



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd August 2026



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

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- *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

Saturday 22nd Aug – *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
5:00 pm (OLG) – **Vigil Mass for Sunday**

Sunday 23rd Aug – **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am (StAug) –
9:00 am (SW) – Cecchino & Gigina Sangiorgi
11:00 am (StAug) – Victoria Ilofuan Thanksgiving
11:00 am (OLG) – Margaret Cruz RIP Anniv.
6:00 pm (StAug) – Jack & Maureen Bailey

Monday 24th Aug – *St Bartholomew Apostle*
9:30 am (StAug) – Anna Duval Fryer RIP Anniv.

Tuesday 25th Aug – *St Louis*
9:30 am (StAug) –
10:00 am (SW) –

Wednesday 26th Aug – *Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God*
9:30 am (StAug) – David Sole RIP

Thursday 27th Aug – *St Monica*
9:30 am (StAug) –
7:00 pm (OLG) –

Friday 28th Aug – *St Augustine Bishop & Doctor*
9:30 am (StAug) – Eileen Newman RIP Anniv.
10:00 am (SW) – Richard Hejsak Birthday

Saturday 29th Aug – *The Passion of St John the Baptist & Martyr*
9:30 am (StAug) –
5:00 pm (OLG) – **Vigil Mass for Sunday**

Sunday 30th Aug – **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am (StAug) – Martin McDonagh
9:00 am (SW) – Julius Alichukwu Intentions
11:00 am (StAug) – Pauline Carty RIP Anniv.
11:00 am (OLG) – Rev. Michael Phelan RIP
6:00 pm (StAug) –

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 22:15,19-23 Psalm 138:1-3,6,8
Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
Save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all day long.

Psalm Response

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
Discard not the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation

You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my
Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail
against it.

Eucharistic Acclamation

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
Until you come again.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord;
You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to
cheer the heart.

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: £950.24 + standing orders: £696
St J.H.NEWMAN: £696.16 + 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 The SVP Wednesday Friendship Group meets at St Augustine's after 9:30 am Mass each Wednesday. All are 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, open to all ages (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

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 all queries, please speak with Fr Jonathan.

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.



LECTIO DIVINA via Zoom — Our Thursday morning sessions reflect on the Word of God for the

forthcoming Sunday. They run on Thursdays from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, and you can join from 10:45 am. For details of how to join, please contact **Anne Freier** at freier1961@gmail.com, or **Kathy Russell** at karussell143@aol.com. All are welcome!

PRAYER GROUP at St Augustine's:

24th August – Upper Room, 7:30 pm
31st August – Zoom, 8:00 pm
7th September – Zoom, 8:00 pm
14th September – Zoom, 8:00 pm

For Zoom details, please contact Deacon Brin.

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 26th : Pauline & Tony
September 2nd : Winston & Prem
September 9th : Valentina & Kennedy
September 16th : Liz & Mari

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 **11th September**. Our bishops encourage us to read their statement and, where appropriate, contact their MP to register their opposition.

Diocesan Music Day – All who serve in parish music ministry are warmly invited to a joyful Diocesan Music Day on **Saturday 19th September**. This special gathering offers a rich blend of formation, practical workshops, shared music-making and fellowship for musicians, choir members, singers, cantors, organists, music directors and clergy from across the Diocese.

Whether you are long-established in music ministry or just beginning your journey, the day provides a wonderful opportunity to deepen musical and liturgical skills, discover helpful resources, share experiences, and meet others who help shape the Church's worship through song. It promises inspiration, encouragement, and a chance to celebrate the vital role of sacred music in our liturgy while building friendships across the Diocese of Northampton.

Venue: Christ the King Church, Kents Hill, Milton Keynes

Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

EMMAUS – Opening the Scriptures – We are delighted to highlight the next session in this year's **EMMAUS – Opening the Scriptures** series, offered by the South Bucks Pastoral Area. These monthly talks

provide a wonderful opportunity to deepen our love for Scripture and grow together in faith.

Upcoming Autumn 2026 Session

2nd September – Making the Scriptures a Key Part of My Daily Life — Speaker: Charles Whitehead

Venue: St Joseph's Church, Gerrards Cross (SL9 8RY)

Time: Wednesday, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

All are warmly invited to attend in person or join online.

Register: www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus

Watch online: youtube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks

Women's Day Retreat – A "Jesus and Me"

Women's Day Retreat will take place on **Saturday 26th September** at **St Augustine's**, beginning at **9:30 am** and concluding with **Mass at 4:30 pm**. The theme for the day is *"Pray without ceasing"* (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

This retreat offers an opportunity to step away from your usual routine, enter a space of worship and peace, and explore different forms of prayer together.

Tickets: £15 (lunch included). As spaces are limited, **booking is essential**.

For more information or to reserve a place, please contact **Marian** on **(07910 467588)** or marian_dunsire@outlook.com.

John Rutter Christmas Celebration – Friday 4th December 2026, 7:30 pm, Royal Albert Hall, London.

We are delighted to share an opportunity to attend this much-loved annual Christmas concert at the Royal Albert Hall. A limited number of **discounted stall tickets are available at £58 each** (usual price £80). **Coach transport** will be arranged from **West Wycombe** or **Turnpike Roundabout**. Final cost will depend on numbers travelling. To reserve tickets or enquire about travel, please email **Michèle** at: machoddy@gmail.com. All welcome — a wonderful way to begin the Advent and Christmas season.

Holy Land Pilgrimage – Open for Bookings

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 11–18 February 2027 (departing Luton) is now open for bookings; full details available at www.northernstartravel.com or by calling **0161 773 2115**.

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 lrcadenuga@yahoo.co.uk. All are welcome!

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.