



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

**2nd Sunday of the Year (B)**

**14 January 2024**

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Morning Prayer 9.15am Mon-Sat.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 14 Jan - 2nd Sunday of the Year (B)**

9am Thanksgiving - Noel Joseph  
11am People of the Parish  
6pm Jack Galea & Family

**Monday 15 Jan-**

12noon Requiem - Myrna Kelly

**Tuesday 16 Jan-**

09.30am Maura Jenkins RIP  
10am St Wulstan's -

**Wednesday 17 Jan - St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot**

9.30am Roger Akram RIP

**Thursday 18 Jan -**

9.30am Fr Alessandro - 10th Anniv-Priestley Ordination  
7pm Our Lady of Grace -

**Friday 19 Jan - St Wulstan, Bishop**

09.30am Vincent O'Brien RIP  
10am St Wulstan's

**Saturday 20 Jan - St Fabian, Pope & Martyr**

9.30am Foundation Mass - Rutledge

**Sunday 21 Jan - 3rd Sunday of the Year (B)**

9am Krystyna Lew RIP-Anniv  
11am People of the Parish  
6pm Carmel Kelly RIP

**Hymns: 325, 575, 417, 217, 128**

**Psalm response**

Here I am, Lord!

I come to do your will.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
You have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Acc: 1: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection 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.**

**RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY  
For: MARY'S MEALS**

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £908.05**  
**+Standing Orders of £696**

**RETIRING COLLECTION For: S.P.U.C White Flower Appeal was £340.31 many thanks**

**Fr Jonathan** will be celebrating his **70th Birthday on Tuesday 16 January**. To help him celebrate his birthday everyone is invited to join Fr Jonathan in the Upper Room at St Augustine's at 7.00pm on the 16 January. Please bring food and drink that can be shared with others.

**Thursday 18 January** will be the **10th Anniversary of Fr. Alessandro's Ordination to the Priesthood**. After the 7pm Mass at Our Lady of Grace. Everyone is welcome to celebrate with Fr. Alessandro after Mass with tea and cake. I understand his Mother will also be there to celebrate with him.

### **ST AUGUSTINE'S CHOIR IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS.**

We are especially in need of **tenors and basses** but new members in all voices would be welcome. Don't worry if you can't read music - as long as you can sing and are able to come to **regular choir practices**, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested, please email Fr. Jonathan.  
Email: [frjonathan.hill@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:frjonathan.hill@northamptondiocese.org)



**PRAYER GROUP:** Meetings are as follows:  
15th Jan Upper Room 7.30pm  
**For Zoom details please contact Deacon Brin.**



### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

Will be on the following dates:  
at the 11am Mass  
21st January  
4th and 25th February  
10th and 24th March



**REGISTRATION FORMS** for new parishioners are on the notice board in the porch.

**SICK & HOME VISITS:** If you know of anyone who is ill or housebound please let Fr. Jonathan know, so we can arrange for a visit and to receive Holy Communion if they wish.



**TEA AND COFFEE** in the **Upper Room** after the **11am Mass**. All are welcome, but please do not block anyone in, in the Car Park. All Donations go towards **SVP**.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION** Please see below  
<https://wyhoc.org.uk/vacancies>

**ROSARY ON MONDAYS & FRIDAYS:**  
After 9.30 Mass.

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



At: St. Augustine's Church, in the Upper Room after 9.30am Mass, till about 12.30pm

**CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (in the Porch)**  
17/01/24 Maria & Liz  
31/01/24 Pauline & Tony

**LECTIO DIVINA** Thursdays at 11am Sessions are over Zoom (joining from 10:45 to start at 11:00) and will last a maximum of 1 hour 30 minutes. For further details on how to join, please contact: Anne Freier: [freier1961@gmail.com](mailto:freier1961@gmail.com), or Kathy Russell: [karussell43@aol.com](mailto:karussell43@aol.com)

### **ONLINE ROSARY**

All welcome. Thursday evenings 7.45 - 9pm via Zoom. For joining details, contact Deacon Brin on 07931 607249 or email: [brin.dunsire@gmail.com](mailto:brin.dunsire@gmail.com)



### **YOUNG ADULT FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP:**

Invites new members. Please contact Peter Donnelly at: [lifetothefullyouth@gmail.com](mailto:lifetothefullyouth@gmail.com) for more information if interested. Meeting after Sunday Adoration 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.

**RIGHT TO LIFE: 14th** - "We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us".

## STOP TWO EXTREME ABORTION

**AMENDMENTS:** Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill. **Right To Life UK** has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

### **CAFOD School Volunteers needed.**

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Debbie Purfield [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) or call 07786 114 390



### **EMMAUS - Opening the**

**Scriptures:** Our South Bucks Pastoral Area.

### **SPRING 2024 TALKS**

They will be held on the **1st Wednesday of each**

**month from 7:30-9pm.**

Venue: St Teresa's Church, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL Register Now at:

[www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus)

- ◆ 10th January The Word was made flesh' (Jn 1:14) The Word of God as Foundation of Reality. Speaker: Barbara Reed Mason
- ◆ 07th February The Seven Last Words - New Insights. Speaker: Fr Timothy Radcliffe. (based on his book)

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## ST THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMIES

**TRUST:** are looking to recruit **Chief Finance and Operations Officer** working across all the schools in our Trust, in Luton, Bucks and Slough. For more details and to apply please visit

<https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/320797/E DV-2023-STCAT-45441>.

Closing date for applications is **Midday on 29 January 2024.**

## ST THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMIES

**TRUST** are looking to recruit RE Teachers, both existing and current teachers looking to convert. To register your interest for this or any other role within our Trust, please visit: **St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, Dunstable, Luton and Slough | Teaching Jobs & Education Jobs | MyNewTerm**

### **BOOKINGS FOR BLAZE 2024 ARE NOW OPEN.**

Bishop David and NYMO invite Confirmandi aged 11 - 18 to attend one of our BLAZE retreat days as follows :-

**North Pastoral Areas** (Northampton/North Northants/Milton Keynes)

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 Thomas Becket RC High School, Northampton 11am – 4pm

#### **Central Pastoral Areas**

(Luton/Bedford/Dunstable/Flitwick)

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Cardinal Newman RC High School, Luton 11am – 4pm

**South Pastoral Areas** (Aylesbury/South Bucks/Chiltern/Slough)

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 St. Joseph's RC High School, Slough 11am – 4pm

BLAZE gives Confirmandi from across the Diocese the opportunity to come together: to be celebrated and encouraged as they prepare to be Confirmed or as a post Confirmation event giving an opportunity for your young people to gain some spiritual input in a wider context. It is also a great chance for them to meet Bishop David.

Throughout the day, Confirmandi will take part in a number of interactive workshops that include a mixture of different themes and activities. Although there will be some input before the groups go and explore their workshops, our aim is that Blaze is experiential: giving Confirmandi the chance to engage with the wider church and to be impacted by the many ways the Holy Spirit is at work within her!

The cost for both Catechists and Confirmandi is £13 per person. We invite both Confirmandi



and Catechists to bring their own lunch. Refreshments will be provided. This year we will again be using an online system where you will be required to provide us with all details of your group at the time of booking and make payment for your group then also (**please see link below**). It is essential therefore that you have all these details available to you before you consider booking your Confirmation group onto BLAZE. All places are offered on a first come, first served basis and there are a limited amount of spaces for each venue.

### [Blaze 2024 – NYMO](#)

**LUX Weekend:** Lux is a residential for young people organised by our diocesan youth ministry team, **NYMO**. From the evening of Friday 9th February - the afternoon of Sunday 11th February, those in school years 7-13, will gather in Northampton. The cost for the weekend is £125pp and this includes all program activities, all meals and accommodation. Transport to and from the venue is not included. For more information visit <https://nymo.org/lux-dive/> or email [info@nymo.org](mailto:info@nymo.org)

**ROSARY EVENING IN JANUARY:** You are invited to join in a beautiful, peaceful evening of rosary, litany, reading, music and prayer ministry **on Wednesday, 31st January, at 7.30pm, here at St. Augustine's.** Come and find the peace you're looking for. Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome and there is plenty of extra parking just over the road.



**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** Available at the back of the Church price £3.

**In your mercy....Please pray for:**  
**Myrna Kelly who died on 26th December. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Her funeral will be here on Monday 15 January at 12noon.**

**Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord...**

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Donal Kennedy, John Fallon, Sid Downes, Pino Festa, Bill Gilbert, Jemima Usher, Edith Doyle, Tom McLaughlin, Mary Kelly, Clare Fenner, David Heaton, Donato Basile, Leonard Airs, Valeria Duglosz, Sheila Tonna,

### **DIARY OF EVENTS**

19 Jan - St Wulstan  
14 Feb - Ash Wednesday  
25 Feb - Cafod (Fast Day Friday 23 Feb)  
24 Mar - Palm Sunday  
28-30 Mar - Easter Triduum  
31 Mar - Easter Sunday  
09 May - Ascension of the Lord  
19 May - Pentecost  
26 May - Trinity Sunday

### **+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>

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



### **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.

