

# NEWSLETTER

## Catholic Parish of St John Henry Newman

- HIGH WYCOMBE -

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#### THE POPE'S CATECHESIS

(continued) A central theme that the Council Fathers emphasized was the liturgical formation of the faithful, indispensable for a true renewal. It is precisely this renewal the purpose of growing in our understanding of the **great gift** that God has given us in the **Eucharist**. The Eucharist is a wondrous event in which Jesus Christ, our life, makes himself present. Participating in the Mass "is truly living again the redemptive passion and death of Our Lord. It is a visible manifestation: the **Lord makes himself present on the altar** to be offered to the Father for the salvation of the world". The Lord is there with us, **present**. So often we go there, look at things, talk amongst ourselves while the priest is celebrating the Eucharist ... and we do not celebrate close to Him. **But it is the Lord!** "Father, it is that Masses are dull" — "But what are you saying, that the Lord is dull?" — "No, no. Not the Mass, the priests" — "Ah, may the priests convert, but it is the Lord who is there!" Do you understand? Do not forget it. **Participating in the Mass is living again the redemptive passion and death of Our Lord**".



Now let us try asking ourselves a few simple questions. For example, why do we make the **sign of the Cross** and perform the **Penitential Rite** at the beginning of Mass? And here I would like to add another side note. Have you seen how **children** make the sign of the Cross? You do not know what they are doing, whether it is the sign of the Cross or an outline. Children must be taught how to make the sign of the Cross properly. This is how the **Mass begins**; this is how **life begins**; this is how the day begins. This means that we are redeemed by the Lord's Cross. Watch the children and teach them how to make the sign of the Cross properly. And those Readings, during Mass, why are they there? Why are there three **Readings** on Sunday and two on the other days? Why are they read? What do the Readings at Mass mean? Why are they read and what is their purpose? Or why does the priest presiding at the celebration say at a certain point: **"Lift up your hearts"**? He does not say: **"Lift up your cell phones to take a photo!"**. No, that's bad! Mass is not a spectacle: it is going to encounter the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord. It is really important to **return to the basics**, to rediscover what is **essential**, through what we touch and see in the celebration of the **Sacraments**. The question of the Apostle Saint Thomas (cf. Jn 20:25), seeking to see and touch the nail wounds in Jesus' body, and the desire to be able in some way to "touch" God in order to believe in him. What Saint Thomas

asks of the Lord is what we all need: to see him, to touch him so that we may be able to know him. **The Sacraments meet this human need**. The Sacraments, the Eucharistic celebration in a particular way, are signs of God's love, the privileged ways for us to encounter him.

*Adapted from: Pope Francis, General Audience, 08.11. 2017*

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#### HOLY MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Season of CREATION

13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A  
2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION TODAY: Holy Places

**Psalter: Week 4**

5:00pm (Sat) (OLG) Vigil Holy Mass  
9:00am (SW) Holy Mass  
11:30am (OLG) Holy Mass

**During the Week**

**Monday (OLG) Feast – Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
9:30am Holy Mass  
**Tuesday (SW) Memorial – Our Lady of Sorrows**  
9:30am Holy Mass  
**Thursday (SW) Memorial – St Robert Bellarmine**  
7:30pm Holy Mass  
**Friday (OLG) Feria**  
9:30am Holy Mass

#### PLEASE, IF YOU CAN, ATTEND MASS DURING THE WEEK INSTEAD OF SUNDAY

##### Masses via live streaming

Sunday 9.00am, Tuesday 9.30am, Thursday 7.30pm  
**YouTube Channel:** *Parish of SJHN High Wycombe*

**Link:** <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCRQXTp-PWlr4Czyw-rGbiqw/videos>

If you **SUBSCRIBE** to the YouTube Channel it will be easier for you to find the channel in the future. You can also find a direct link on our Parish Website.

##### For those watching from home

##### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are 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. As You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

##### Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing 4 October. For more info: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/environment/season-of-creation/>

#### Do not forget! WE ARE STILL SOCIAL DISTANCING (2metres)

#### Observe the 2m rule both inside the church and outside in the car-park.



**Face covering MUST be worn over both mouth and nose**

**Please wear a face covering before entering church and keep 2m apart**

In order to keep the spread of COVID-19 under control, the government has announced that face coverings have to be worn in places of worship.

#### Capacity per church

•**St Wulstan's:**  
44 Faithful = 36 single seats & x2 households (up to 4 members each)

2 Stewards  
2 Clergy  
**48 Total**

•**Our Lady's:**  
44 Faithful = 16 single seats & x4 households (up to 4 members) x3 households (up to 3 members) x6 household (up to 2 members)

2 Stewards  
2 Clergy  
**57 Total**

**Households who are not 'linked' must maintain social distancing (2 metres) during Mass.**

#### Guidance for Parishioners attending Mass

The guidance is on our website's homepage & noticeboard.

#### DONATIONS

You can **Gift Aid** all your donations by phone and online.

**ONLINE DONATION** on the Diocesan Website:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/>

Scroll down to find the 'Donate' button and follow the instructions on the Catholic Diocese of Northampton Virgin money giving page. Please ensure the parish name and area, e.g. *SJHN, High Wycombe*, that the donation is intended for is indicated in the notes section of the donate page. Please include your full name too.

**STANDING ORDER** via donor's own bank:

You can also set up a standing order for donations to the parish using either your online bank account or in branch. The information required to make the donation is as follows.

**Bank:** NatWest

**Sort Code:** 60-06-11

**Account Number:** 46898093

**Account Name:** Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust

**Payment Ref:** SJHN, High Wycombe

**TELEPHONE – 'Giving Tuesday'**

To donate simply call **01604 712065** with your debit or credit card details. *Thank you for your generosity!*

#### IMPORTANT notice about DONATIONS

Please, if you can, consider to set up a standing order for your donation to our Parish.

For Gift Aid forms just ask Fr Benedetto to hand you one.

#### NOTICES

##### PARISH

##### PASTORAL COUNCIL

As you all will know in our Parish, we used to have a *PST (Pastoral Service Team)* helping the Parish Priest with the management of the parish. At our last meeting (7<sup>th</sup> Sept) we have changed the name to **Pastoral Council** and given the group a canonical recognition, by using the right term from Canon Law. This Council's job is **to advise** the parish priest in pastoral matters. Each member has always been working hard and with dedication in bringing about a more cohesive action within the Parish. I thank each member for all they have done and still do in advising me, especially during my first year as your parish priest.

##### CONFESSIONS

Please contact the Parish Priest if you like to receive the Sacrament of Confession. Only by appointment at the moment. Just for your information, it cannot happen over the phone or video call.

##### MASS INTENTIONS

Please contact the office via telephone or email. Remember that Fr Benedetto will have to offer one Sunday Mass for all the people of the Parish (*Pro Populo*).

##### Devotional Revival

Revised timetable starting on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Monday (OLG) 9:30am	Adoration & Rosary
10:00am	Holy Mass
Tuesday (SW) 9:30am	Rosary
10:00am	Holy Mass
Thursday (SW) Feria 7:00pm	Adoration & Rosary
7:30pm	Holy Mass
Friday (OLG) Feria 9:30am	Rosary
10:00am	Holy Mass

The Rosary will be said before the Sunday Masses too: 4.30pm Sat evening at OLG, 8.30am Sun morning at SW and 11am at OLG. For this reason, we will need volunteers to lead the Rosary. Please, let Fr Benedetto know.

## Cleaners

We need more volunteers for the cleaning rota of St Wulstan's church. Please, let Fr Benedetto know if a new group can be formed to help cleaning the church.

## Stewards

We need more **stewards** at both churches. Please, if you have some time to spare, contact the Parish priest.

## St Wulstan's Choir

Very unfortunately, due to current guidelines, none of our Choirs is able to resume their ministry at present, so we shall be without our customary sung celebration of the Mass on Sundays, probably for quite a while yet. However, St Wulstan's Choir has been meeting during the lockdown and have put together a virtual video and sound performance of two Motets from their repertoire. These are now on YouTube. If you would like to listen and view the Choir you can access these videos via these links:

<https://youtu.be/geCr5u5KsHo>

(Thomas Tallis: "If ye love love me"),

<https://youtu.be/Ed20MHvSxvE>

(Orlando Gibbons: "If ye be risen again with Christ").

These and any future pieces may be found by searching for "st wulstans choir" (include the quotation marks).

## Volunteers Supporting Parishioners

Many thanks to all the volunteers who are phoning parishioners for a chat and making sure they are keeping well. These calls are very much appreciated by the parishioners. If you are having any issues doing this then please let Judith know - [judith.forster1@icloud.com](mailto:judith.forster1@icloud.com)

## COLLECTIONS

Donation via phone and online (APR-MAY-JUN) **£1861.00**

### Collection from the previous week

St Wulstan's **£162.68**

Our Lady of Grace **£424.80**

Standing Orders **£440.00**

Total **£1027.48**

### Next SECOND collections

4<sup>th</sup> October: **Peter's Pence**

11<sup>th</sup> October: **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**

18<sup>th</sup> October: **World Mission Sunday**

**Anniversaries of death:** Una Lenehan, Mary Priestley, Louise Curry, Hildegard Foot, Thomas McHugh, Bernard Wengler, Oliver Lynch, Zbigniew Pastuszynski, Iris Quarterman, Paul Sheridan, Margret O'Callaghan, John-Paul O'Callaghan.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen**

## My Day by Day Advent 2020 Daily Readings

If you would like a copy of 'My Day by Day' Advent 2020 edition, please send an email to the parish office with your name and numbers of copies. £1 each. We need to put in an order of at least 10 copies.

## DIOCESE

### Autumn webinar series

On 5th August Pope Francis called on the Church to reflect on our current situation. In response, the **diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office** is hosting a series of **online webinars** on Monday evenings through the autumn. We begin on 21st September with Bishop David reflecting on the last six months and posing some key questions as we go forward. Other topics include reaching out to the needy, building community, prayer and spirituality, and catechesis. The webinars are free to attend, but you will need to register to receive the web link. For more information and to register, please go to

<https://postlockdownchurch.eventbrite.co.uk>.

## Life in the Spirit Course

Initiative offered by our Diocesan Service Team for charismatic renewal. The programme runs for 7 weeks, including a virtual Retreat day, and commenced on **13th August**. It is lead by Fr Simon Penhalagan of St Martin de Porres, Luton.

There is a short explanatory video about the course by Father Andy Richardson of Holy Family, Luton: <https://youtu.be/tVGUoUrMbVk>

Top register (free) and be sent the Zoom entry codes: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcrfuCvrzwiH9UNxxkCH6vDfgA1srgPT1U->

## Reflect and Inspire

The catechist David Wells has prepared 10 minute videos for use at home or school in small groups. They are designed to help us reflect upon the disturbing disruption we have experienced this year.

<https://www.davidwellslive.com/videos/>

There are brief notes to accompany the videos which include questions for reflection.

## Vocations

Please, pray for Marjorie Le Gall, a parishioner of our Diocese, as she starts her Novitiate among the Dominican Sisters in Cambridge.

## Do you need help during these difficult times?

SVP from St Augustine's in High Wycombe

- **24hr phone line (07891 693 735)**, staffed by parishioners, who will arrange for an experienced member of the parish SVP to call you back.

- An **email address coronasvphighwycombe@gmail.com** which will be monitored from 09:00 to 21:00. You will receive a response as soon as possible (and within the hour if you submit a request for support).

## OTHER

### Wycombe Homeless Connection's Big Sleepout 2020

We need more people than ever to swap their beds for sleeping bags and sleep out in solidarity with the people we serve. It's on Friday 20th November. We're asking people to sleep out 'at home' rather than gather at large venues. Everything you need to know is on our website and registration is now open or give us a call on **01494 447699** to find out more. [www.wvhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2020](http://www.wvhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2020)

Thank you again for all you do supporting.

Please see poster on the noticeboard in the narthex.

## Mary's Meals Appeal

A message from the founder of Mary's Meals.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e\\_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be)

## Online Faith Resources

CAFOD CHILDREN'S LITURGY

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

FOR MARRIED COUPLES

<https://smartloving.org/breakthrough/>

THE YOUTH OPTION

<https://lifeteen.com/>

WORD ON FIRE

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>

GOD MATTERS

<https://www.english.op.org/preaching/god-matters.htm>

CHRISTIAN LIFE

<https://opusdei.org/en/section/christian-life-other-resources/>

## Readings at Mass

### Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,

that your prophets be found true.

Hear the prayers of your servant,

and of your people Israel.

### First reading

(Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9)

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment, who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,

remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102

*The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

and never forget all his blessings. R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,

who heals every one of your ills,

who redeems your life from the grave,

who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

His wrath will come to an end;

he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins

nor repay us according to our faults. R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth

so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west

so far does he remove our sins. R.

### Second reading

(Romans 14:7-9)

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

(Matthew 18: 21-35)

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled

the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

### Profession of Faith

*The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### Prayers after Mass

#### Prayer to St Michael the Archangel *by pope Leo XIII*

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, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. AMEN.

#### Hail Mary.

#### Parish litany of Saints.