



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 October 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 Road, High Wycombe, HP13 7UN.

MASS INTENTIONS: DATES & TIMES

Saturday 3 Oct

5:00 pm (OLG) — Mary Aseervatham RIP

Sunday 4 Oct

9:00 am (StAug) — **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
— J.H.D. — Special Intention
9:00 am (SW) — Ihuoma Alichukwu Intentions
11:00 am (StAug) — Ellen & Christopher Hurley RIP
11:00 am (OLG) — Rowena Williams —
Healing & Recovery
6:00 pm (StAug) — Joseph & Mary Regina Wickrama -
Singha RIP

Monday 5 Oct

9:30 am (StAug) — St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
— Cibelle, Renée & Rhea Intentions

Tuesday 6 Oct

9:30 am (StAug) — St Bruno, Priest
— Cibelle, Renée & Rhea Intentions
10:00 am (SW) — Ann Roberston RIP

Wednesday 7 Oct

9:30 am (StAug) — Our Lady of the Rosary
— Monica Carvana RIP

Thursday 8 Oct

9:30 am (StAug) — Cibelle, Renée & Rhea Intentions
7:00 pm (OLG) — Maureen Styles RIP

Friday 9 Oct

10:00 am (OLG) — St John Henry Newman,
Doctor of the Church
10:00 am (SW) — Cibelle, Renée & Rhea Intentions
— Liam Clark RIP

Saturday 10 Oct

9:30 am (StAug) — St Paulinus of York, Bishop
5:00 pm (OLG) — Foundation — Flynn
— Annie & Patrick Geraghty RIP

Sunday 11 Oct

9:00 am (StAug) — **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
— Norah & Terry Doherty Intentions
9:00 am (SW) — Zbyszek Wilimowski Anniversary
11:00 am (StAug) — Johanna Hurley &
Maud Thomas RIP
11:00 am (OLG) — Maria Cullen —
Healing & Recovery
6:00 pm (StAug) — Peppi Fernandes

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 5:1–7 Psalm 80 (79):9,12–16,19–20
Philippians 4:6–9 Matthew 21:33–43

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
And there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth,

And all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Psalm Response

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit
should abide.

Eucharistic Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

CONFESSIONS

OLG Thursday 6:30–7:00 pm
StAug Saturday 10:15–11:00 am
SW Saturday 11:30 am–12:00 pm

MONEY MATTERS — Thank you! 😊

St AUGUSTINE'S: £887.19 + standing orders: c.£696
St J.H. NEWMAN: £623.59 + 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 **11:00 am 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 are welcome!

CONFIRMATION 2027

We are delighted to announce that applications for Confirmation are now **open**. Young people who are currently in **Year 9** and wish to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** are warmly invited to apply.

Application forms are available in the church porch. Please complete the form and return it to the church by **Sunday 29 November**.

We look forward to accompanying our young people on this important journey of faith and preparation. Details of the preparation sessions will be shared soon once the dates have been confirmed.

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:

5 October	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
12 October	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
19 October	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
26 October	–	Upper Room, 7:30 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 7:30-9:00 pm, followed by coffee and cake. All are welcome. For more information or lifts, call Dominic on 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)

7 October : Pauline & Tony
14 October : Winston & Prem
24 October : Valentina & Kennedy
28 October : Liz

St Augustine's – Wednesday Cleaners Needed

Volunteers are needed to help clean the church, especially on Wednesdays. Please speak to **Fr Jonathan Hill** if you can help.

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. The course is already underway, having begun on 16 September, but new participants are still very welcome to join us. Refreshments provided. For more information, please email: unboundoluk@gmail.com. Flyers are available at the back of the church.

CAFOD Harvest Day – Sunday 4 October

This **Sunday, 4 October**, we will support **CAFOD** with a **Harvest collection**. Donation envelopes are available in the church porch. **Please give generously to support CAFOD's work with communities facing hunger and a lack of safe water.**

We also warmly invite you to bring donations of non-perishable food items to any of our Masses:

- **9:00 am** – **St Wulstan's Church**
- **11:00 am** – **Our Lady of Grace Church**
- **11:00 am** – **St Augustine's Church**

Donations may include **tinned foods, pasta, rice, cereals, tea, coffee, biscuits, long-life milk and other store-cupboard essentials**. Donations will be given to local food banks.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Come and celebrate the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul with us! Join us for a **celebration lunch of soup, bread and cakes** after the **11:00 am Mass on Sunday 4 October at Our Lady of Grace**. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for fellowship and to learn more about the work of the SVP in our parish community.

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.

Wednesday 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: 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 **Friday 9 October**, the Church celebrates the memorial of **St John Henry Newman**, a convert, priest, cardinal and influential Catholic thinker. His life and writings continue to inspire us to grow in faith and holiness.

Adoremus – National Eucharistic Congress

On **Saturday 10 October**, Catholics will gather in Southwark and Westminster Cathedrals to celebrate

the Eucharist. Please pray for our 50 diocesan representatives and consider marking the weekend with Adoration, a Holy Hour or Eucharistic Procession.

Annual Sponsored Walk

Fifteen people enjoyed a lovely walk through the countryside near Stokenchurch. Thanks to everyone who took part.

We would like to give our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sponsored us; your support will make a significant difference. When we have received all the promised funds, we expect to have raised £1,500: half for Wycombe Homeless Connection and half for Florence Nightingale Hospice. There are photographs at the back of the church.

Quiz Night — A Quiz Night in aid of Bega Kwa Bega Uganda will be held on **Friday 30 October at Our Lady of Grace, Squirrel Lane, Booker, HP12 4RY.**

Doors open at 7:30 pm, with the quiz starting at 8:00 pm. Tickets are £10 per person. For further information or tickets, please contact **Dave Russell** on **07951570351** or **Kathy Russell** on **07956 221954**

For more information about Bega Kwa Bega Uganda, please visit **www.BkBUGanda.org**.

John Rutter Christmas Celebration – **Friday 4 December, 7:30 pm, Royal Albert Hall, London.** Discounted stall tickets £58 (usual £80), with coach transport from West Wycombe or Turnpike Roundabout. To reserve or enquire, email **Michèle: machoddy@gmail.com**.

All welcome — a wonderful way to begin the Advent and Christmas season.

KEEPING IT PLAYING

We are planning a new fundraising initiative to enable the restoration of the organ at St Augustine's. Over time, we hope to raise £40,000. There will be many different ways to participate in this endeavour, which will be announced shortly. Our aim is not simply to restore an old organ, but to preserve a living instrument for the future of the parish.

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention – October: Let us pray for mental health ministry throughout the Church, and for greater compassion and an end to stigma and discrimination.

October – Month of the Holy Rosary: Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray the Rosary throughout October, especially for peace in our world and an end to war and conflict.

FOR OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS

YOUTH CLUB

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

for teenagers, young adults and those working with young people in our diocese, please visit <https://nymo.org/news-2/>. The Youth Club for those aged 9–15 meets in St Wulstan's parish room on Saturday afternoons during term time, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. If interested in joining or volunteering, please contact **Leticia** on **07506 421908** or email her at **ltcadenuga@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, and 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.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us.