



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd August 2026



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

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MASS INTENTIONS: DATES & TIMES

Saturday 1st Aug – St Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop & Doctor
5:00 pm (OLG) – **Vigil Mass for Sunday**
Sunday 2nd Aug – **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am (StAug) –
9:00 am (SW) –
11:00 am (StAug) – Frances Wright RIP
11:00 am (OLG) – Elinda Flores,
Healing & Recovery
6:00 pm (StAug) –
Monday 3rd Aug –
9:30 am (StAug) –
Tuesday 4th Aug – St John Vianney, Priest
9:30 am (StAug) –
10:00 am (SW) –
Wednesday 5th Aug – Dedication of the Basilica of
St Mary Major
9:30 am (StAug) –

Thursday 6th Aug – **The Transfiguration of the Lord,
Feast**
9:30 am (StAug) – Beata Waligora RIP
7:00 pm (OLG) – Holy Souls
Friday 7th Aug – St Cajetan, Priest, St Sixtus II,
Pope, & Companions, Martyrs
9:30 am (StAug) – Anthony Samuel
10:00 am (SW) –
Saturday 8th Aug – St Dominic, Priest
9:30 am (StAug) – Foundation Mass, Flynn
5:00 pm (OLG) – **Vigil Mass for Sunday**
Sunday 9th Aug – **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am (StAug) – Leonard Daniel
9:00 am (SW) –
11:00 am (StAug) – Geronimo Ortinero Sr. RIP
11:00 am (OLG) –
6:00 pm (StAug) – For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalms 145:8-9,15-18

Romans 8:35,37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my
rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalms Response

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

One does not live by bread alone, but by
every word that comes from the mouth of
God

Eucharistic Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come
again.

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from
heaven, endowed with all delights and
sweetness in every taste.

CONFESSIONS

Our Lady of Grace Thursday 6:30-7:00 pm

St Augustine's Saturday 10:15-11:00 am

St Wulstan's Saturday 11:30-12:00 pm

MONEY MATTERS — Thank you! 😊

St AUGUSTINE'S: £921.56 + standing orders:
£696.

St JHNewman: £537.84 + standing orders:
approx. £550

CHILDREN'S LITURGY — SUMMER BREAK 🧒

Children's Liturgy is now on its **summer break**,
with sessions expected to resume in **early**
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!

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 **1:00 pm** 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
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PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

3rd August – Zoom, 8:00 pm
10th August – Zoom, 8:00 pm
17th August – Zoom, 8:00 pm
24th August – Upper Room, 7:30 pm
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 11:00 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)

August 5th : Winston & Prem
August 12th : Valentina & Kennedy
August 19th : Liz & Mari
August 26th : Pauline & Tony

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, from 6:45–8:30 pm**, for prayer, spiritual sharing, and outreach. For details or transport help from High Wycombe, contact **Sigmund Fernandes (07788 238511)**.

Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Families –

This year Northampton Cathedral will host the annual Mass for Marriages and Families at **12:00 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 needs **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, 7:00 pm to 8:00 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.

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill –

Bishops' Statement – The Catholic Church continues to oppose assisted suicide and calls for compassionate care, dignity and support at the end of life. The Bill returns to Parliament on **11 September**. The Bishops encourage Catholics to read their statement and, where appropriate, contact their MP to register their opposition.

Diocesan Music Day – Everyone involved in parish music ministry is warmly invited to the **Diocesan Music Day** on **Saturday 19th September**. This special day of formation, practical learning, shared music-making and fellowship is open to musicians, choir members, singers, cantors, organists, music directors and clergy from across the Diocese.

Whether you have served in music ministry for many years or are just beginning, the day offers an opportunity to develop musical and liturgical skills, discover practical resources, share experiences, and meet others who enrich the Church's worship through music. It promises inspiration, encouragement, and the chance to celebrate the vital role of sacred music in our liturgy while building friendships across the Diocese of Northampton.

Venue: To be confirmed.

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!

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>.

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

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.