



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th September 2026



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

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MASS INTENTIONS: DATES & TIMES

Saturday 5th Sep – *St Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin*
5:00 pm (OLG) – Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday 6th Sep – **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am (StAug) – Matthew (Starting University)
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

Monday 7th Sep –
9:30 am (StAug) – Foundation – Webb

Tuesday 8th Sep – *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
10.00 am (SW) – Johan & Rehaan – Thanksgiving

Wednesday 9th Sep – *St Peter Claver*
9:30 am (StAug) – Holy Souls

Thursday 10th Sep –
7.00 pm (OLG) – Leo Baz RIP

Friday 11th Sep –
10.00am (SW) – Romeo Mendoza RIP

Saturday 12th Sep – *Most Holy Name of Mary*
9:30 am (StAug) – Anne-Louise Sparrow (Birthday)
5:00 pm (OLG) –

Sunday 13th Sep – **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am (StAug) –
9:00 am (SW) –
11:00 am (StAug) – Joseph Sincy Family –
Thanksgiving
11:00 am (OLG) – Alan Holly RIP
6:00 pm (StAug) –

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 95:1-2,6-8
Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Psalm Response

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Gospel Acclamation

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Eucharistic Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
So my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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: £875.07 + standing orders: c.£696
St J.H.NEWMAN: £724.62 + standing orders: c. £550

CHILDREN'S LITURGY — Start Dates 🧒

We are pleased to confirm the **start dates** for
Children's Liturgy across our three parishes:

- **St Wulstan's (SW):** Sessions **begin this Sunday, 6th September**
- **St Augustine's (SA):** Sessions **also begin this Sunday, 6th September**
- **Our Lady of Grace (OLG):** Sessions **begin next Sunday, 13th September**

Children who have **not yet made their First Holy Communion** are warmly invited to join these sessions.
We look forward to welcoming our young parishioners back as we begin a new term together.

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 on 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:

7th September – Zoom, 8:00 pm
14th September – Zoom, 8:00 pm
21st September – Upper Room, 7:30 pm
28th September – Zoom, 8:00 pm
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!

Second Wednesday Worship at OLG The Source Community Worship with Adoration at Our Lady of Grace from 7.30-9.00pm – followed by coffee and cake. All welcome. For more info or lifts call Dominic 07754 051840

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 9th : Valentina & Kennedy
September 16th : Liz & Mari
September 23rd : Pauline & Tony
September 30th : Winston & Prem

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)**.

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!

Season of Creation: The Season of Creation begins on **1 September** and continues until **4 October**, inviting Christians worldwide to pray, reflect, and act for the care of our common home. This year's theme, inspired by Pope Leo XIV, calls us to transform all that harms life into what nurtures and protects it. As we enter this season, let us join the global Church in hope, becoming collaborators in God's work of renewal — moving from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace.

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.

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.

Diocesan Music Day – All who serve in parish music ministry are warmly invited to a joyful Diocesan Music Day on **Saturday 19th September**.

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

Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

SVP Annual Sponsored Walk—The SVP sponsored walk will be on Sunday 20th September. It will be five miles through the wonderful AONB countryside near Stokenchurch. Half of the money raised will go to **Wycombe Homeless Connection** which helps the homeless and those at risk of being homeless in South Buckinghamshire. The other half will go to the **Florence Nightingale Hospice**, which provides care for patients with life-limiting illnesses and support to their families across the county.

Sponsorship forms and a map of the walk are available at the back of the church, and we would be grateful for sponsorship – and remember Gift Aid adds 25% to whatever you give.

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 daily routines, 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**.

Retrouvaille – Help for Marriages

Struggling with communication or conflict in your marriage? **Retrouvaille** offers a practical, faith-based programme that helps couples rebuild trust and strengthen their relationship. It is **not counselling**, but a supportive pathway to renewed hope.

Bookings close: 18th September Details: www.Retrouvaille.org.uk | +44 7887 296 983

Please keep the October programme (starting **4th October**) in your prayers, as many couples are seeking help at this time.

EMMAUS – Opening the Scriptures – We are delighted to highlight the next session in this year's series, offered by the South Bucks Pastoral Area. These monthly talks provide an opportunity to deepen our love for Scripture and grow together in faith.

7th October – Faith in the Middle of Doubt – Meeting God in our questions — Speaker: Fr Theophilus Nyamali OCD

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 online.

Register: www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus

Watch online: youtube.com/@Emmaussouthbucks

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 people witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from our 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, that the longed-for peace may blossom forth.