

CHRISTMAS 2025

South Bucks Pastoral Area



“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Sunday 21st December	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Mass at 11am
Monday 22nd December	Mass at 8am
Tuesday 23rd December	Mass at 8am
Wednesday 24th December	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Family Mass at 5pm
Thursday 25th December	<i>Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity</i> Mass at 11am
Friday 26th December	No Mass
Sunday 28th December	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> Mass at 11am
Wednesday 31st January	Mass at 10am
Thursday 1st January	<i>New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> Mass at 10am
Sunday 4th January	<i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> Mass at 11am
Tuesday 6th January	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Mass at 8am and 7:30pm

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern.”

St Teresa of Calcutta

ST COLUMBA

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Monday 15th December

Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:30pm

Sunday 21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass at 9am and 6pm

Monday 22nd December

Mass at 9:30am

Tuesday 23rd December

No Mass

Wednesday 24th December *Christmas Eve*

Carols at 7:30pm, Christmas Mass at 8pm

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity

Mass at 9am

Friday 26th December

Mass at 9:30am

Sunday 28th December

Feast of the Holy Family

Mass at 9am and 6pm

Thursday 1st January

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

No Mass

Sunday 4th January

Second Sunday of Christmas

Mass at 9am and 6pm

Tuesday 6th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass at 9:30am

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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Sunday 21st December	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Vigil Mass Saturday at 5pm Parish Mass at 9am
Tuesday 23rd December	Mass at 9:30am
Wednesday 24th December	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Carols at 7pm, Christmas Vigil Mass at 7:30pm
Thursday 25th December	<i>Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity</i> Christmas Mass at 9am
Friday 26th December	No Mass
Sunday 28th December	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> Vigil Mass Saturday at 5pm Parish Mass at 9am
Tuesday 30th December	No Mass
Thursday 1st January	<i>New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> Mass at 9:30am at St Aidan's (Joint Mass for Our Lady's and St Aidan's Parishes)
Friday 2nd January	No Mass
Sunday 4th January	<i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> Vigil Mass Saturday at 5pm Parish Mass at 9am
Tuesday 6th January	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Mass at 9:30am

ST AIDAN

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Tuesday 16th December

Advent Reconciliation Service and Confessions at 7pm

for both St Aidan's and Our Lady's Parishes

Sunday 21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 6:15pm

Parish Mass at 11am

Monday 22nd December

Mass at 9:30am

Wednesday 24th December *Christmas Eve*

Family (Nativity) Mass at 5pm

Carols at 11:30pm *followed by*

Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity

Christmas Mass at 11am

Friday 26th December

No Mass

Sunday 28th December

Feast of the Holy Family

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 6:15pm

Parish Mass at 11am

Monday 29th December

No Mass

Thursday 1st January

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9:30am

(Joint Mass for St Aidan's and Our Lady's Parishes)

Friday 2nd January

No Mass

Sunday 4th January

Second Sunday of Christmas

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 6:15pm

Parish Mass at 11am

Tuesday 6th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass at 7pm

TO WELCOME YOU

In order to welcome you, to prepare our earth, to believe in you, great Lord, nothing extraordinary need be done. I need only have a heart that is pure and free of deception; I need only have an attitude that is kind and free of malice; I need only put on my lips a smile and words of joy; I need only open my hands in order to give and share; I need only be attentive and faithful to your Word; I need only love, without keeping track of my kindness. I need only listen to your call, Lord, and change my life. You may come, Lord: the earth and its peoples are changing the colours of life for you.

ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for giving us these four weeks to prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son. We are so thankful for all the people that help us along this path we're traveling to welcome Jesus. God, bless our family and prepare our home and hearts to welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world. *Amen.*

BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Saviour of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A BLESSING PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY CRIB

God of all people, from the very beginning of creation you have shown us your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless our family and all who will look upon this crib in the coming days; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and lift our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us, our Emmanuel and the Saviour of all. *Amen.*

ST AUGUSTINE

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Wednesday 17th December

Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturdays from 10:15am until 11am

Sunday 21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass at 9am, 11am and 6pm

Monday 22nd December

Mass at 9:30am

Tuesday 23rd December

Mass at 9:30am

Wednesday 24th December *Christmas Eve*

Mass at 9:30am

Children's Nativity Service at 10:30am

Carols from 11:30pm, Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity

Mass at 9am and 11am

No Evening Mass

Sunday 28th December

Feast of the Holy Family

Mass at 9am, 11am and 6pm

29th and 30th December

Mass at 9:30am

Wednesday 31st December *7th Day of the Octave*

Mass at 9:30am

Vigil Mass at 11pm

Thursday 1st January

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

No 9:30am Mass

Mass at 11am

2nd and 3rd January	Mass at 9:30am
Sunday 4th January	<i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> Mass at 9am, 11am and 6pm
Monday 5th January	Mass at 9:30am
Tuesday 6th January	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Mass at 9:30am and 6pm



ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

St Wulstan's Catholic Church
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Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
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See St Augustine's for **Advent Reconciliation Service**

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturdays from 11:30am to 12 noon at St Wulstan's
Thursdays from 6:30pm to 7pm at Our Lady of Grace

Sunday 21st December	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Vigil Mass Saturday at 5pm at Our Lady of Grace Mass at 9am at St Wulstan's Mass at 11am at Our Lady of Grace Mass at 11:30am (Polish) at St Wulstan's
Monday 22nd December	No Mass
Tuesday 23rd December	Mass at 10am at St Wulstan's

Wednesday 24th December *Christmas Eve*

Vigil Mass for Christmas at 6:30pm
at Our Lady of Grace

Vigil Mass for Christmas at 7:30pm
at St Wulstan's

Christmas Mass at 10pm (Polish) at St Wulstan's

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity

Mass at 9am at St Wulstan's

Mass at 11am at Our Lady of Grace

Mass at 11:30am (Polish) at St Wulstan's

No Evening Mass or Confessions

Friday 26th December

Feast of St Stephen, Protomartyr

Mass at 10am at St Wulstan's

Mass at 11:30am (Polish) at St Wulstan's

Sunday 28th December

Feast of the Holy Family

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 5pm at Our Lady of Grace

Mass at 9am at St Wulstan's

Mass at 11am at Our Lady of Grace

Mass at 11:30am (Polish) at St Wulstan's

Thursday 1st January

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass 10am at Our Lady of Grace

No Evening Mass or Confessions

Sunday 4th January

Second Sunday of Christmas

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 5pm at Our Lady of Grace

Mass at 9am at St Wulstan's

Mass at 11am at Our Lady of Grace

Mass at 11:30am (Polish) at St Wulstan's

Tuesday 6th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass at 10am at St Wulstan's

Mass at 7pm at Our Lady of Grace

ST DUNSTAN

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Sunday 21st December	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Mass at 10am
Tuesday 23rd December	Mass at 9:30am
Wednesday 24th December	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Children's Nativity Mass at 6:30pm
Thursday 25th December	<i>Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity</i> Christmas Day Mass at 10am
Friday 26th December	Mass at 9:30am
Sunday 28th December	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> Mass at 10am
Friday 2nd January	Mass at 9:30am

A TABLE PRAYER FOR OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Most merciful Father, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On this Christmas Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness. Open our hearts to have concern for others so that we may share your gifts with all your people. We ask your Blessing upon this meal that we now share together. Bless those who prepared the meal, those whom we share it with and all your people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WATCH OVER MY FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS

I ask you, Lord to watch over my family. Keep them in your care. Protect them from harm. Guard them from danger. Preserve them from all evil. May your goodness abide in our thoughts, your love in our hearts, your peace in our homes. Grant to my family the grace to live in harmony, ready to forgive, eager to show kindness to one another, and to all they meet, so that wherever they go in life they may know they are loved and cared for by You. *Amen.*

ST TERESA

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Thursday 18th December

Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:30pm

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| Sunday 21st December | <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
Mass at 8:45am and 11:30am (live-streamed) |
| Monday 22nd December | Mass at 9:30am |
| Tuesday 23rd December | Mass at 9:30am |
| Wednesday 24th December | <i>Christmas Eve</i>
Mass at 9:30am
Children's Crib Service at 4pm
Carol Service at 9:15pm <i>followed by</i>
Christmas Vigil Mass at 10pm |
| Thursday 25th December | <i>Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity</i>
Christmas Day Mass at 9am and 11am |
| Friday 26th December | Mass at 9:30am at St Dunstan's in Bourne End |
| Saturday 27th December | Mass at 6pm
(Confession at 5:30pm) |
| Sunday 28th December | <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>
Mass at 8:45am and 11:30am (live streamed) |
| Thursday 1st January | <i>New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>
Mass at 10am |
| Friday 2nd January | Mass at 9:30am |

ST JOSEPH

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Saturday 20th December

Advent Retreat led by Fr John Udris

10am Mass until 1pm *including*

Advent Service of Reconciliation at 12 noon

Sunday 21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 5:30pm

Mass at 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm

Community Carol Service at 3pm

Monday 22nd December

Mass at 7am and 9am

Tuesday 23rd December

Mass at 7am and 9am

Wednesday 24th December *Christmas Eve*

No Morning Mass

Christmas Mass (Nativity) at 5pm

Carols at 9:30pm, Christmas Mass at 10pm

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity

Mass at 7:45am, 9am (Nativity) and 11am

Friday 26th December

Mass at 10am

Saturday 27th December

Mass at 10am

Sunday 28th December

Feast of the Holy Family

Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 5:30pm

Mass at 7:45am, 9am and 11am

No Evening Mass

Monday 29th December

Mass at 10am

Tuesday 30th December

Mass at 10am

Wednesday 31st December

Mass at 10am

Thursday 1st January

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 10am *followed by* Adoration until 11am

Friday 2nd January	Mass at 10am
Saturday 3rd January	Mass at 10am
Sunday 4th January	<i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:30pm Mass at 7:45am, 9am and 11am No Evening Mass
Monday 5th January	Mass at 10am
Tuesday 6th January	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Mass at 10am and 7:30pm
Wednesday 7th January	Mass at 10am
Thursday 8th January	Mass at 10am <i>followed by</i> Adoration until 11am
Friday 9th January	Mass at 10am



All Christmas and New Year Masses at St Joseph's Church will be live streamed.

www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live

THE MOST HOLY NAME

Old Mill Road, Denham, Near Uxbridge, Buckinghamshire near to UB9 5AR

Thursday 11th December	Christmas Concert at 7:30pm
Sunday 21st December	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Mass at 9:30am
Wednesday 24th December	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Carols at 8:30pm, Christmas Mass at 9pm
Thursday 25th December	<i>Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity</i> Mass at 9:30am
Sunday 28th December	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> Mass at 9:30am
Sunday 4th January	<i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> Mass at 9:30am

BRIDGETTINE CONVENT

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Thursday 11th December Carol Service at 6:30pm

Sunday 21st December *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 4:30pm
Mass at 9am

Wednesday 24th December *Christmas Eve*
Carols at 7pm, Christmas Mass at 7:30pm

Thursday 25th December *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity*
Mass at 9am

Sunday 28th December *Feast of the Holy Family*
Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 4:30pm
Mass at 9am

Sunday 4th January *Second Sunday of Christmas*
Vigil Mass **Saturday** at 4:30pm
Mass at 9am

THE YEAR AHEAD

May God make our new year a happy one! Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes; Not by making our path easy, but by making us sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from us, but by taking fear from our heart; Not by granting us unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making our life always pleasant, but by showing us when people and their causes need us most, and by making us anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.

A PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY

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Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ST PETER

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Sunday 21st December	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Holy Mass at 9am, 11am and 5:30pm
Monday 22nd December	Holy Mass at 10am <i>followed by</i> Confessions Confessions from 6pm to 7pm
Tuesday 23rd December	Holy Mass at 10am <i>followed by</i> Confessions Confessions from 6pm to 7pm
Wednesday 24th December	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Holy Mass at 10am <i>followed by</i> Confessions until 12 noon Children's Christmas Mass at 3pm and 5pm Mass During the Night at 9pm <i>preceded by</i> Carols from 8:30pm
Thursday 25th December	<i>Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity</i> Mass of Dawn at 9am Mass During the Day at 11am
Friday 26th December	Holy Mass at 10am
Saturday 27th December	Holy Mass at 10am
Sunday 28th December	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> Holy Mass at 9am, 11am and 5:30pm
Thursday 1st January	<i>New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> Holy Mass at 10am
Sunday 4th January	<i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> Holy Mass at 9am, 11am and 5:30pm
Tuesday 6th January	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Holy Mass at 10am and 7pm

*Glory to God in the Highest!
May your Christmas be blessed with peace and joy.
May your New Year be bright and full of hope.
And may God bless you and your families.*

*Fr Bob, Fr Deepu, Fr James, Fr Jerome, Fr John Mc, Fr John U,
Fr Jonathan, Fr Kamil, Fr Ken, Fr Martin, Fr Maurice, Fr Mirek,
Fr Roy, Fr Seán and Fr Theophilus.*

Deacons Brent, Brin, David, Gerard, John, Kevin, Paul and Peter.



Diocese of Northampton

South Bucks Pastoral Area

serving the parishes of

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St Aidan, St Augustine,
St Columba, St Dunstan, St John Henry Newman, St Joseph, St Peter and St Teresa
under the patronage of St Monica*

The Pastoral Area Council (PAC) is made up of clergy and lay representatives from each parish. It meets five times a year to communicate parish news, strengthen relationships and progress pastoral area-wide initiatives. The Dean is Rev Mgr Provost Seán Healy and the Chair is Joan Barham. The clergy meet regularly and a 'PA Exec' meets as required. Dialogue, prayer, reflection and discernment are at the heart of our work together.

PACs exist to serve the mission of the Church in their local area. They offer opportunities to undertake new projects together and enhance the life of individual communities; connecting people across a locality and sharing experience, talent and opportunities for growth. They facilitate the fulfilment of our baptismal vocation and reflect the Church's understanding of synodality – walking together in communion, participation and mission.

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