



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

23rd Sunday of the Year [C]

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Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

Saturday 6 September

9.30am (StAug) – Private Int.

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass –

Sunday 7 September – 23rd Sunday of the Year [C]

9am (StAug) – Joseph Stephen Morris RIP

9am (SW) – Eric & Terri Williams (Int)

11am (StAug) –

11am (OLG) – Penny Scully RIP

6.00pm (StAug) – People of the Parish

Monday 8 September – Nativity of the BVM

9.30am St Aug –

Tuesday 9 September – St Peter Claver, Priest

10:00am (SW) –

Wednesday 10 September –

9.30am (St Aug) –

Thursday 11 September –

7.00pm (OLG) – Anne-Louise Sparrow (B'day)

Friday 12 September – Most Holy Name of Mary

10.00am (SW) – Michael Lew RIP

Saturday 13 September – St John Chrysostom

9.30am (StAug) – Private Int.

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass

Sunday 14 September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9am (StAug) –

9am (SW) –

11am (StAug) –

11am (OLG) –

6.00pm (StAug) –

Mass Readings:

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm: Ps. 90:3-6,12-14,17

2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

Psalm response:

O Lord, You have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

Gospel Acclamation

Let Your face shine forth on Your servant, and teach me Your decrees.

EUCCHARISTIC ACC. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim Your Death, O Lord, until You come again.

CONFESSIONS:

St Augustine's Saturday 10.15-11.00

St Wulstan's Saturday 11.30am-12

Our Lady of Grace Thursday 6.30-7pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy for those children who have not yet made their

First Communion at the 11.00 Mass at St Augustine's and the Sunday morning Masses at the other churches.

TEA AND COFFEE after the 11.00 Mass at St Augustine's in the UPPER ROOM

ALSO after Sunday morning Mass at St Wulstan's and Our Lady's.

ALSO after Thursday Mass at St Augustine's and the 2nd Tuesday of the month at St Wulstan's.



EXPOSITION & ADORATION:

St Augustine's: Saturday after Mass until 11am.

St Wulstan's: First Tuesday of the month after Mass until 11am

ROSARY ON MONDAYS & FRIDAYS:

After 9.30 Mass at St Augustine's.

ONLINE ROSARY

All welcome. Thursday evenings 8 – 8.30pm via Zoom. For joining details, contact Deacon Brin on 07931 607249



LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

St Augustine: £1062.37

+Standing Orders of £696

St John Henry Newman: £1068.27

PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

1st Sept – Upper Room, 7:30pm

8th Sept – Zoom 8pm

15th Sept. – Zoom 8pm

22nd Sept. – Zoom 8pm

29th Sept. – Upper Room, 7.30pm

For Zoom details please contact Deacon Brin.



LECTIO DIVINA Thursdays at 11.00am

Sessions are over Zoom (joining from 10.45 to start at 11) and will last up to 90 minutes. For details of how to join, please contact **Anne Freier** freier1961@gmail.com or **Kathy Russell** karussell143@aol.com

SICK & HOME VISITS: If you know of anyone who is ill or housebound please get them to call Fr Jonathan, so we can arrange for a visit and to receive Holy Communion if they wish.

THE SVP (SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL) WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP.



Wednesday mornings, after Mass, in the Upper Room.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (St Augustine's)

Sep 3 Pauline & Tony

Sep 10 Winston & Prem

Sep 20 Valentina & Kennedy

Sep 24 Liz & Maria

OUR LADY OF GRACE - GAMES DAY

Do come along on the **1st Wednesday** of the month whatever your age (18-80+!) for a time of chat, games and refreshment from **1.00pm** onwards. A contribution of £2 is requested to cover the cost of refreshments. Come and join in this successful and enjoyable event.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

Invites new members. For more information contact Peter Donnelly at: lifetothefullyouth@gmail.com Meeting after Sunday 6pm Mass followed by informal social after (around 7.45pm) Refreshments, Praise, Prayer, Sharing, Friendship. Contact for more information or to be added to **WhatsApp group** or telephone 07716 686383.

YOUTH CLUB meeting at St Wulstan's on Saturday afternoons.. If interested in either joining or volunteering contact **Leticia** 07506 421908 or lucadenuga@yahoo.co.uk

JULIAN MEETINGS Our next meeting will be on Sunday 21st September at 4pm. These times of contemplative Prayer consist of listening to a spiritual reading followed by 20-25 minutes of silent prayer during which we ponder and pray about what we have heard. After that we have some coffee in the Sacristy and talk or share.

EMMAUS: Opening the Scriptures This very popular series of talks on a wide range of subjects continues in the Autumn, on 3rd September, when Fr Simon Penhalagan will speak on Colossians 3:14 "Put on love". To register contact

www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus .

You can also watch online at

[you.tube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks](https://www.youtube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks)

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA (KSC) Members are local men supporting the Catholic Church by

working for the spiritual and material wellbeing of all, following Christ's example.

If you would like to know more contact Paul Hogwood on 07740 812414 or at pjhogwood@btinternet.com

FIRST FRUITS gardening project on 5 allotments. Volunteers wanted to help between 10.30am and 3.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Lunch provided. Info. from Dominic on 07754 051840.

PARISH SECRETARY We have a vacancy for a part time Parish Secretary to provide administrative support to the Parish of St John Henry Newman. The role is for 12 hours per week, Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30-2.30, plus one day to be agreed with successful candidate. Full information and an application form can be found at <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Both new volunteers in this role, and existing Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be commissioned at all Masses at St Augustine's on 14 September and in St John Henry Newman Parish on 20/21 September. These dates have been chosen because by then the holiday period is pretty well over. Any Ministers (new or existing) who are going to be away on those dates please speak to me and we can make suitable arrangements.

MORNING PRAYER For any who wish to participate in the Morning Prayer of the Church, offered at St Augustine's most mornings Monday to Friday, we use the 'Universalis' app which you can put on your smartphones on the settings for Northampton Diocese.

RELIC OF ST. COLUMBA The Knights of St Columba will be bringing the relic of St Columba to St Wulstan's for the Mass on Friday 26th September.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 Forms are now available for applications for places on our First Communion programme. Please ensure that the forms are clearly and completely filled in (both sides!) Please take particular care to ensure that your email address is clearly legible. If baptised away from Wycombe or in the Polish Parish, please attach a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.

All forms must be returned by 21 September to the Church or the Presbytery and soon after that an email will be sent out with the dates for the full programme.

FR ALESSANDRO There will be a Farewell Mass as we thank Fr Alessandro for all he has done for our parishes during his time in Wycombe and wish him well for his ministry in Towcester. This will be on **Thursday 25 September** at 6.30pm at St Augustine's, followed by a reception in the Upper Room.

DIOCESE

See the latest information from NYMO about upcoming events for teens, young adults and those working with young people in our diocese. If you would like to sign up to NYMO's newsletter receive emails about these and future events, please see their webpage: News – NYMO (<https://nymo.org/news-2/>)

CALLED & EQUIPPED 2025-6 Would you love to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year long *Called & Equipped* course gets going again in October, offering the opportunity to explore the foundations of Catholic theology with a like-minded community of faith. Find out more at <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> or sign up for one of our introductory webinars at <https://tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese>

WRDGS Thanks to all who were able to sponsor the walkers raising Money for the Wycombe Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme. The walkers covered 10km on 16th August and raised around £600. If you have not yet done so, please pay sponsorship money as soon as you can.

SAFEGUARDING The CSSA (Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. Victims and survivors of abuse – recent or historic – are invited to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.

In Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at the Cathedral and Bishop David's *A Time to Listen*. We encourage survivors to participate in the survey, helping shape a safer Church for all.

DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP COURSE – Bethsaida The Diocese of Northampton is delighted to announce the launch of the Bethsaida Leadership Course, a year-long programme designed to form leaders for a missionary Church. Are you already serving in your Parish, or do people naturally look to you for guidance? Do you feel called to grow in confidence and take a more active role in your Parish or Pastoral Area?

The Bethsaida Leadership Course offers the opportunity to deepen your faith, strengthen your leadership skills and learn how to serve with your eyes fixed on Christ. Rooted in prayer and practical training, this course will help you grow as one of the living stones (see 1Peter 2:5) building up the Church today.

To find out more or to apply visit northamptondiocese.org/catholic-leadership

PILGRIMAGES 2025

BURGUNDY 19-24 October 2025 With Bishop David and Canon John Udris this pilgrimage will be based at Paray-le-Monial where St Margaret Mary lived and received her visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Those taking part will also visit the burial place of St Bernadette at Nevers, Ars-sur-Formans where St John Vianney lived and worked and the famous places of prayer at Cluny and Taize. From £1695 including flights, breakfast and dinner. For further information and bookings go to www.jcjourneys.com/fnd-lyons.

OTHER

NATALIE, an experienced Pilates instructor is offering classes in the Upper Room, suitable for all ages (16+) levels and abilities. Classes are of 12 people and 1 hour long, beginning on 8th Sept. and running for 8 weeks at £89. Classes are to be on Mondays and Thursdays at 10.30. If interested please ring 07883 083495.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY ALERT TEST We have been asked to assist in spreading the word about this test taking place on **Sunday 7th September** at **3.00pm**. The signal will be sent out to all UK smartphones to test the system which is used to warn the public of nearby dangers to life.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – RED WEDNESDAY EVENT. Join ACN for a day of prayer and reflection on the historic persecution of Catholics in England and the ongoing persecution of Christians worldwide at Harvington Hall near Kidderminster. This

historic venue has more priests' hiding places than anywhere else. See poster for further details

+Useful Websites:

<https://northamptondiocese.org>

<http://www.catholicreadings.org>

<http://www.heavensroadfm.com>

<http://www.walsingham.org.uk>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

<https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/>

<http://cafod.org.uk>

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Holy Michael, the Archangel defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION to be used especially by those not receiving the Eucharist.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.