



High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 October 2026



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

Please take the Newsletter home with you for reference.

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***StAug** — St Augustine's Church, 24 Amersham Hill, High Wycombe HP13 6NZ.
***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 24 Oct
5:00 pm (OLG) — St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
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Sunday 25 Oct
9:00 am (StAug) — **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am (SW) — Michael Pillai & Felicia Emmanuel RIP
11:00 am (StAug) — Denis Smith RIP
11:00 am (OLG) — Cibelle, Renée & Rhea Intentions
6:00 pm (StAug) — Sick and the Housebound
— Dmytro RIP

Monday 26 Oct
9:30 am (StAug) — Sts Chad & Cedd, Bishops
— Kathy Stacey RIP

Tuesday 27 Oct
9:30 am (StAug) — Cibelle, Renée & Rhea Intentions
10:00 am (SW) — Anne Robertson RIP

Wednesday 28 Oct
9:30 am (StAug) — Sts Simon and Jude Apostles
— Paul Judd RIP

Thursday 29 Oct
9:30 am (StAug) — Foundation — Fr William Bainbridge
7:00 pm (OLG) —

Friday 30 Oct
9:30 am (StAug) — Martin McDonagh RIP
10:00 am (SW) — Martin McDonagh RIP

Saturday 31 Oct
9:30 am (StAug) — Thanksgiving to Our Lady
5:00 pm (OLG) — People of the Parish

Sunday 1 Nov
9:00 am (StAug) — **ALL SAINTS Solemnity**
9:00 am (SW) — Private Intention (Lew)
— Private Intention (Zindonda)
11:00 am (StAug) — John Eaves RIP 1st Anniversary
11:00 am (OLG) — Holy Souls
6:00 pm (StAug) —

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 22:21-27 Psalm 18(17): 2–4,47,51
1 Thessalonians 1:5–10 Matthew 22:34–40

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Psalm Response

I Love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Eucharistic Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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: £967.38 + standing orders: c.£696 +
World Mission Sunday Collection Amt : £398.00
St J.H. NEWMAN: £669.49+ standing orders: c. £550
+ World Mission Sunday Collection Amt : £373.41

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's and Our Lady of Grace Churches
- After the 5:00 pm Saturday vigil Mass at Our Lady of Grace on the second Saturday of each month
- On the second Tuesday of the month, after Mass, at St Wulstan's Church
- After Thursday Mass at St Augustine's (sacristy)

HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

From Fr Jonathan Hill

From time to time, it becomes clear that some parishioners—often through no fault of their own—may not have received clear instruction on the proper way to receive Holy Communion. This gentle reminder is offered to help everyone approach the Sacrament with confidence and reverence.

- **Responding "Amen"** When the Minister presents the Host and says, "*The Body of Christ*," please respond clearly with "*Amen*." This 'Amen' is a word of agreement, expressing your faith: 'Yes Lord, I believe that this is the Body of Christ.'
- **Receiving on the Tongue** If receiving on the tongue, open your mouth fully and extend your tongue slightly forward. This helps the Minister place the Host safely and reverently.
- **Receiving in the Hand** If receiving in the hand, place both hands together—one over the other—to form a "throne" for the Host. Consume the Host immediately; please do not walk away holding it.
- **Intinction (Dipping the Host)** Please do not take the Host to the Chalice to dip it yourself. Self-intinction by a communicant is not permitted, and it risks spilling the Precious Blood. This is distinct from Communion by intinction administered by a priest in accordance with the Church's liturgical rules.
- **If an Accident Occurs** Should the Host or Precious Blood accidentally fall or spill, simply inform the priest or Minister. They will take the appropriate steps. There is no need for distress—accidents can happen.

Thank you for helping us maintain reverence and care in the celebration of the Eucharist.

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 once the dates have been confirmed.

Mobile Phones

To help maintain a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere during Mass, we kindly ask all parishioners when entering the church to switch off their mobile phones or put them on silent, unless they may be needed in an emergency. If you are unsure how to silence your phone, please consider leaving it at home. If you need to bring it with you, you may leave it in the Sacristy before Mass and collect it afterwards.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 **first Wednesday** of the month, whatever your age (18–80+), you are welcome to join us for conversation, games, and refreshments from **1:00 pm** onwards. A contribution of £2 is requested to cover the cost of refreshments. All are welcome.

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:

26 October	–	Upper Room, 7:30 pm
2 November	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
9 November	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
16 November	–	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 offers worship and Adoration at Our Lady of Grace on the second Wednesday of each month, from 7:30–9:00 pm, followed by coffee and cake. All are welcome. For more information or help with transport, 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 that a visit can be arranged and, if they wish, they can receive Holy Communion.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (St Augustine's)

28 October	: Liz
4 November	: Pauline & Tony
11 November	: Winston & Prem
21 November	: Valentina & Kennedy

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.

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**, and the quiz starts at **8:00 pm**. Tickets cost £10 per person. For further information or tickets, please contact **Dave Russell** on **07951 570351** or **Kathy Russell** on **07956 221954**.

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

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 4 November – Put on the Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5) — Speaker: Fr Simon Penhalagan
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

Together Festival and Big Sleepout – Friday 13 November Wycombe Homeless Connection invites everyone to **the Together Festival and Big Sleepout at The Walled Garden, West Wycombe**. The family-friendly festival runs from **6:00–10:00 pm** and includes music, food, games and activities (free entry, booking required). Those aged 12+ can join the overnight Big Sleepout to raise vital funds by building a shelter and

sleeping outdoors. Sleepout tickets required. Details and bookings: wyhoc.org.uk/together or wyhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2026.

House of Mission & Prayer

The Divine Mercy Chaplet continues to be prayed fortnightly on Wednesdays until 23 December, from 7:00–7:45 pm, both in person at the House of Mission & Prayer in Northampton and via Zoom. To join, please email admin.mission@northamptondiocese.org or Maria.heath@northamptondiocese.org for the meeting details.

KEEP IT PLAYING – St Augustine’s Organ Fund

Before beginning the programme, we need to establish a small committee to oversee the money raised and ensure that it is properly administered. The duties of this committee would not be particularly demanding. If you would be willing to help, please leave your name and email address with Fr James, or Fr Jonathan. Once the committee has been established, we will consult the Diocese of Northampton about how the fund should be arranged. We can then explain how individual parishioners can help and which events will be organised.

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo XIV invites all Christians to pray for peace and an end to war. Parishes are encouraged to offer opportunities to pray the Rosary together and to renew devotion to Our Lady during this month.

Diocesan Mass for Babies Lost During Pregnancy or Infancy

A special Diocesan Mass of Remembrance for babies lost during pregnancy or in infancy will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 7 November at Northampton Cathedral. All are welcome to come together in prayer, remembrance and support for families who have experienced such loss.

Global Catholic Population Continues to Grow New global statistics show the Catholic Church has grown to over 1.42 billion members worldwide with Africa showing the largest increase.

Safeguarding Training on Hoarding & Cluttered Homes will be held via Zoom on 19 November. To register, email laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org.

National Youth Sunday takes place on Sunday 22 November 2026, the Feast of Christ the King and invites parishes to celebrate the vibrancy and faith of young people.

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 who work 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 you interested in joining or volunteering, please contact Leticia on 07506 421908 or email 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.