



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th July 2026



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

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MASS INTENTIONS: DATES & TIMES

We welcome the support from the Carmelites in Gerrards Cross to help with provision of Mass this Sunday morning for St John Henry Newman parish – Welcome One and All!

Saturday 25th July – St. James, Apostle Feast
5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 26th July – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am (StAug) – Gruffudd Scott (Int.)
9.00am (SW) – School Holidays 😊
11am (StAug) – Barbara Howe RIP (Anniversary)
11am (OLG) – Tony Stokes (Int.)
6.00pm (StAug) – Stella Fernandes RIP
Monday 27th July –
9.30am (StAug) – Aleyamma Augustin RIP
Tuesday 28th July –
9.30am (StAug) – No Mass today
10.00am (SW) – Grandparents & Elderly
Thanksgiving
Wednesday 29th July – Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
9.30am (StAug) – Holy Souls

Thursday 30th July – St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor
9.30am (StAug) – No Mass today
7.00pm (OLG) – Martin McDonagh RIP
Friday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest & Religious
9.30am (StAug) – Peace on Earth
10.00am (SW) – No Mass today
Saturday 1st August – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor
9.30am (StAug) – Missionaries & the global Church
5.00pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 2nd August – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am (StAug) –
9am (SW) – People of the Parish
11am (StAug) –
11am (OLG) – Sick & Housebound
6.00pm (StAug) – People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 3:5-6a,7-12 Psalm 119:57,72,76,77,127-130
Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Psalm Response

O Lord, how I love your Law!

Gospel Acclamation

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

Eucharistic Acclamation

Save us, saviour of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And never forget all his benefits.

CONFESSIONS

Our Lady of Grace Thursday 6.30-7 pm
St Augustine's Saturday 10.15-11 am
St Wulstan's Saturday 11.30-12 pm

MONEY MATTERS — Thank you! 😊

**St AUGUSTINE'S: £763.06 + £540 (Xaverian
Missionaries Collection) + standing orders: £696.**
**St JHNewman: £560.20 + £271.00 (Bega Kwa Bega) +
standing orders: approx. £550**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY — SUMMER BREAK 🧒👧

Children's Liturgy will **pause** for the **summer break after this weekend**. Sessions are expected to resume in early September. **We extend our sincere thanks to all who have led and supported this important ministry throughout the year.** Your time, dedication, and care are deeply appreciated. We wish all our families a happy and restful summer and look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

TEA AND COFFEE

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

- After the 11:00 am Mass at St Augustine's (Upper Room)
- After Sunday morning Mass at both St Wulstan and Our Lady of Grace Churches
- After the first Sunday of the month Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church

- On the second Tuesday of the month, after the Mass, at St Wulstan Church
- After Thursday Mass at St Augustine's (sacristy)

SVP WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP at St Augustine's after 9.30 am Mass each Wednesday. All welcome for a chance to chat, play board games and enjoy tea and biscuits – or even cake!

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This Sunday 26 July, our Diocese will join the universal Church in celebrating the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. This year's theme, *"I will never forget you"* (Isaiah 49:15), was chosen jointly to honour the continuing inspiration of Pope Francis and the spiritual reflections of Pope Leo XIV, reminding us of God's unfailing love for every person—especially those who may experience loneliness or isolation in later life. Established by Pope Francis, the Day encourages us to cherish the wisdom, faith, and witness of older generations. We are invited to reach out to grandparents and elderly people, ensuring they know they are loved, valued, and never forgotten.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Thanks – Bega kwa Bega Walk & Cream Tea: "We had 28 people take part in the Bega kwa Bega walk and cream tea. With donations, the total raised was £271. A warm thank you to everyone who helped organise the event, took part, or contributed their time and money on behalf of BkB. It was a very enjoyable afternoon."

Regards, Dave R

OUR LADY OF GRACE – GAMES DAY 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. All welcome!

GROWING IN FAITH

MORNING PRAYER: Morning Prayer (Lauds) is usually said at 9.15 am, from Monday to Friday, at St Augustine's church. We use the *Universalis* App, which is available for smartphones and tablets. In the settings, select **England – Northampton Diocese**. 

EXPOSITION & ADORATION:

St Augustine's: Saturday after Mass, finishing at 11:00 am.

St Wulstan's: First Tuesday of the month after Mass until 11:00 am

Our Lady of Grace: Thursdays from 6.30–7:00 pm

HOLY ROSARY ON MONDAYS & FRIDAYS:

After the 9.30 am Mass at St Augustine's.

ONLINE ROSARY: All welcome!

Thursday evenings 8:00–8.30 pm
via Zoom. For joining details, please
contact Deacon Brin on 07931
607249.



PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

27th July – Zoom, 8:00pm
3rd August – Zoom, 8:00pm
10th August – Zoom, 8:00pm
17th August – Upper Room, 7.30pm

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 am to 12.30 pm. You can join the meetings from 10.45 am. For details of how to join, please contact **Anne Freier**, freier1961@gmail.com or **Kathy Russell**, karussell143@aol.com **All are welcome!**

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.

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 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, 6.45–8.30 pm** for prayer, spiritual sharing, and

outreach. For details or transport help from High Wycombe, contact **Sigmund Fernandes (07788 238511)**.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS – Reflection Series

We have been joining Fr John McGowan, OCD, for a series of sessions exploring **Pope Leo XIV's** encyclical on AI and its impact on humanity. **Thursdays, 7.30 pm**
Final session on 30 July at St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8RY.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES:

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

Support for Asylum Seekers: Many thanks for the generous response so far! The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in Maidenhead need **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. Your support makes a difference. Thanks!

UNBOUND – Book Study

"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 chapter each 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, 7 pm to 8 pm, 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.

"Thank you and Farewell!" Ben Boyd from Our Lady of Grace writes: "This Sunday is, sadly, my last at OLG. Just wanted to thank everyone at OLG for being such a pleasure to play for! I feel greatly blessed to have been so warmly welcomed to the parish just over a year ago and appreciate everyone's kindness they've shown me. The parish will stay close to my heart as I return to Bath, and may God bless you all.
– Ben" **Warm Parish Tribute**

FOR OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS

OUR YOUTH CLUB is now on **summer break** but will be back when the new academic year begins! This is a friendly and welcoming gathering in the Parish Room at St Wulstan's Church, though open to our younger people from across all three churches.

If interested in joining us or volunteering with us, please contact **Leticia** on **07506 421908** or email her at **ltcadenuga@yahoo.co.uk**. All welcome!

LITTLE LIGHTHOUSE– 27–31 July

Church of Christ the Servant King, Booker 10 am–12 noon, Monday to Friday

Little Lighthouse runs from 27th–31st July for children aged 0–4 years, together with their parents or carers. There is no need to book — simply come along on the day.

Children can enjoy lots of toys, craft activities, a Bible story, singing, and a snack. Bring your friends and their little ones, and meet new families in a warm, friendly setting.

For more information, please contact Catri on 07866 580216.

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 for all men aged 16+ who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood are invited to a Discernment Day on **Saturday 8 August, from 10:30 am** 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

And Finally...

Despite the warm weather and the lure of global sporting events, last Saturday's "Summer Proms" was a joyful success — filled with wonderful music, hymns, and community spirit.

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed: our choir, musicians, special guests, soloists, and those who prepared the refreshments. We raised **£97.00** as part of this event.

A special vote of **thanks** to **Kelvin, our Director of Music**, for coordinating and bringing a splendid evening to a fitting conclusion. **Thank you all.**

So 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.

Prayerful Quote for today

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love." [St Teresa of Calcutta]