

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF AYLESBURY

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Websites: www.stjosephandstclare.co.uk | <https://ourladyoflourdes.uk>
 Streaming Link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/aylesbury> (All Masses at St Clare's are streamed)
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Easter Sunday	Mass Times and Location	Intention
Saturday 4th April <i>Holy Saturday</i> <i>Easter Vigil</i>	10.00 at St Joseph Morning Prayer 20.00 at OLOL Easter Virgil 20.30 at St Clares Easter Vigil 23.00 Malayalam Mass	Kevin Gavin RIP
Sunday 5th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>No 08:00 Mass at OLOL</i> 09:30 at St Joseph 10:30 at OLOL 11.15 at St Joseph's 11.30 at St Clare's <i>No Children's liturgy today</i>	Sofia Moncada RIP Mariam Devasia RIP Parish
Monday 6th April	09.15 at OLOL 10:15 at St Joseph	Patria Diaz RIP anniversary
Tuesday 7th April	09.15 at OLOL Tea & Coffee after Mass 10.15 at St Clare	Marie Hodge 80 th Birthday
Wednesday 8th April	10.15 at St Joseph Divine Mercy 18.00 at OLOL	Riley family intentions
Thursday 9th April	18:30 at OLOL Adoration and Confession after Mass	Natalie & AJ Tollo Wedding Anniversary
Friday 10th April	09:15 at OLOL 10:15 at St Joseph Benediction and Confession after Mass	Sosama Soloman RIP anniversary Reardon family intentions
Saturday 11th April	09.15 at OLOL Adoration and Confession after Mass 18:00 at St Joseph 18.00 at OLOL	Joyce Parry RIP Azaliah Maria Albin Birthday
Sunday 12th April	08:00 at OLOL 09:30 at St Joseph 10:30 at OLOL Children's Liturgy, Tea & Coffee after Mass 11:15 at St Joseph 11:30 at St Clare Children's Liturgy	Albin and Susmitha Thanksgiving

Prayer Group. There will be no prayer group this week. Next meeting Tuesday 14th April at Our Lady of Lourdes 7-8.30pm. All welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast 2026, celebrations at St Andrews Church, Washington Drive Cippenham, Slough SL1 5RE on 12th April at 2.30pm. The service will be led by Mgr Sean Healy and will include Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus, Mass, talk, Chaplet, Adoration and Veneration. All welcome. Please call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information.

Legion of Mary meetings takes place every Wednesday at 19:00hrs – at OLOL Church. If you would like more information about the Legion, please contact Mary Philpott at marykitephilp@gmail.com

Welcome. Fr Beirne, Fr White and Fr Kevin who will help celebrate Masses this weekend.

Jesus youth is inviting youth aged 13-18 for the monthly youth hangout, a fun afternoon of music, presentation, activities and Fellowship. Saturday 18th April 1.30pm – 4pm at OLOL Parish Church. Snacks will be served. For more info contact Abigail on 07448196368 or Usha on 07891971613

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for April:

For priests in crisis, let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

An Easter Message from Fr Jais

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

In these times marked by war, uncertainty, and a weakening of faith, many hearts are troubled and drawn toward the distractions of the world. Yet Easter reminds us that darkness never has the final word. The Risen Christ brings hope, even into the deepest wounds of humanity.

We see faith fading, truth being overshadowed, and the sacred often neglected. But this is not a time for despair - it is a call to return to Christ with renewed devotion and trust. He alone is our peace in conflict, our truth in confusion, and our light in darkness.

Let us not be shaped by the spirit of the world, but strengthened by prayer, the sacraments, and a firm faith. Be witnesses of hope where there is fear, and of love where there is division.

May the Risen Lord renew our hearts and guide us always. A blessed and holy Easter to you all.

Planned/offertory envelope giving

Please collect your offertory envelopes for the coming year if you have not already done so. These are now available at the back of Church for 2026/7 and start from 12th April.

OLOL 150 Club

Congratulations to our winners this month. The winners were M.C. Cummings - £100; A.M. Bailey - £60 and S. Ibbotson - £40.

Please consider joining the club to raise funds for church projects. Joining leaflets are available by the notice board.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

The Life in the Spirit seminars are returning in April, with sessions being held online to allow as many people as possible to attend. The online sessions will be on 28th April, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of May, and 2nd June. There will be an in-person Baptism in The Holy Spirit retreat day, which will be held at Our Lady, Help of Christians, in Chapel Langley, Luton on 23rd May. <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2026/>

The God Who Speaks – Our Liturgy of the Word

Join us for a series of online Zoom sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary readings and the seasons of the Liturgical Year. These evenings offer a valuable opportunity to deepen our engagement with the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team, with presentations from Fr Andrew Behrens, Liz Clark, Dcn Peter Collins, Fr Jaismon Francis MSFS, Fr Allan Jones CRIC, and Mgr Kevin McGinnell. Next Session: Wednesday 8 April 2026 – Eastertide. Future 2026 Dates: 8 July, 9 September, 11 November. All sessions run 7:30–8:30pm and include prayer, input, and time for comments and questions. Cost: Free, with an option to make a donation. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org

Collections

STJC 1st Collection **£1363.22** Electronic **£195**

OLOL 1st Collection **£761.75** Electronic **£236.25**

Baptisms: We welcome into Gods family:

Sunday 5th April 14.00 hrs OLOL *Caelum Theon Da Silva*

Saturday 11th April 11:00hrs OLOL *Sally Louise Harratt*

Saturday 11th April 12.00hrs St Clare *Benson Lorenzo*

Saturday 11th April 13:00hrs St Joseph *Malakhi Subida*

Saturday 11th April 14.00 hrs St Clare *Bruno Campbell*

May they grow up to know the way of the Lord

Heating at St Clares

Unfortunately, the heating at St Clares is not working and requires parts in order to fix it. These cannot be ordered until next week so please dress warmly if attending St Clares.

Fr Jais – Leave

Please note that Fr Jais will be on holiday from Monday 13th April until Thursday 7th May. On his return, he will be joined by our new second Priest Fr Jerome. If you need anything to be signed or need to see Fr Jais, please do so before 13th April as there will only be emergency Priest cover, by Fr John Beirne, and Mass cover available during this time.

Encounter Day

On Saturday 28th March Mission Northampton ran an *Encounter* day with some dedicated parishioners already committed to mission at the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Aylesbury. Encounter is an experience of the Gospel message shared in a creative way and has been run in various parts of the Diocese and country over the last few years. One participant shared the following encouraging message following the day: "Thank you and your team for delivering Spirit led talks at Our Lady of Lourdes Aylesbury Retreat. The sessions were powerful and I was definitely renewed and strengthened in my faith... I continue on my journey to discover what the Lord has called me to in the church with hope and joy!"

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Sr Anne Marie, Fr John Fleming, Chris Payne, Jon Chesterton, John Paul Hutton, Immaculata Hallright, Walter Lally, Kathleen Foot, Annette East, Fr Michael Turner, Henry O Callaghan, Mary Philpott, Denise Roberts, Angelica Kanyuchi, Anthony Keddilty, Rhiannan East, Narvé Dearon, Jim O'Sullivan, Dave Short, Mary Rust, Rose Short, Alexis Mwaniki.

Coming up....

OLOL FHC rehearsals 11am- 1pm	18 th April
2 nd collection - Priests training fund	26 th April
First Reconciliation	09 th May
2nd Collection - Bishop's Fund	10 th May
The Ascension of the Lord	14 th May
First Communion OLOL	16 th May
2 nd Collection Communications Sunday	17 th May
Pentecost Sunday	24 th May
The Most Holy Trinity	31 st May
Corpus Christi	07 th June
First Communion STJC	13 th June
2 nd Collection Day for Life	21 st June
2 nd collection Peter's Pence	28 th June