



St Augustine's Catholic Church High Wycombe

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

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Morning Prayer 9.15am Mon-Sat. Evening Prayer 6.15pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 12 Dec - Third Sunday of Advent (C)
'Gaudete'

9am Christine Gibbons
11am People of the Parish
6pm Josie McMonagle RIP-Anniv

Monday 13 Dec - St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
9.30am Peter Klimcik RIP
11.30am Funeral Service - Fran Hazle

Tuesday 14 Dec -
9.30am Kenneth Ghany (Anniv)
6.30pm Lucy, Njeri, Josephine Njoki, Patrick Muigui

Wednesday 15 Dec -
9.30am Foundation Mass - Lord

Thursday 16 Dec -
9.30am Fr. Jonathan - Anniv of Ordination

Friday 17 Dec -
9.30am Lesley Bishop RIP

Saturday 18 Dec -
09.30am Deceased of Stokes Family
5pm Carol Service

Sunday 19 Dec - Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)
9am John Clark
11am Giorgio Borghini RIP
6pm People of the Parish

Hymns: 11am, 354, 290, Anthem, 199, 475

Psalm response

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Acc: 1. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH on Saturday 10.15 - 11.00am (Or ring to make an appointment)

EXPOSITION & ADORATION follow Saturday Mass, ending with Benediction at 10.50-ish.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £548.07 + Standing Orders of £696

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY For S.V.P.

SYNOD: There will be a meeting in the Upper Room after the **11am Mass on Sunday 19 December** to discuss any questions you might have about the Synod or any comments you might wish to offer.

CAROL SERVICE: You are invited to a service of carols and readings of the Christmas story on **SATURDAY 18 December at 5pm**. Friends, family, everyone is welcome.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD' and go to confession in preparation for Christmas. Advent Services of Reconciliation across our Pastoral Area are:

Tuesday 14 December 7:30pm at:
St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter

Thursday 16 December 7pm at:
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Great Missenden

Tuesday 21 December 7pm at:
Our Lady's, Chesham Bois

Tuesday 21 December 7:30pm at:
St Teresa's, Beaconsfield

Wednesday 22 December 7pm at:
St Aidan's, Little Chalfont

On Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 December there will be individual confessions from 10:30am to 11:30am and from 6pm to 7pm at: St Peter's, Marlow.

***"Confession is the sacrament of the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us."* Pope Francis**

As there is no Penitential Service here, there will be **additional Confessions on: Friday 17 December from 6-8pm**.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - Booking:
Because numbers are likely to be higher than on a Sunday, and we hope to avoid turning anyone away, we will be operating a Booking System for the Christmas Masses. This would mean that if the number of people wanting to come to Mass exceeds the current capacity of the church we would have the option of putting on an extra Mass. As before you may book in person, by telephone or by email. If you send an email or leave a phone message you will probably not get a reply unless there is a problem with your booking.

PLEASE NOTE THE 9.30 MASS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING IS ALMOST FULLY BOOKED

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve:

7.30pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

11.30pm Carols

12.00 **Midnight Mass**

Christmas Morning:

9.30am 'Dawn' Mass (NB 9.30!)

11.00am Mass during the Day

No 6pm Mass

If you are still unsure about whether to return to Mass in the current situation but would like to be at Mass and receive the Sacrament for Christmas, you might consider attending one of the less busy Masses during the week that follows. You do not need to book for these. Mass on Boxing Day (Feast of the Holy Family) will be at 9.00am and 11.00am. **There will be no Evening Mass that day.** Each Weekday Mass will be at 9.30am, while on Tuesday and Thursday there will probably also be an evening Mass at 6.30pm. Check the Newsletter for details.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: As usual the Christmas Day collection goes to the priests of the Parish. You can contribute to this even if you are going to be away at Christmas by putting an envelope in the basket or through the door of the Presbytery clearly marked 'Christmas Offering' You are also able to contribute on line but you need to ensure that you use the priest's name as a reference rather than the Parish. Thus you might put 'Fr Jonathan Hill' instead of 'St Augustine's, High Wycombe.' You don't have to make separate contributions for each priest because the whole lot is divided between us anyway!

THE KNIGHTS OF ST.COLUMBA are providing more Christmas Posters for people to put in their windows, and stickers "Keep Christ in Christmas" to add to Christmas cards & envelopes. Available on the tables in the Church and in the porch. Please take a strip and remind people what Christmas is really about.

ASK YOUR MP TO END 'DIY' ABORTION



The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. **Right To Life UK** has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit: www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

18/12/21 Valentina & Sarah
22/12/21 Maria, Noreen, Liz
05/01/22 Sandra Clarke, Pauline & Tony McMahon
12/01/22 Winston, Ann
22/01/22 Valentina & Sarah
26/01/22 Maria, Noreen, Liz

CLEANING – CHURCH AND UPPER

ROOM: Many thanks to those who have responded to our call for people to clean the Church, but we could still do with one or two more. Mostly the Church is cleaned on a Wednesday morning after Mass, and it would be good to hear from anyone able to commit to one morning a month to assisting in this work. Even if you cannot commit to a regular participation you would be welcome to come along and lend a hand one day and perhaps have a cup of tea and a biscuit with others doing the work.

As we are re-opening the Upper Room for use once more we are also in need of people to give that some cleaning. Again, the cleaning has usually been done on Wednesdays, but if you could help at any time, do let us know.

CHRISTMAS GIVING: The SVP,

St Augustine's, St Wulstans & Our Lady of Grace will be making up parcels for those in need. Each week we would ask for your generous donations to be placed in the Porch as follows:

Week ending 12 December: Tins of Vegetable Soup, Christmas puddings, Custard tins, Christmas Crackers.

Please ensure that "Use-By" dates are later than 31 December 2021.

No homemade items, please.

Many of our Beneficiaries and Parishioners struggle at this time of year. We will also be having a Retiring Collection on: Sunday 12 December or please leave a Donation marked SVP.

LUX.Pilgrimage – A fun residential weekend for young Catholics aged 11 (Year 7) -18 years from 4-6 February 2022 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk (transportation included from Luton & Northampton). Please contact Fiona email fiona@nymo.org or visit www.nymo.org/lux for more information and to book your place.

In your mercy... Please pray for:

Christina Lawless who died on 25th November, and Tony Vine who died on 11th December, please keep them and their families in your prayers, and the following whose funerals have been arranged here: Fran Hazle on Monday 13th December at 11.30am. Bob Wolfe on Tuesday 21st December at 2pm and Mario Ziccardi on Wednesday 22nd December at 12.30pm. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord...

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DIARY OF EVENTS

2021

18 Dec - Carol Service 5pm
19 Dec - Fourth Sunday of Advent - O Key
24 Dec - Carols at 11.30pm
24 Dec - Mass at Midnight
25 Dec - The Nativity of Our Lord
26 Dec - Holy Family

+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/>

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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.



Happy 3rd week of Advent!

