



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 September 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 19 Sep	– St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
	St Theodore of Canterbury & Bishop
5:00 pm (OLG)	– Foundation Rutledge
Sunday 20 Sep	– 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am (StAug)	– Nadeem Rehmat Anniversary
9:00 am (SW)	– Antoni Kutak RIP
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
Monday 21 Sep	– St Matthew Apostle & Evangelist
9:30 am (StAug)	–
Tuesday 22 Sep	–
9:30 am (StAug)	–
10:00 am (SW)	–
Wednesday 23 Sep	– St Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest
9:30 am (StAug)	–

Thursday 24 Sep	– Our Lady of Walsingham
9:30 am (StAug)	
7:00 pm (OLG)	– Deceased of Schäfer Family
Friday 25 Sep	–
9:30 am (StAug)	
10:00 am (SW)	–
Saturday 26 Sep	– Sts Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
9:30 am (StAug)	– No Mass
4:30 pm (StAug)	–
5:00 pm (OLG)	– Foundation – J.J Rutledge
Sunday 27 Sep	– 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am (StAug)	– Jaxon Horia Davidson Intentions
9:00 am (SW)	–
11:00 am (StAug)	– Thanksgiving Mass, Joseph & Sincy Family
11:00 am (OLG)	–
6:00 pm (StAug)	–

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalms 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
Philippians 1:20-24,27 Matthew 20:1-16

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Psalms Response

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation

Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Eucharistic Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully
kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

CONFESSIONS

OLG	Thursday 6:30-7:00 pm
StAug	Saturday 10:15-11:00 am (Not on 26 th Sep)
SW	Saturday 11:30-12:00 pm

MONEY MATTERS — Thank you! 😊

St AUGUSTINE'S: £938.03 + standing orders: c.£696
St J.H. NEWMAN: £671.39 + 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!

Home Mission Sunday –

Today, we celebrate Home Mission Sunday, a reminder of our call to share the joy of the Gospel within our families, communities and daily lives, and to support this mission through a second collection.

First Holy Communion 2027 –

St John Henry Newman Parish will hold the introductory meeting for all children preparing for **First Holy Communion 2027**, together with their parents, on **Saturday 26 September**. It is essential that children attend with their parents, as this session provides the key information needed to begin the programme. Classes will begin **on Saturday 10 October, 3:00–4:00 pm**, in the Parish Room at **St Wulstan's Church**.

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 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:

21 September	–	Upper Room, 7:30 pm
28 September	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
5 October	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
12 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)

19 September : Valentina & Kennedy
23 September : Pauline & Tony
30 September : Winston & Prem
7 October : Liz & Mari

St Augustine's – Wednesday Cleaners Needed

St Augustine's Parish is seeking new volunteers to join the church cleaning team, especially those who are able to help on Wednesdays.

If you are able to assist, please speak directly to **Fr Jonathan Hill**.

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** continues until **4 October**, inviting us to pray, reflect and act for the care of our common home. This year's theme, **Living Water**, reminds us that "where the river flows, everything will live," calling us to become part of God's healing for creation. Parishes are encouraged to include simple creation-focused prayers, explore practical ways of caring for the environment, or gather for an outdoor activity.

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: 16 September. Refreshments provided. For more information, please email: unboundoluk@gmail.com. Flyers are available at the back of the church.

SVP Annual Sponsored Walk – Today (20 September)

The SVP Annual Sponsored Walk takes place today, **20 September**, meeting at **The King's Head, Stokenchurch** before a **five-mile** walk through the **AONB countryside**. Funds raised support Wycombe Homeless Connection and the Florence Nightingale Hospice. Sponsorship forms and a route map are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity — Gift Aid adds 25% to your donation.

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

Day Retreat will take place on **Saturday 26 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.

NYMO Family Day – Sunday 27 September

Families across the Diocese are invited to the **NYMO Family Day** on **Sunday 27 September**, held at the **Holy Ghost Parish Centre**, Luton, from **2.15pm–6.00pm**. The afternoon includes **Mass at 3.00pm**, refreshments, and sessions for adults and children — a joyful chance to grow in faith and community together. There is no charge, but donations are welcome, and **booking is essential**. Families can **register** here: <https://sioncommunity.churchsuite.com/events/no5fkk9f>

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.

7 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

St John Henry Newman – 9 October

On **9 October**, the Church celebrates the memorial of St John Henry Newman, a convert, priest, cardinal and one of the great Catholic thinkers of the English Church. His writings continue to guide and inspire those seeking to grow in faith and holiness. This memorial offers a fitting opportunity for parishes to rediscover his life, his teaching, and his enduring contribution to the Church.

John Rutter Christmas Celebration – Friday 4 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**.

Adoremus – National Eucharistic Congress

The Diocese of Northampton will be represented at **Adoremus 2026** on **Saturday 10 October**, as Catholics gather in **Southwark** and **Westminster Cathedrals** for a national celebration of the Eucharist. Our Diocese has **50 places**, and we ask you to keep our representatives in your prayers. Parishes are encouraged to mark the weekend locally with **Holy Hours**, **Adoration**, or a **Eucharistic Procession**, joining spiritually with the national gathering.

FOR OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS

YOUTH CLUB

For the latest information from the Northampton Youth Ministry team, NYMO, about upcoming events

for teens, young adults and those working with young people in our diocese, please visit <https://nymo.org/news-2/>. **YOUTH CLUB** for those aged 9-15 meet up at St Wulstan's parish room on Saturday afternoons in term time 4pm-5.30pm.

If interested in joining or volunteering, 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 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.