



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

PALM SUNDAY [A]

29th March 2026



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HOLY WEEK MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

Saturday 28th March – for Palm Sunday

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass – People of the Parish

Sunday 29th March – PALM SUNDAY [A]

9am (StAug) People of the Parish
9am (SW) Teresa Jones RIP
11am (StAug) Brendan O'Neill RIP
11.15am (OLG) Art & Rosena Gibbs RIP
6.00pm (StAug) Martha Rebello RIP

Monday 30th March – Monday of Holy Week

9.30am (StAug) Zion Akaegbusi (1st Birthday)

Tuesday 31st March – Tuesday of Holy Week

9.30am (StAug) Tony Snr. & Jnr. Da Silva
11.30am (OLG) REQUIEM for Thomas Ryan

Wednesday 1st April – Wednesday of Holy Week

11.00am (StAug) REQUIEM for Lesley Cox

HOLY WEEK – SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 2nd April – MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm (StAug) Gabriel (Special Int.)
7.30pm (SW) Parish Clergy

Friday 3rd April – GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm (StAug) *The Passion of the Lord*
3.00pm (SW) *The Passion of the Lord*

EASTERTIDE BEGINS

Saturday 4th April – EASTER VIGIL

8.00pm (StAug) People of the Parish
8.00pm (SW) People of the Parish

Sunday 5th April – EASTER SUNDAY [A]

9am (StAug) Leslie Cox RIP
9am (SW) Chuks Alichukwu (Int)
11am (StAug) Shirley & Michael Haggerty (Int)
11.15am (OLG) Bill & Betty Plummer RIP
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### CONFESSIONS during HOLY WEEK

St Augustine's Saturday 10.15-11.00am  
Monday 4.00-5.00pm  
Penance Service Tuesday 7.00pm  
Last Confessions before Easter begins  
Wednesday 6.00-7.00pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Augustine's Children's Stations  
Good Friday at 10.30am

*We wish you a Holy and Blessed Week*

## THE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS:

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24;  
Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday  
*My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?*

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him a Name that is above every name.*

### Eucharistic Acclamation:

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

### Communion Antiphon:

*Father, if this chalice cannot pass without My drinking it, Your will be done.*

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## ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

During this Mass, the Holy Oils (of the Sick, of Catechumen, Sacred Chrism), which are used throughout our Church Year, are blessed and consecrated. This will take place at the Cathedral in Northampton on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, beginning at midday and will be live-streamed.

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## MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's collection details:

**St Augustine: £1062.70**  
**+Standing Orders of £696**

**St John Henry Newman: £1294.13**

*Thank you for your generous and ongoing financial support for our Parish. For enquiries concerning standing orders or Gift Aid, please contact the Parish Office.*

*The traditional Easter collection takes place next weekend.*

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## TEA AND COFFEE

available after the 11am Mass in the Upper Room at St Augustine's  
**ALSO...** after Sunday morning Mass at St Wulstan's and Our Lady's.



**AND ALSO...** after Thursday Mass at St Augustine's and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at St Wulstan's. *Come and have a cuppa!*

## 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 **1pm** onwards. A contribution of £2 is requested to cover the cost of refreshments.

## FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

*There are a number of ways we might feed our lives as Christians, as well as regular Mass attendance:*



### EXPOSITION & ADORATION:

**St Augustine's:** Saturday after Mass, finishing at 11am.

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

**Our Lady of Grace:** 6.30-7.00pm Thursdays

### 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, tablets, etc. Use the settings for **Northampton Diocese**.

### ROSARY ON MONDAYS & FRIDAYS:

After 9.30am Mass at St Augustine's.

#### & ONLINE ROSARY

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



### PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

13<sup>th</sup> April – Zoom – 8pm

20<sup>th</sup> April – Upper Room 7.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> April – Zoom – 8pm

For Zoom details, please contact Deacon Brin.

### LECTIO DIVINA

Please join us **via Zoom** for our Thursday morning sessions as we reflect on the Word of God for the forthcoming Sunday. Thursdays at 11.00am-12.30pm latest. You can join the meetings from 10.45am. All ages welcome!

For details of how to join, please contact **Anne Freier**, freier1961@gmail.com or **Kathy Russell**, karussell143@aol.com

### JULIAN MEETINGS

Our next meeting for Spiritual Reading, Contemplative prayer and discussion will be at 4pm on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at St Augustine's. All welcome. If you have not tried this before, why not come along and see what it is about?

### EMMAUS: Opening the Scriptures

There is no April talk, but the series continues 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield when Mgr Sean Healy will speak on *Gratitude & Contentment – the Secret of a Thankful Heart* (1Thess.5:16-18)

### GENERAL NEWS!

**There are still CARDS** for Easter available for sale in the narthex at St Wulstan's.

**HOLY EASTER EGGS** – The chocolate egg that shares the Easter story. The eggs are for sale at St Wulstan's £5.50 each.

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

### **CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (St Augustine's)**

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| March 4  | Pauline & Tony      |
| March 11 | Winston & Prem      |
| March 21 | Valentina & Kennedy |
| March 25 | Liz & Maria         |

### VOLUNTEERING IN OUR CHURCHES

**SINGERS** Our Churches are looking for more singers to lead the liturgies at all three churches. You don't have to read music or have an audition! Rehearsals are at Our Lady's at 10.30am on a Sunday before Mass at OLG and at St Augustine's on a Thursday evening. You don't have to be a great soloist, just someone who enjoys singing and offering that to the Lord. To know more do speak to any of our organists/choir leaders after Mass on Sunday

**CLEANERS** We are always looking for people to help with the cleaning and maintenance of our Churches. At present we are especially in need of cleaners at St Wulstan's. If you can spare a little time to help in this work that would be a great contribution to the life of the Parish.

**COLLECTION COUNTING** at St Augustine's is normally done on a Monday morning after Mass. If you can help, please speak to Fr Jonathan. It would be good to have several teams available – many hands make light work!

### A "COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES" DAY

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

The Pastoral Area Council has organised a **Family Day** to be held at St Teresa's, Beaconsfield, to celebrate the diverse cultures and nationalities that comprise our parishes. If any family or group of friends is willing to provide either short (10 minutes max.) entertainment (music, dancing, or similar cultural performance) or a dish of a speciality food for a shared late lunch, please speak to Deacon Brin, who can pass on the suggestion to the organisers.

The day is to run from 10am to 4pm and will include a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving. Also see the poster on the porch for fuller details.

### FOR OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS

*For the latest information from the Northampton Youth Ministry team, NYMO, about upcoming events for teens, young adults and those working with young people in our diocese, please visit <https://nymo.org/news-2/>. It is also possible through this website to sign up to receive NYMO's newsletter*

**YOUTH CLUB** meet up at St Wulstan's parish room on Saturday afternoons. If interested in either joining or volunteering, please contact Leticia on 07506 421908 or email her at [ltcadenuga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ltcadenuga@yahoo.co.uk). Our Youth Group is for all three churches! All are welcome!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** The Children's Liturgy for those children who have not yet made their First Communion at the 11am Mass at St Augustine's and the Sunday morning Masses at the other churches. After Palm Sunday the group at St Augustine's will be taking a break until 19<sup>th</sup> April.

### PILGRIMAGES

**PATMOS of St John the Evangelist**, Led by Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD, 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Cost £1595 including flights, ferries and hotels, with breakfast and one other daily meal. See the poster in the narthex porch for details.

**ASSISI** led by Fr Matt Roche Saunders. Assisi is celebrating a Jubilee Year marking the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the life and death of St Francis...

The trip is from 1-6 June 2026 from £1350 per person including return flights from Stanstead, Accommodation, Breakfast and Dinner and services of a local English-speaking guide throughout. Pilgrims will visit the basilicas of St Francis and St Clare, Mount Subiaco and also the tomb of St Carlo Acutis. Full details at [www.jcjournneys.com](http://www.jcjournneys.com) or call 01886 812862

**Some Useful Websites:**

<https://northamptondiocese.org>  
<https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/>  
<https://www.catholicreadings.org>  
<http://cafod.org.uk>  
<https://cbcew.org.uk>  
(Catholic Bishops' Conference for England & Wales)  
<http://www.heavensroadfm.com>  
<http://www.walsingham.org.uk>

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES - SUMMARY**

**Monday @ 7pm**

Penance Service (StAug) 7pm

**Maundy Thursday @ 7.30pm**

Mass of the Lord's Supper both St Augustine's and St Wulstan's.  
*A Polish Mass is at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Grace.*

**Good Friday**

10.30am Children's Stations of the Cross at St Augustine's.  
*Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 3pm at St Augustine's **and** St Wulstan's. 7.30pm (Polish) at Our Lady of Grace.*

**Holy Saturday:**

Traditional Polish Blessing of Easter Food at Our Lady of Grace, from 8.30-10.30am.

The Easter Vigil at 7.30pm (Polish) at Our Lady of Grace and 8pm at both St Augustine's and St Wulstan's.

**Easter Sunday – He is Risen!**

9am at both St Augustine's and St Wulstan's

11am at both St Augustine's and Our Lady of Grace.

**HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!**

**LET US PRAY...**

**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**

*This prayer can be said especially by those not receiving the Eucharist at Mass.*

*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.

**A PRAYER FOR PEACE**



*Almighty God*, from Whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle, we pray You, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Your Kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.