CATHOLIC PARISHES OF AYLESBURY

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Christ The King	Mass Times and Location	Intention
Saturday 28th November	*09.30 at OLOL* *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 and 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*	*Gaetano Romano RIP Anniversary* *Brenden Keary RIP*
Monday 30th November	*09.30 at OLOL* *10.15 at st Joseph's*	
Tuesday 1st December *St Andrew Apostle*	*09:30 at OLOL – Novena and Tea & coffee after Mass* *10:15 at St Clare's*	*Walter D'Souza RIP* *Edward Carcoran RIP*
Wednesday 2nd December	***No Mass***	
Thursday 3rd December *St Francis Xavier*	*10.15 at St Joseph's* *18:30 at OLOL – Adoration and Confession after Mass*	*Georges Mootookistnen RIP* *Elcy Joy RIP*
Friday 4th December *St John of Damascus*	*09:30 at OLOL* *10:15 at St Joseph's – Confessions and Benediction after Mass* *18: 30 OLOL – 1st Friday of the month*	*Francis Philips and family*
Saturday 5th December ***2nd Collection for Church Heating***	*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*	*Anne & Greg McKinney and Molly Duncan*
Sunday 6th December ***2nd Sunday of Advent*** ***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*	*Winston Nicola* *Mischa 8th birthday* *James Lambie RIP*

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

Coming up….

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
4th Sunday of Advent -Love	20th December

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

SVP will have their meeting this Sunday 29th November after the 10am Mass

Walk with Me Advent booklets are available at the back of all our Churches. A £1 donation will be welcome.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for December 2026:
For single-parent families
Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

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".

Walking with St Francis through Advent: online retreat Thursday evenings at 7.30pm
Join us for the second week of our diocesan online Advent retreat with speaker Cn John Udris to understand the Gospel through St Francis' teaching on creation. 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/

Advent Carol Service
You are warmly invited to the Advent Carol service in St Jospeh's Church Thame on Sunday 13th December at 4pm. All welcome.

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

Enrolment Mass
On the 6th December at 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, our young people take an important step in their faith journey. During this special Mass our Confirmation candidates will formally enrol in the parish preparation programme, publicly declaring their intention to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
We ask the entire parish community to keep our candidates, their parents/guardians and their sponsors in your prayers as they begin this time of spiritual growth. God bless.

Collections
STJC: 1st Collection **£1076.66** Electronic: **£70**
2nd Collection Church Heating **£ 242.73**
OLOL: 1st Collection **£670.23** Electronic: **£115**
2nd Collection Church Heating **£158.01**

Baptism
We welcome into God's Family:
Mia Elouise Ermino who will be baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 5th December at 11.30am.
May she grow up to know the way of the Lord.

Funerals
Our sympathies lie with:
The Gallotta family on the death of Stefano. Funeral details to follow.

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.

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) |
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

Our PAC Chair writes…
Following a review of the year and the activities within the Pastoral Area of a St John Fisher we would like to thank everyone for making the Church in this area so active and vibrant. In the Schools, Care homes, hospitals, celebrating personal Jubilees, youth work, social events, support of good causes. The Holy Spirit working in and through each of us being together the body of Christ in this Area. We pray that the Holy Spirit will help and guide us again throughout this coming year and that the PAC will help facilitate us all working together. We give thanks in particular to God for our Dean Fr Jais: Our Priests and Sisters and all who are active members of the Church and pray for your welfare over the coming New Year. Happy New Church Year! Please get in touch if you are planning events we can include.

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, Narve Dearan, Annmaria Sophie Webster, Anil Baria.