



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
30th August 2026



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

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MASS INTENTIONS: DATES & TIMES

Saturday 29th Aug – *The Passion of St. John the Baptist, Martyr*
5:00 pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 30th Aug – **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am (StAug) – Martin McDonagh RIP
9:00 am (SW) – Julius Alichukwu Intentions.
11:00 am (StAug) – Pauline Clark RIP Anniv.
11:00 am (OLG) – Rev. Michael Phelan RIP
6:00 pm (StAug) – People of the Parish
Monday 31st Aug – *St. Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne*
9:30 am (StAug) –
Tuesday 1st Sep –
10.00am (SW) – Martin McDonagh RIP
Wednesday 2nd Sep –
9:30 am (StAug) –

Thursday 3rd Sep – *St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor*
7.00pm (OLG) -- William Pratley RIP – Anniv.
Friday 4th Sep – *St. Cuthbert, Bishop*
10.00am (SW) -- Anthony Samuel (Intentions)
Saturday 5th Sep – *St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin*
9:30 am (StAug) –
5:00 pm (OLG) –
Sunday 6th Sep – **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am (StAug) –
9:00 am (SW) – Tobi (Starting University)
11:00 am (StAug) –
11:00 am (OLG) – Harmon Clayton RIP
6:00 pm (StAug) – Tony Braganza RIP

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Psalm 63:2-6,8,9

Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
Full of mercy to all who call to you.

Psalm Response

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God

Gospel Acclamation

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
So that we may know the hope to which he has
called us.

Eucharistic Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
Until you come again

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,
That you keep for those who fear you.

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: £992.40+ standing orders: c.£696
St J.H.NEWMAN: £1233.95+ standing orders: c. £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, 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

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. (NB Not 5th or 12th September)

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:

31 st August	–	No Meeting: Bank Holiday
7 th September	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
14 th September	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm

21st September – Upper Room, 7:30 pm

28th September – Zoom, 8.00pm

For Zoom details, please contact Deacon Brin.

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!

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)

September 2nd : Winston & Prem

September 9th : Valentina & Kennedy

September 16th : Liz & Mari

September 23rd : 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 **11th September**. Our bishops encourage us to read their statement and, where appropriate, contact their MP to register their opposition. Postcards are available in the porch for your use.

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.

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 **(07910467588)** 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

YOUTH CLUB – RESUMPTION DATE

Our Youth Club will resume on **Tuesday 19th September** after the summer break. We look forward to welcoming all our young people back for another friendly and engaging term together at St Wulstan's Parish Room.

If interested in joining or volunteering, please contact **Leticia** on **07506 421908** or lrcadenuga@yahoo.co.uk.

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.