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## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec St Ambrose**

10am to 10:45am Confessions  
6pm Mass: *Nat and Marie, Wedding anniv*

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*  
10:30am Mass: *Mary Neves Ajume*  
5pm Kerala Mass

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

6:30pm Mass: *Fr Andrew Chemiec,*  
*10th anniv. of ordination*

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

10am Mass: *Fr Brendan Gorman (RIP)*  
10:30am Rosary

**Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**

10am Mass: *Ursula Bolding & Jaquiline Emery*

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Saint Lucy**

11am – 11:45am Adoration and Confessions  
12 noon Mass: *Dead List*  
7pm – 7:45pm Confessions

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Saint John of the Cross**

10am to 10:30am Confessions  
6pm Mass: *Special Intention, Mancini*

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*  
10:30am Mass: *TBA*  
5pm Kerala Mass

## SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

## RECENT ALPHA COURSE

Thanks be to God for the grace of our recent Alpha Course. It has enabled, for all the participants, a journey to be either embraced newly or newly strengthened. Special thanks to the Alpha Team who facilitated the Course with hospitality and accompaniment - it was a lot of work, but your dedication has already produced much fruit. We can reflect now on how we should propose another Alpha Course in 2025.

The church will be open on Friday evenings in Advent, and in addition to the other times, Confession will be available on the first two Friday evenings of Advent, 7pm – 7.45pm.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES AT CHRIST THE KING

### Christmas Eve

3pm Lithuanian Mass  
5pm Vigil Mass  
6:45pm Keralan Mass  
9pm Night Mass

### Christmas Day

8am Latin Mass  
10am Mass

## SCRIPTURE RESOURCE FOR THE NEW LECTIONARY

The God Who Speaks initiative have provided resources to accompany the introduction of the new lectionary last weekend.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/lectionary/>



## CONDOLENCES

To the recently bereaved family and friends of

*Jane Attard (RIP)*

*Mary Neves (RIP)*

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

## ST THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

You are invited, to the St Thomas More High School Carol Service taking place at Saint Philip and Saint James Church, on Thursday 19th December, from 7 pm until 8pm, followed by refreshments.

## FEAST DAY MASS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thursday 12th December at Holy Child and St Joseph's Church. 7.00 pm Rosary, 7.30 pm Mass. Celebrant Rt Rev Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

## OUTDOORS CAROL SINGING

Monday Dec 9th, meeting at 7pm at St. Michael's Church, Barford Avenue. We are invited to join local friends from St. Michael's and London Road Methodist church. All welcome. "Let us Sing and Make Music to the Lord".

## THE HOLY YEAR

Begins on Christmas Eve, so as our festivities start at the same time, we also begin a special time of grace for the Church and for the world. The twelve days of Christmas this year will have an extra emphasis: the grace of Jubilee year. How could we enable the celebration of the days of Christmas in our parish to be a real sign of God's favour at the start of this Jubilee year?

Our parish has had a very good tradition of singing, which we want to build upon. You are invited to come to a Christmas singing rehearsal in the church on Monday 16th December at 7pm. It would be lovely to join voices with yours!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £570.12

## NYMO YOUTH MINISTRY - FLAME 2025

15th March 2025,

OVO Arena, Wembley. Ages 14-25.

The bookings and tickets for Flame 2025 are now live on the NMYO website!

[www.nymo.org/flame-2025](http://www.nymo.org/flame-2025)

Bookings can be purchased by individuals or by a group. There are 2 options for tickets: entrance only tickets (£29) or entrance + transport tickets (£48).

We have a limited number of these early bird tickets available and once they are all sold, prices will increase to £31 for entrance tickets, and £50 for entrance + transport. To secure your places you will need to both submit a booking form, and purchase tickets.

Transport pick up points will be: Northampton, Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, Luton, Slough, and High Wycombe.

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to find out more. Bishop David is looking forward to participating in this event both as our diocesan Bishop and in his national role as chair of the department for evangelisation and discipleship.



## LUX 2025 - LUX. HOPE

LUX is an annual residential weekend for young people aged 11-18 yrs.

5th-7th February, Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood.

The theme for LUX this year is Hope in-line with the theme for the Jubilee year. We'll be exploring what Hope means for young people today, using the life and travel of St. Paul to guide us. Bookings are now live on the NYMO website: <https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025/>. Included in the cost is accommodation, food, and social activities (e.g. high ropes, inflatable obstacle courses etc). We have a maximum capacity of 60 this year, so make sure you book sooner rather than later to avoid missing out.

Contact [NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com) to find out more.

### Mary, You Show Me the Way By Becky Eldredge

Mary, in the midst of your life, you heard your call. In hearing it, you were told, "Do not be afraid." (Luke 1:30) In the busyness of your life, God offered you an invitation. On one ordinary evening, you were able to say "yes."

What about me, Mary? Will I be able to hear God's call in the midst of my life? Will God utter the same words of comfort delivered through another that the angel offered you? Will I be able to discern God's voice from all the others offering me invitations? Will I be able to say "yes" to God's invitation when it appears in the middle of my ordinary life?



Somehow your heart was tuned to the voice of God. Somehow the Holy Spirit enabled you to hear and say "yes" to what God put before you. While I do not understand it all, I do know that your ability to hear God through the angel Gabriel helps me know that I will be able to hear God speaking to me in the middle of my life. Your ability to say "yes" to something that frightened you at first helps me, too, say "yes" to the invitations God puts in my life that frighten me. You show me the way, Mary, to hear God's voice, to overcome my fears, and to do God's will.

In this season of Advent, when we celebrate your ability to hear God's invitation and respond positively, I ask that you pray for us. Pray that we, too, may have hearts tuned to God's voice. Pray that we might be comforted the way the angel Gabriel comforted you. Pray that we, too, can respond to God's invitations in our lives so that we might continue to bring light into the world the way you did by offering us the greatest light, Jesus. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.