



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th July 2026



"A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors joining us this Sunday."

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- *StAug – St Augustine Church, 24 Amersham Hill, High Wycombe HP13 6NZ.
- *OLG – Our Lady of Grace 29 Squirrel Lane, Booker, High Wycombe, HP12 4RY.
- *SW – St Wulstan's Church Hollis Rd, High Wycombe HP13 7UN.

MASS INTENTIONS: DATES & TIMES

We warmly welcome Fr Patrick Duffy, s.x. to St Augustine's Parish this weekend.

Saturday 18th July – *No morning Mass. Confessions at St Augustine's from 10am; none at St Wulstan's.*

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 19th July – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am (StAug) – The Xaverian Mission Society
9.00am (SW) – Holy Souls
11am (StAug) – Martin & Kathleen Family Int.
11am (OLG) – Private Intention

6.00pm (StAug) – People of the Parish
Monday 20th July – St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
9.30am (StAug) – Gruffudd Scott Int.
Tuesday 21st July – St Lawrence of Brindisi,
Priest and Doctor of the Church

9.30am (StAug) – **No Mass today**
10.00am (SW) – Resmy Int.
Wednesday 22nd July – St Mary Magdalene

July
9.30am (StAug) – SVP outreach

Thursday 23rd July – St Bridget of Sweden, Religious and Patron of Europe

9.30am (StAug) – **No Mass today**
7.00pm (OLG) – Sick & Housebound
Friday 24th July – St Sharbel Makhlef (Priest)

9.30am (StAug) – Peace on Earth
10.00am (SW) – No Mass Today

Saturday 25th July – St James Apostle
9.30am (StAug) – Bp Laurence Youens RIP.

Simple Adoration and Confessions follow Mass. No Confessions at St Wulstan's.

5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 26th July – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am (StAug) – Gruffudd Scott Int.

9am (SW) – School Holidays 😊
11am (StAug) – Barbara Howe RIP Anniversary
11am (OLG) – Tony Stokes Int
6.00pm (StAug) – Stella Fernandes RIP

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

Entrance Antiphon

SEE, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
And praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Psalm Response

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to
little children

Eucharistic Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

We proclaim your Death,

O Lord, until you come again

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
Has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

CONFESSIONS

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

MONEY MATTERS – Thank you! 😊

St AUGUSTINE'S: £857.76 + £334.22 (Apostleship of the Sea) + standing orders: £696.

St JHN: £560.38 + £270.21 (Stella Maris) + standing orders: approx. £550

There is a retiring collection at St Augustine's Church to support the missionary appeal this weekend

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 🧒👧

Children who have **not yet made their First Holy Communion** are warmly invited to join our Children's Liturgy during the **11 am Mass at St Augustine's** and at **Sunday morning Masses** across our other parish churches.

TEA AND COFFEE

We warmly invite you to stay for a drink and a chat:

- After the 11am Mass at St Augustine's (Upper Room)
- After Sunday morning Mass at St Wulstan's and Our Lady of Grace
- After the 1st Sunday Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Grace
- After Thursday Mass at St Augustine's

On the second Tuesday of the month at St Wulstan's

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.

SVP WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP at St Augustine's after 09.30 Mass each Wednesday. All welcome for a chance to chat, play board games and enjoy tea and biscuits – or even cake!

Bega Kwa Bega – Walk & Cream Tea

Join us for an afternoon of friendship, gentle walking, and cream tea in support of Bega Kwa Bega on Sunday 19th July 2026, 2:00–4:30pm at Our Lady of Grace. For more information, please contact Dee Harvey at: dympna.harvey@btinternet.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Applications Now Open! Forms for the **2027 First Holy Communion Programme** are now available in the church porch. All application forms must be **fully completed** and **clearly legible**.

If your child was baptised outside High Wycombe or within the Polish community, please include a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate with the application.

Closing date for applications: **Sunday 13th September**. For any queries, please speak to **Fr Jonathan**.

GROWING IN FAITH

MORNING PRAYER:

Morning Prayer is usually said at St Augustine's at 9.15am, before the 9.30am Mass, from Monday to Saturday. We use the Universalis app, available for smartphones and tablets. In the settings, select **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: Thursdays from 6.30-7.00pm

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:

20th July – Upper Room 7.30pm
27th July – Zoom 8pm
3rd August – Zoom 8pm
10th August – Zoom 8pm

For Zoom details, please contact Deacon Brin.

LECTIO DIVINA via Zoom - 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. For details of how to join, please contact **Anne Freier**, freier1961@gmail.com or **Kathy Russell**, karussell143@aol.com All ages welcome!

GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION

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)

July 22nd: Liz & Mari

July 29th: Pauline & Tony

August 5th: Winston & Prem

August 12th: Valentina & Kennedy

LEGION OF MARY – Our Lady of Families

A new Legion of Mary group has begun at **St Aidan's, Amersham**. All who feel called to this mission are warmly invited to the weekly meeting on **Thursdays, 6.45–8.30pm** for prayer, spiritual sharing, and outreach. For details or transport help from High Wycombe, contact **Sigmund Fernandes (07788 238511)**.

ANNUAL 3 PARISHES QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 31st July at 7pm. St Teresa's Parish Centre, Beaconsfield. This CAFOD fundraiser includes a fish & chip supper (or veg. option). For more information and tickets at £15 ea., from Sheila Ashmore: 07703 358102

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS – Reflection Series

Join Fr John McGowan OCD for six sessions exploring Magnifica Humanitas, **Pope Leo XIV's** encyclical on AI and its impact on humanity. **Thursdays, 7.30pm on 25 June; 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 July** at **St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8RY**.

WEBELIEVE – Festival of Catholic Life

Join Catholics from across England and Wales for the **WeBelieve** Festival at St Mary's College, Oscott, from 24–27 July 2026. A four-day celebration of faith, community, prayer, and Catholic life. More details at webeliefefestival.com.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES:

This year Northampton Cathedral will host the annual Mass for Marriages and Families at **12pm on Saturday 5th September**. All are warmly invited, especially couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this year.

Support for Asylum Seekers - The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in Maidenhead is seeking **good-quality clothing, trainers, children's toys, toiletries, unopened make-up, suitcases, and old mobile phones or laptops** (with data removed) for asylum seekers housed in a local hotel. Please bring your donations to the parish. Thank you for your generosity in supporting those in need.

UNBOUND – Book Study (Starting 16th September)

"Unbound" is a gently guided healing-prayer ministry of Catholic origin, widely endorsed by the Catholic Bishops. Its purpose is to help people experience the True Freedom that **Christ** won for us.

Northampton Diocese has recently authorised a team to offer this ministry under the patronage of **Our Lady Undoer of Knots**.

We warmly invite you to join us for a reflective study of the **Unbound** book by **Neal Lozano**. Over eight weeks, we will read and reflect on the first seven chapters—one per week. Prayer ministry will be available at the end of the course for those who wish to receive it. Please purchase the book (via Amazon or the Unbound UK website) and read Chapter 1 before the first session.

Wednesdays, 7pm–8pm, Upper Room at St Augustine's Starting: 16th September Refreshments provided.

For more information, please email: unboundoluk@gmail.com Flyers are available at the back of the church.

Diocesan Music Day – An invitation is extended to all involved in parish music ministry for the **Diocesan Music Day on Saturday 19th September**. A day of formation, practical resources, and shared music-making. Venue to be confirmed.

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/>.

YOUTH CLUB for those aged 9-15 meet up at St Wulstan's parish room on Saturday afternoons in term time 4pm-5.30pm. 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!

Lighthouse Cressex – 27–31 July 2026

Donations for Children (Ages 0–11)

Lighthouse Cressex is seeking donations for children up to 11 years to help raise funds for this year's event. Donations may be placed in the collection box located in the Church Porch at **Our Lady of Grace** by **THIS Sunday, 19th July**. Please donate **children's books, games, and jigsaw puzzles only**. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting Lighthouse Cressex and its work with local children and families.

Help Needed – Daily News-Sheet Writer

Lighthouse Cressex (27–31 July at the Church of Christ the Servant King) is looking for someone with a **good working knowledge of suitable software** to prepare the **daily news-sheet** during Lighthouse week. This involves producing **two A5 sides** each day, including **jokes** and **key information** provided by team members. The news-sheet is shared with parents and carers and is a **much-loved tradition** of the Lighthouse week.

For more information, please contact **Marie Jackson** at revm149@gmail.com.

Lighthouse High Wycombe – Urgent Volunteer Appeal. This Christian Summer Camp from 10–14 August welcomes 300 children this year. To accommodate all who have applied, the team urgently needs more volunteers.

To learn more or sign up, please visit: <https://app.signmeup.org.uk/lighthouse-high-wycombe/40>

Priesthood Discernment Day –

Calling all men aged 16+ discerning a vocation to the priesthood are invited to a Discernment Day on **Saturday 8 August, from 10:30am** at **St Augustine's, Milton Keynes**. The day includes prayer, reflection, Mass, and conversations with priests. Contact **Fr Pius: vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org | 01753 523147**.

Useful Website Links:

- northamptondiocese.org
- northamptondiocese.org/donate
- catholicreadings.org
- cafod.org.uk
- cbcew.org.uk - (Catholic Bishops' Conference for England & Wales)
- walsingham.org.uk
- www.heavensroadfm.com

Dates for Diary at a glance

- **24th–27th July: “WeBelieve Festival”** at St Mary's College, Oscott.
- **31st July:** CAFOD Quiz at St Teresa's, Beaconsfield
- **8th August:** Priesthood Discernment Day at St Augustine's church, Milton Keynes
- **5th September:** Diocesan Mass for Marriage & Families.
- **19th September:** Diocesan Music Day

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 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

Prayer for Peace of Pope Saint John XXIII

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth.

Prayer for today

Lord, help me remember that nothing will happen to me today that you and I cannot handle together. Amen.