



**St Augustine's Catholic Church
High Wycombe**

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

19th December 2021

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

MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 19 Dec - Fourth Sunday of Advent (C) O Root
Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers**

9am John Clark
11am Maria Van Schaik
6pm People of the Parish

Monday 20 Dec - O Key

9.30am Foundation Mass - Rutledge
11am Funeral Service - Christina Lawless

Tuesday 21 Dec - O Rising Sun

9.30am Annie Gilgunn RIP
2pm Requiem - Robert Wolfe

Wednesday 22 Dec - O King

9.30am Nuala O'Farrell - Birthday
12.30pm Funeral Service - Mario Ziccardi

Thursday 23 Dec - O Emmanuel

9.30am Holy Souls
6.30pm Peter Klimcik RIP

Friday 24 Dec - Christmas Eve

7.30pm Vigil Mass for Christmas
11.30pm Carols
12.00am Midnight Mass - Sarah McGreevy RIP-Anniv

Saturday 25 Dec-The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

9.30am John, Madge, John & Tony O'Connor RIP
11.00am Fran Hazle RIP
No 6pm Mass

Hymns: 57, 307, Anthem, 388, 180

Psalm response

**God of hosts, bring us back; let your face
shine on us and we will be saved.**

Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
Let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!**

**Acc: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

**NO CONFESSION OR ADORATION ON
CHRISTMAS DAY**

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £886.75
+ Standing Orders of £696**

Last Sunday's SVP Retiring collection amounted to £464 – thank you to all of those in the congregation who gave so generously. This allows us to continue to help those in need and in lonely circumstances. The wonderful food donations are being sorted and packaged for distribution this week and will bring much joy and cheer to the families and beneficiaries that we serve. **The SVP wish you a Blessed Christmas**

SYNOD: Meeting for today has been cancelled

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

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

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.

IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL PLEASE LET US KNOW.

PLEASE NOTE THE 9.30 MASS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING IS 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!

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

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.



Other websites:

<https://mailchi.mp/righttolife/rtl-overview-2021>
<http://www.righttolife.org.uk/>

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

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

DIVINE ADORATION:

You are invited to start the New Year with another beautiful evening of Eucharistic Adoration, including praise and worship and prayer ministry, here at **St. Augustine's, on Saturday 15th January 2022 at 7pm.**



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.

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION WINTER APPEAL

We need your help to make sure that our extra-special emergency accommodation and support and help is provided during the coldest, most dangerous months of the year so people do not have to sleep on the street and that they can be helped to find a home of their own. Any gift will make a difference. Please give generously. Thank you.
www.wyhoc.org.uk/winter-appeal

In your mercy... Please pray for:

Tony Vine, who died on 11th December, please keep him and his family in your prayers, and the following whose funerals have been arranged here:

Christina Lawless on Monday
20th December at 11.00am.

Bob Wolfe on Tuesday
21st December at 2pm

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...

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Nuttall, John Buhagiar, Jean Horsefield, John & Celia Forde, Josephine Razzell, Sadie Hanna, Christopher Wall, Pamela & Gerald Duckham, John Clark, Anthony Hogan, Margaret Benjafield.

DIARY OF EVENTS

2021

24 Dec - Carols at 11.30pm

24 Dec - Mass at Midnight

25 Dec - The Nativity of Our Lord

26 Dec - Holy Family

2022

09 Jan - Baptism of the Lord

02 Mar - Ash Wednesday

14-16 Apr - Easter Triduum

17 Apr - Easter Sunday

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<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 Christmas to one and all