



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th September 2026



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

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MASS INTENTIONS: DATES & TIMES

Saturday 12th Sep

5:00 pm (OLG) – Most Holy Name of Mary

– Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday 13th Sep

9:00 am (StAug) – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SW) –

– Gill & Peter Duval, 60th Wedding Anniversary

11:00 am (StAug) – Thanksgiving Mass

– Joseph & Sincy Family

11:00 am (OLG) – Alan Holly RIP

6:00 pm (StAug) –

Monday 14th Sep

9:30 am (StAug) – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

– Michael Lew RIP

Tuesday 15th Sep

9:30 am (StAug) – Our Lady Of Sorrows

– Poabowo, Special Intention

10:00 am (SW) – Thanksgiving Mass, Babu & Lily Family

Wednesday 16th Sep

– St Cornelius, Pope & Martyr

– St Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr

9:30 am (StAug) –

Thursday 17th Sep

– St Hildegard of Bingen ,

Virgin & Doctor

– St Robert Bellarmin,

Bishop & Doctor

9:30 am (St Aug) – Monica Carvana RIP

7:00 pm (OLG) – Holy Souls

Friday 18th Sep

9:30 am (StAug) –

10:00 am (SW) – Thanksgiving Mass,

– Joji & Resmy Family

Saturday 19th Sep

– St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr,

– St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop

9:30 am (StAug) – Foundation – Rutledge

5:00 pm (OLG) –

Sunday 20th Sep

9:00 am (StAug) – Nadeem Rehmat Anniv.

9:00 am (SW) –

11:00 am (StAug) – Thanksgiving Mass,

– Joseph & Sincy Family

11:00 am (OLG) – Sarah, William & Robert Intentions

6:00 pm (StAug) – Michael D'Souza RIP

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sirach 27:30,28:7 Psalm 103:1-4,9-12
Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
That your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people
Israel.

Psalm Response

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to
anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Eucharistic Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The Children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.

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: £1022.64 + standing orders: c.£696
St J.H. NEWMAN: £613.70 + standing orders: c. £550

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 🙏

Children who have not yet made their First Holy
Communion are warmly invited to join us for **Children's
Liturgy** during the **11am Mass at St Augustine's** and at
the Sunday morning Masses across our other parish
churches.

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 Second 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 (Today).

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 are 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:

14th September – Zoom, 8:00 pm
21st September – Upper Room, 7:30 pm
28th September – Zoom, 8:00 pm
5th October – 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 16th : Liz & Mari
September 19th : Valentina & Kennedy
September 23rd : Pauline & Tony
September 30th : Winston & Prem

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.

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.

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.

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 – NEXT SUNDAY (20th September)

The SVP Annual Sponsored Walk will take place **next Sunday, 20th September**. We will meet at The King's Head, Stokenchurch, before setting off on a beautiful five-mile walk through the AONB countryside.

Half of the funds raised will support **Wycombe Homeless Connection**, helping those who are homeless or at risk in South Buckinghamshire. The other half will go to the Florence Nightingale Hospice, which provides compassionate care for patients with life-limiting illnesses and support for their families.

Sponsorship forms and a map of the route are available at the back of the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated — 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**.

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

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

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**.

New Ambassador to the Holy See – Tammy Sandhu has officially presented her credentials to Pope Leo XIV, becoming the new British Ambassador to the Holy See. Her work will focus on peacebuilding, climate action, AI governance, and tackling modern slavery and violence against women and girls.

Adoremus – National Eucharistic Congress (10 October)

Catholics across England and Wales will unite in prayer for the Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress. Parishes are encouraged to mark the day locally through Adoration, a Holy Hour or a Eucharistic Procession.

FOR OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS

YOUTH CLUB – RESUMPTION DATE

Our Youth Club will resume on **Saturday 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 ltcadenuga@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.