



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

Exaltation of the Holy Cross [C]

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Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

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)– Joseph Wickramasingha RIP – anniv.

9am (SW) –

11am (StAug) – John & Mary Elliot – Anniv.

11am (OLG) –

6.00pm (StAug) – People of the Parish

Monday 15 September – Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30am St Aug – Jerzy Ryzner RIP

Tuesday 16 September – *SS Cornelius & Cyprian*

10:00am (SW) – Pauline Brown RIP

Wednesday 17 September – *St Hildegard of Bingen*

9.30am (St Aug) – Monica Caruana RIP

Thursday 18 September –

9.30am (StAug) –

7.00pm (OLG) –

Friday 19 September – *St Theodore of Canterbury*

10.00am (SW) –

11.30am (StAug) – REQUIEM for Margaret Cruz

Saturday 20 September – *St Andrew Kim Tae-gon*

9.30am (StAug) –

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass – Annie & Patrick Geraghty RIP

Sunday 21 September – **25th Sunday of the Year [C]**

9am (StAug) –

9am (SW) –

11am (StAug) –

11am (OLG) – Noreen Fitzgerald RIP

6.00pm (StAug) –

Mass Readings:

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm: Ps.78:1-2,34-

38, R/7 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Psalm response:

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your Cross You have redeemed the world.

EUCCHARISTIC ACC. Save us, Saviour of the world, for by Your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free.

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: £961.63

+Standing Orders of £696

St John Henry Newman: £1174.18

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.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING On **Sunday 28th September** we give thanks for the fruits of the earth in our Thanksgiving Masses at St JHN morning Masses and the 11.00 at St Augustine's. People are invited to bring offerings of food to place around the altar at all Masses that weekend. (Dry goods and tins please – no fresh produce) These will be made into food parcels by the SVP and given to some of those in need.

If you are in a difficult situation, please do not be put off contacting the SVP (contact no. at head of Newsletter) as all contacts are dealt with in strict confidence.

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

JULIAN MEETINGS 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. Then 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 1st October, when Bishop Kevin McDonald will speak on the theme of 'Walking Together' – Christians and Other Religions. (Mark 7:24-30)
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.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP Next meeting is on Thursday 18th September from 6pm-7.30 in the Upper Room. Information from Paul (07551 105127) or Joanne (07753 172946)

KSC SPONSORED WALK This will be on Sunday 21st September, a 4 mile walk through the wonderful AONB countryside near Stokenchurch, meeting at 2pm at the King's Arms car park. All are welcome to join and/or sponsor. Forms are in the church or you can donate directly to the KSC a/c 07517319, Sort code 60-11-01, Payee: Knights of St Columba. Half the money raised will go to **Aid to the Church in need**, which helps persecuted Christians all over the world. The other half will go to **Friends of the Holy Land** which helps Christians there as they face persecution and also financial ruin with the present lack of pilgrims.

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>

DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP COURSE – Bethsaida The Diocese of Northampton can 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 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.icjourneys.com/fnd-lyons.

OTHER

NATALIE, an experienced Pilates instructor is offering classes in the Upper Room, suitable for all ages (16+) levels and abilities, 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.

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 the historic Harvington Hall near Kidderminster. See poster for more details.

RETRouvaille Marriage Support. Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help

with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel.07887 296983.

JOHN RUTTER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION at the Albert Hall in London on Thursday 4th December 7.30pm. Michele has discounted tickets in the front circle at £35 and coach transport from West Wycombe and Cressex is to be arranged. The coach will depart around 4.30pm and the price of this will depend on numbers travelling. Please email Michele asap if you are interested as numbers are limited – machoddy@gmail.com

+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.