



EASTER 2024
South Bucks Pastoral Area

At the back of this Easter Booklet, you will find a brief synopsis from Bishop David of the main points he reflected on after his recent pastoral visit to the South Bucks Pastoral Area. Towards the end of last year, the bishop spent three months visiting, listening, and encouraging us in our various pastoral communities. We are used to seeing the bishop much more frequently in these days of easy transport and the bishop has certainly visited often in recent months (Pilgrims of Hope, Lent Station Mass) but pastoral visitations are an important element in the bishop's oversight for the Diocese. He 'sifts and heeds' and reflects on what he has experienced as he helps us move forward in faith and hope.

The bishop's reflections do challenge us, and also encourage us to work together as we use the resources that have been given to our parish communities over the years and as we seek to hand on these communities to those who follow us. Do read the bishop's reflections carefully and prayerfully and see if you can involve yourself more fully in your parish as we plan for the future and create lively Catholic communities in the coming years!

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Mgr Seán Healy
Pastoral Area Dean

 ***Clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am on Easter Sunday 31st March*** 

ST DUNSTAN

St Dunstan's Catholic Church
Cores End Road, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, SL8 5AR

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parish.stdunstan@northamptondiocese.org

Passion (Palm) Sunday Holy Mass	24th March 10am
Tuesday of Holy Week Holy Mass	26th March 9:30am
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	29th March 7:30pm
Easter Sunday Holy Mass	31st March 10am

ST TERESA

St Teresa's Catholic Church
40 Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, HP9 2PL

www.littleflower.co.uk

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Passion (Palm) Sunday Holy Mass (Vigil) Holy Mass	24th March Saturday 6pm 8:45am and 11:30am
Monday of Holy Week Holy Mass	25th March 9:30am
Tuesday of Holy Week Holy Mass	26th March 9:30am
Wednesday of Holy Week Holy Mass Service of Reconciliation	27th March 9:30am 7:30pm
Maundy Thursday <u>No Morning Mass</u> Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10:30pm)	28th March 8pm
Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross Ecumenical Service on Beaconsfield Council Green Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion	29th March 9:30am 11am 3pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	30th March 7:30pm
Easter Sunday Holy Mass	31st March 8:45am and 11:30am
Easter Monday Holy Mass	1st April 9:30am



[*All Easter Triduum Masses will be live-streamed*](#)

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Passion (Palm) Sunday	24th March
Vigil Mass	Saturday 6pm
Mass	11am
Monday of Holy Week	25th March
<u>No Mass</u>	
Tuesday of Holy Week	26th March
<u>No Mass</u>	
Wednesday of Holy Week	27th March
Rosary	9am
Morning Prayer	9:30am
Mass	10am
Maundy Thursday	28th March
Mass	7:30pm
Good Friday	29th March
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm
Holy Saturday	30th March
<u>No Mass</u>	
Easter Sunday	31st March
Mass	11am
Easter Monday	1st April
<u>No Mass</u>	

Stations of the Cross throughout Lent on Fridays at 11:30am

ST COLUMBA

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01494 785269

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Passion (Palm) Sunday Mass	24th March 9am and 6pm
Monday of Holy Week Mass Reconciliation Service	25th March 10am 7pm
Tuesday of Holy Week <i>No Mass</i>	26th March
Wednesday of Holy Week <i>No Mass</i>	27th March
Maundy Thursday Mass	28th March 7:30pm
Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion	29th March 3pm
Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil Mass	30th March 8pm
Easter Sunday Mass <i>Morning Mass time moved to 10am and NO 6pm Evening Mass</i>	31st March 10am
Easter Monday Mass	1st April 10am

Stations of the Cross throughout Lent on Wednesdays at 7pm

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Church
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www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org

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Passion (Palm) Sunday	24th March
Vigil Mass	Saturday 5pm
Passion Sunday Celebration Mass	9am
Monday of Holy Week	25th March
<u>No Morning Mass</u>	
Tuesday of Holy Week	26th March
Mass	9:30am
Wednesday of Holy Week	27th March
<u>No Mass</u>	
Maundy Thursday	28th March
<u>No Morning Mass</u>	
Mass of the Lord's Supper	5pm
Followed by silent adoration for 30 minutes	
Good Friday	29th March
<u>No Morning Mass</u>	
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	5pm
Holy Saturday	30th March
Easter Vigil Mass	6:30pm
Easter Sunday	31st March
Mass	9am
Easter Monday	1st April
<u>No Morning Mass</u>	

ST AIDAN

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Thursday Reconciliation Service	21st March 7pm
Passion (Palm) Sunday Vigil Mass Passion Sunday Celebration Mass	24th March Saturday 6:15pm 11:15am
Monday of Holy Week Mass	25th March 9:30am
Tuesday of Holy Week <u>No Morning Mass</u>	26th March
Wednesday of Holy Week <u>No Morning Mass</u>	27th March
Maundy Thursday <u>No Morning Mass</u> Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by silent adoration for 30 minutes	28th March 7:30pm
Good Friday <u>No Morning Mass</u> Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	29th March 3pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass	30th March 8:30pm
Easter Sunday Mass	31st March 11:15am
Easter Monday <u>No Morning Mass</u>	1st April

ST JOSEPH

St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Thursday **21st March**
Reconciliation Service 7:30pm

Passion (Palm) Sunday **24th March**
Vigil Mass Saturday 5:30pm
Mass 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week **25th to 27th March**
Mass 7am and 9am

Maundy Thursday **28th March**
No Morning Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm
Followed by Adoration until 11pm

Good Friday **29th March**
Morning Prayer 10am
Children's Stations of the Cross 11am
Sacred Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross 3pm

Holy Saturday **30th March**
Morning Prayer 10am
Confessions 10:30am to 11am
No 10am Mass and No 5:30pm Mass
Easter Vigil 9pm

Easter Sunday **31st March**
Mass 7:45am, 9am and 11am
No Evening Mass

Easter Monday to Friday **1st to 5th April**
Mass 10am

As from Saturday, 6th April Mass times return to normal schedule

THE MOST HOLY NAME

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

Passion (Palm) Sunday Mass	24th March 9:30am
Good Friday Sacred Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross	29th March 3pm
Easter Sunday Mass	31st March 9:30am

BRIDGETTINE CONVENT

Fulmer Common Road, Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire, SLO oNR

Passion (Palm) Sunday Vigil Mass Mass	24th March Saturday 4:30pm 9am
Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	28th March 7pm
Good Friday Sacred Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross	29th March 3pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	30th March 8:30pm
Easter Sunday Mass	31st March 9am



All Holy Week and Easter Services at St Joseph's Church will be live streamed. This enables those not able to attend church in person to watch and listen to what is happening during the services as they are broadcast in real time.

www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live

ST AUGUSTINE

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www.st-augustines-church.org.uk

01494 523969

parish.staugustinehw@northamptondiocese.org

Passion (Palm) Sunday Mass	24th March 9am, 11am and 6pm
Monday of Holy Week Mass Passover Meal (advance booking needed)	25th March 9:30am 7pm
Tuesday of Holy Week Mass Penance Service	26th March 9:30am 7pm
Wednesday of Holy Week Mass Confessions	27th March 9:30am 6pm to 7pm
Maundy Thursday <u>No Morning Mass</u> Mass of the Lord's Supper	28th March 7:30pm
Good Friday Morning Prayer Children's Stations of the Cross Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	29th March 9:30am 10:30am 3pm
Holy Saturday Morning Prayer	30th March 9:30am
Easter Sunday Mass <u>No Evening Mass</u>	31st March 9am and 11am
Easter Monday Mass	1st April 9:30am

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

*St Wulstan's Catholic Church
Hollis Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP13 7UN*

*Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
Squirrel Lane, Booker, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP12 4RY*

www.stjhnparish.org

01494 472526

parish.stjhn@northamptondiocese.org

Passion (Palm) Sunday	24th March
Vigil Mass (Our Lady of Grace)	Saturday 5pm
Mass (St Wulstan)	9am
Mass (Our Lady of Grace)	11am
Polish Mass (St Wulstan)	11:30am
Monday of Holy Week	25th March
<u>No Mass</u>	
Tuesday of Holy Week	26th March
Mass (St Wulstan)	10am
Wednesday of Holy Week	27th March
<u>No Mass</u>	
Maundy Thursday	28th March
Mass of the Lord's Supper (St Wulstan)	7:30pm
Followed by prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	
Polish Mass of the Lord's Supper (Our Lady of Grace)	7:30pm
Good Friday	29th March
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (St Wulstan)	3pm
Polish Service	7:30pm
Holy Saturday	30th March
Easter Vigil (St Wulstan)	7pm
Polish Mass (Our Lady of Grace)	7:30pm

Easter Sunday**31st March**

Mass (St Wulstan)

9am

Polish Mass (St Wulstan)

10:30am

Mass (Our Lady of Grace)

11am

Easter Monday**1st April**No Mass**OUR PASTORAL AREA***Patron – Saint Monica*

The **Pastoral Area Council** (PAC) is made up of clergy and lay representatives from each parish. The Dean is Rev Mgr Provost Seán Healy and the Chair is Joan Barham. It meets bi-monthly to communicate parish news, strengthen relationships and progress pastoral area-wide initiatives.

Bishop David writes: ‘The Pastoral Area Council is an opportunity to focus our reflection about what it means to be a missionary disciple. The Church is an apostolic community that receives the life of the Spirit for mission.’

As parishes Bishop David asks us: ‘To be generous; in your prayer of intercession for the parish communities within your Pastoral Area, in your seeking the way forward to encourage a communion of collaboration between these communities, in your vision for the way forward and how we can reach out in welcome to those who are called to belong to the Body of Christ but need our encouragement and accompaniment.’

Pastoral Area Councils 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. They connect people across a locality, sharing experience, talent and opportunities for growth. They facilitate the fulfilment of our baptismal vocation.

Bishop David says: ‘A Pastoral Area is not a set of identical units, with each congregation having to function in the same way. As St Paul writes, we are a body, with different skills and functions, because of its variety, not despite it, the Pastoral Area can be a representation of the Body of Christ. The role of the Council, and the Dean and Chair in particular, is to hold that tension creatively and use it for the building of the Kingdom.’

ST PETER

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Passion (Palm) Sunday	24th March
Holy Mass	9am, 11am (with palm procession) and 5:30pm
Monday of Holy Week	25th March
Holy Mass	10am (followed by Confessions)
Tuesday of Holy Week	26th March
Holy Mass	10am (followed by Confessions)
Wednesday of Holy Week	27th March
Holy Mass	9:30am (in St Peter's School)
Maundy Thursday	28th March
Mass of the Lord's Supper	7pm
Followed by Watching until 10pm with Night Prayer at 9:45pm	
Good Friday	29th March
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	3pm
Stations of the Cross	7pm
Holy Saturday	30th March
Morning Prayer (followed by Confessions until 12noon)	10am
Easter Vigil	7pm
Easter Sunday	31st March
Holy Mass	9am, 11am and 5:30pm
Easter Monday	1st April
Holy Mass	10am

SOUTH BUCKS PASTORAL AREA PASTORAL VISITATION

First of all, my sincere thanks to you all for the kindly welcome, warm hospitality and generosity during the weekends of the pastoral visits. Hopefully, having me around was not too burdensome. I thoroughly enjoyed being with you, the lovely meals we shared together; on two occasions, with parishioners. The visitations helped me to grow in my appreciation and affection towards you all.

I want to encourage you Fathers to look after yourselves and the parish houses. You deserve to be looked after and cared for. It is not a neglect of Gospel simplicity to exercise good stewardship and to make sure the presbytery is a homely place of some modest comfort for yourselves. Please do work with your finance committees, the diocesan COO and property office, to make improvements and make sure the house is warm and comfortable. The same might be said of the churches. Again, if there are needs or particular projects you have in mind to make the churches, especially the sanctuary, places of beauty and fit for liturgical celebration, don't be afraid to talk with the COO about making plans. Again, parish properties might need thinking through. I am thinking of the presbyteries at Great Missenden and St Wulstan's High Wycombe.

My overall sense is that you have good parish communities here in the South Bucks pastoral area. It is difficult to see everything in the course of a twenty-four hour period, but there were some fine examples of catechesis, social needs outreach, pastoral care, prayer and spirituality groups of one kind and another. I very much enjoyed the liturgical music available in this part of the Diocese. There were some novel ideas for raising funds, for the parish and for various social needs. There may be more jams and chutneys for sale at the back of your churches than any other part of the Diocese. Also, there is an awareness of how elderly some communities are. What will this parishes look like in five and ten years time?

South Bucks proves to be a most interesting part of the Church in this country. Our parishes are very near to those in the Archdioceses of Westminster and Birmingham, the Dioceses of Portsmouth and Arundel and Brighton. There is some movement between the communities of these dioceses, and that makes for a most interesting dynamic at times. I hadn't appreciated this before the visitations.

There is some fluidity between communities. On more than a few occasions, I met with people who were not strangers to me. I had met them in liturgies in other communities. This fluidity is something which is very much part of our ecclesial experience in these times. On some occasions this was because certain Mass times suited their family arrangements that weekend. On other occasions it was just because they fancied a change. This certainly got me thinking. For example, is it worth arranging some “confessional swaps” occasionally? There may be other ways in which parishes can cooperate together. It would be profitable to see how parishes may work together with catechetical programmes. The *Emmaus talks* seem to be successful. They are a wonderful expression of reflection on important teaching themes across the pastoral area.

The recent carol singing in High Wycombe was an excellent and non-too-threatening idea. It involved doughnuts, handing out sheets with Christmas Service times and even some parishioners receiving some basic formation in answering any questions which may arise.

Another aspect of things, which gave me much food for thought, concerns the future of parishes and parish combinations. Chesham and Chesham Bois are hardly a mile from each other. We all hope Fr Dave and Fr Giacomo will be at Chesham for a number of years to come. What happens when they move on? Should we consider an alternative arrangement to the one in place presently? What about High Wycombe? Should there be a time when this becomes one parish with three churches? What happens to Bourne End when Sr Winifred steps back from her excellent pastoral role there? Should we be thinking about reducing our numbers of parishes to accommodate the coming times when there will be less clergy available for parish ministry.

It would be imprudent if we didn't think about the future. That said, I do not want to be trapped into any sense of despair or anxiety about this. Just now, I want to be very positive about what the Church is doing in this part of the Diocese. There is much to celebrate and give thanks for. I recognise a very certain and firm foundation to build upon. How do we take things forward? In this regard, I want to encourage you to reflect upon those three familiar words by now, communion, participation and mission. Perhaps through the agency of the Pastoral Area Council, we can begin some synodal conversations around building a consensus about what these things might look like here in South Bucks.



Halleluia! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

*Easter is a time of reflection and a time to recognise the miracles that God has brought into our lives. Our prayer is that you and your families have the opportunity to experience His greatest miracle of all – His eternal love.
Happy Easter.*

*Fr Alessandro, Fr Bob, Fr Dave, Fr Giacomo, Fr Jerome,
Fr John Mc, Fr John U, Fr Jonathan, Fr Kamil, Fr Martin,
Fr Maurice, Fr Roy, Fr Seán and Fr Theophilus.
Deacons Brent, Brin, David, Gerard, Kevin, Paul and Peter.*



Diocese of Northampton
SOUTH BUCKS PASTORAL AREA

serving the parishes of

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Great Missenden

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour – Chesham Bois

St Aidan – Little Chalfont

St Augustine – High Wycombe

St Columba – Chesham

St Dunstan – Bourne End

St John Henry Newman – High Wycombe

St Joseph – Gerrards Cross, The Chalfonts, Denham, Stoke Poges & Iver Heath

St Peter – Marlow

St Teresa – Beaconsfield