea and

Philadelphia among other ancient Christian sites. For more information, see noticeboard, or call Clare at Gold Star Pilgrimages on 07980 481845.

BURGUNDY 19-24 October 2025 With Bishop David and Canon John Udris this pilgrimage will be based at Paray-le-Monial where St Margaret Mary lived and received her visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Those taking part will also visit the burial place of St Bernadette at Nevers, Ars-sur-Formans where St John Vianney lived and worked and the famous places of prayer at Cluny and Taize. From £1695 including flights, breakfast and dinner. For further information and bookings go to www.jcjournneys.com/fnd-lyons.

OTHER

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

STARLIGHT EXPRESS On Sunday 27th April there will be a coach from West Wycombe or Cressex to the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre to a 5.30pm performance of this Musical. Group discounted tickets at £52 and cost of coach will depend on numbers. For more details contact Michele on 07795 680253 or email machoddy@gmail.com

SNOWDROP WALK This Sunday, 2nd February, West Wycombe Park will see this beautiful walk promoted by the charity Child Bereavement UK. Taking place between 10.30am and 4pm (last admissions 3.30), at the end of the walk you may plant a snowdrop in memory of someone important. There will also be a treasure hunt for children and hot food, cakes and refreshments will be available at West Wycombe Village Hall. For more information, tickets or to sign up as a volunteer please visit childbereavementuk.org/snowdrop Tickets may also be purchased at the gate.

DIARY OF EVENTS

2 February – Candlemas
18 February (OLG) ‘Care for Creation’
5 March – Ash Wednesday
14 June – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

+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.

Likewise with Telephone Calls