CATHOLIC PARISHES OF AYLESBURY

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Christ The King	Mass Times and Location	Intention
Saturday 21st November *The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary* *2nd Collection for Church Heating*	*09.30 at OLOL* *17.00 Adoration and Confession at St Joseph's* *18.00 at St Joseph's* *18.00 at OLOL*	*Enya Biju - Birthday* *The McSorley Family* *Ranjit Kumar- Thanksgiving & Kate Haywood RIP Anniversary*
Sunday 22nd November ***Christ The king*** ***2nd Collection for Church Heating***	*08:15 at OLOL* *09:30 at St Joseph's* *Children's Liturgy* *10.00 at OLOL* *Children's Liturgy, Tea & Coffee after Mass* *11:30 at St Clare's* *Children's Liturgy* *12:00 at St Joseph's*	*Annamaria Sophie & Susannah Michelle Webster- For Healing* *Teresa Layzell – Birthday & Marion St Mart RIP* *Benny Noronha RIP* *Parish*
Monday 23rd November *St Clement 1. Martyr* *St Columban*	*09.30 at OLOL* *10.15 at st Joseph's* ***Funeral of John Skinner 2.30pm OLOL***	*Souls of Saturnino & Luisa and All Souls & Sr Mary Theresa RIP*
Tuesday 24th November *St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions. Martyrs*	*09:30 at OLOL* *Novena and Tea & coffee after Mass* *10:15 at St Clare's*	*Sr Albertine Feast Day* *Evelyn McBrien RIP*
Wednesday 25th Nov. *St Catherine of Alexandria*	***No Mass***	
Thursday 26th November	*10.15 at St Joseph's* *18:30 at OLOL* *Adoration and Confession after Mass*	*Holy Souls in Purgatory*
Friday 27th November	*09:30 at OLOL* *10:15 at St Joseph's* *Confessions and Benediction after Mass* ***1.30 St Louis School Reconciliation***	*Ron Farmer RIP Anniversary*
Saturday 28th November	*09.30 at OLOL* *Benediction and Confession after Mass* *17.00 Adoration and Confession at St Joseph's* *18.00 at St Joseph's* *18.00 at OLOL*	*Annamaria Sophie Webster – For Healing* *Cole Keogh* *Evelyn McBrien RIP,* *Pat & Jim Belfrage RIP*
Sunday 29th November ***1st Sunday of Advent***	*08:15 at OLOL* *09:30 at St Joseph's* *Children's Liturgy* *10.00 at OLOL* *Children's Liturgy, Tea & Coffee after Mass* *11:30 at St Clare's* *Children's Liturgy* *12:00 at St Joseph's* *16.00 at OLOL* *Malayalam Mass*	*Mischa 8th birthday* *Gaetano Romano RIP Anniversary* *Brenden Keary RIP*

Prayer group meets at OLOL every Tuesday 7-8.30pm for prayer, praise and sharing the gospel. All are welcome.

Legion of Mary meetings
Tuesday 7pm at St Clare's Church. All welcome.
Wednesday at 7pm – at OLOL Church.
Please contact Mary Philpott at marykitephilp@gmail.com

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for November 2026:
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

ADVENT
Advent is the sacred four-week liturgical season that marks the beginning of the new Church year. Derived from the Latin word *Adventus*, meaning "Coming" or "Arrival".
The purpose of Advent: It is a time of hopeful preparation, quiet reflection, and spiritual readiness.
How can each one of us prepare?
Daily scripture readings, Advent calendar reflections and special novenas.



Advent Wreath – a circle of evergreen representing eternity and God's Faithfulness.
1st Sunday – A call to watchfulness
The first purple candle is the "Prophet's Candle" – "Candle of Hope"

Confirmation Programme
Registration for this programme is **now closed.**
The parents evening will take place on 21st November at 3pm in OLOL Hall. Please bring your cash payment of £40 to this meeting. Confirmation classes will take place on Thursday's 7-8pm in the hall approximately twice a month during term time and dates will be shared at the parents meeting.

Walking with St Francis through Advent: online retreat Thursday evenings from 26 November at 7.30pm
Join us for the first week of our diocesan online Advent retreat with speaker Brian Purfield to explore St Francis' early life and call. Available live via youtube, or at any time after that suits you. For more information, or to register, visit: https://northamptondiocese.org/advent-retreat-2026/

Christmas Flowers
It will be lovely to see our Churches decorated this Christmas time. Any donations towards the cost of flowers would be gratefully received. You can donate electronically in all churches or pop a donation in the offertory basket or through the Parish office door in an envelope marked Christmas flowers. Thank you

Request from CAFOD
Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162

Please pray for the sick of our Parish -
Alexis Mwaniki, Nelia Ngu, Cathy Foot, Margaret Cox, Chris Payne, Fr John Fleming, Willie and Linda Brennan, Narvé Dearan, Annamaria Sophie Webster, Anil Baria

Collections
STJC: 1st Collection **£1176.10** Electronic: **£385**

OLOL: 1st Collection **£571.07** Electronic: **£227**

Baptism
We welcome into God's Family:
Lotachukwu Mika who will be baptised at St Joseph's on Saturday 21st November at 11.00am.
Jakub Szymczak who will be baptised at St Clare's on Friday 27th November at 3pm.
May they grow up to know the way of the Lord.

Funerals
Our sympathies lie with:
The Skinner family on the death of John Tudor. Service to be held on Monday 23rd November at 2.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, followed by Committal at Bierton Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

Our Lady of Lourdes – Children's Carol Singing
For Our Lady of Lourdes families attending the parish Christmas party on Saturday, 19th December, we would love to have the children help lead some festive carol singing! If your child is coming along and would like to take part, please add their name to the sign-up sheet at the back of Our Lady of Lourdes church by Sunday, 29th November.

Jesus Youth
Jesus Youth is inviting all youth aged 10 to 18 for the monthly Youth Hangout, a fun afternoon of Music, Presentations, Activities and Worship. It's on Saturday, 28th of Nov (2pm till 4:30pm) at our OLOL Parish Church. Snacks will be served. For more information contact Abigail on 07448196368 or Usha on 07891971613.

First Holy Communion Children
It has been lovely to meet the children enrolled on the First Reconciliation & Holy Communion programme. Please can we remind parents that now they have started their classes it is important the children participate in and follow the Mass. This means they should no longer be attending Children's liturgy at any Mass. Thank you.

LUX – 29–31 January 2027. For young people Secondary School Age (School Years 7–13) | Kings Conference Centre, Northampton
LUX is a residential weekend organised by NYMO for young people in secondary school and sixth form. It gives young people the chance to step away from the busyness of everyday life, spend time with other young Catholics, have fun and, most importantly, encounter Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him. The weekend includes talks, activities, prayer, games, small groups and opportunities for young people to explore and deepen their faith.
Bookings now live Find out more: nymo.org/lux-2027

Coming up….

First Holy Communion lesson	21st November
Confirmation parents meeting	21st November
1st Sunday of Advent - A call to Watchfulness	29th November
Confirmation Class	03rd December
2nd Sunday of Advent – Peace	06th December
Confirmation enrolment Mass	06th December
First Holy Communion lesson	12th December
3rd Sunday of Advent – Joy	13th December
Parish Christmas Party	19th December