



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

EASTER SUNDAY [A]

5th April 2026



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EASTER WEEK MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES

Morning Prayer 9.15am before 9.30 weekday Mass

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) Lesley Cox RIP
9am (SW) Chuks Alichukwu (Int)
11am (StAug) Shirley & Michael Haggerty
11am (OLG) Art & Rosena Gibbs RIP
There is no 6pm (StAug) Mass today

Monday 6th April – Easter Monday

9.30am (StAug) Bill & Betty Plummer RIP

Tuesday 7th April – Easter Tuesday

9.30am (StAug) Michelle Lew RIP – Anniv.
10.00am (SW) REQUIEM – Maria Wylot

Wednesday 8th April – Easter Wednesday

6.30pm (StAug) Private Intention

Thursday 9th April – Easter Thursday

7.30pm (StAug) Thanksgiving
7.30pm (SW) Frances Edwards RIP

Friday 10th April – Easter Saturday

10.00am (SW) Fr Martin Chambers RIP

Saturday 11th April – Easter Saturday

9.30am (StAug) Foundation - Peacock
5.00pm (OLG) VIGIL MASS *Pro Populo*

Sunday 12th April – 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

9am (StAug) Emenike Remigius & Sulomon
9am (SW) Anthony Nkwocha RIP
11am (StAug) Michael Howe RIP – Anniv.
11am (SW) Special Intention
6.00pm (StAug) Christopher de Souza RIP

EASTER SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Psalm 118:1-2; 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4 (or 1Corinthians 5:6b-8)
Gospel: John 20:1-9 (or the Easter Vigil Gospel)

Responsorial Psalm Response – Easter Sunday

*This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

Gospel Acclamation - Easter Sunday :

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

Eucharistic Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection until You come again.

Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

CONFESSIONS

St Augustine's Saturday 10.15-11am
St Wulstan's Saturday 11.30-12 noon
Our Lady of Grace Thursday 6.30-7.00pm

MONEY MATTERS

Last Sunday's collection details:

St Augustine: £1062.70
+Standing Orders of £696
St John Henry Newman: £1222.69

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.


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 2nd 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.

As well as through regular Mass attendance, there are several ways we can be spiritually nourished... 

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 **England - Northampton Diocese.**

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

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:

13th April – Zoom – 8pm

20th April – Upper Room 7.30pm

27th 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, 25 April 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

The series continues 6th 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!

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)

April 1 Pauline & Tony
April 8 Winston & Prem
April 18 Valentina & Kennedy
April 22 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

2nd May 2026

The South Bucks Pastoral Area Council is organising a **Family Day** to be held at St Teresa's, Beaconsfield, to celebrate the diverse cultures and nationalities that comprise our parishes.

The day is to run from 9.30am to 3.30pm and will include a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving. See the poster on the porch for fuller details or contact St Teresa's Parish Office on 01494 673018

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. 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 19th April.

PILGRIMAGES

PATMOS of St John the Evangelist, Led by Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD, 1st-7th 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 800th 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.jcjourneys.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>

***A Very Happy and
Blessed Easter to our
parishioners
and your families.***

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 anyone 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.

THE EASTER SEQUENCE...

Victimae paschali laudes...

(also known as the "Easter Sequence") is an ancient expression of the Church's worship during the Easter Octave (i.e., eight-day feast). It has remained an official element of the Easter liturgies since its composition in the eleventh century.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!