High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

Solemnity of All Saints

01 November 2026

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

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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 31 Oct –
5:00 pm (OLG) – People of the Parish

Sunday 01 Nov – ***ALL SAINTS Solemnity***
9:00 am (StAug) – Private Intention (Lew)
9:00 am (SW) – Private Intention (Zindonda)
11:00 am (StAug) – John Eaves RIP 1st Anniversary
11:00 am (OLG) – Holy Souls
6:00 pm (StAug) –

Monday 02 Nov – *ALL SOULS*
9:30 am (StAug) – Rosemary Hill and Canon Michael Griffin RIP
12:30 pm (OLG) – Holy Souls
6:30 pm (SW) – Holy Souls

Tuesday 03 Nov *St Martin de Porres, Religious & St Winefride, Abbess and Martyr*
9:30 am (StAug) – *Holy Souls*
10:00 am (SW) –

Wednesday 04 Nov – *St Charles Borromeo, Bishop*
9:30 am (StAug) – Cibelle, Renee & Rhea Intentions

Thursday 05 Nov
9:30 am (StAug) – Cibelle, Renee & Rhea Intentions
7:00 pm (OLG) –

Friday 06 Nov
9:30 am (StAug) – Anthony Samuel Intentions
10:00 am (SW) –

Saturday 07 Nov *St Willibrord, Bishop.*
9:30 am (StAug) – Amit Lobo RIP
5:00 pm (OLG) –

Sunday 08 Nov – ***32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
9:00 am (StAug) – Lilian and Diego Wedding Anniversary
9:00 am (SW) –
11:00 am (StAug) – Cibelle, Renee & Rhea Intentions
11:00 am (OLG) –
6:00 pm (StAug) – For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14	Psalm 24(23): 1-6
1 John 3:1–3	Matthew 5:1-12

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Psalm Response

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

Eucharistic Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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: £906.85 + standing orders: c.£696
St J.H. NEWMAN: £561.67 + standing orders: c. £550

Pope's Prayer Intention for November

Pray that wealth may be used generously in service of the common good and those most in need.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR-SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for our **Christmas Bazaar** on **Saturday 12 December, 11:00am-3:00pm**, in the Upper Room at **St Augustine's Church**.

There will be festive fun, fellowship and Christmas cheer for all, with proceeds shared between both parishes.

If you are able to help, please sign the volunteer sheet at the back of your church.

Volunteers' Meeting: Monday 9 November at 7.30pm in the Upper Room at St Augustine's.

We look forward to celebrating this special Christmas event 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'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)

Second Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

A second collection will be taken on **Sunday 1 November** to support the **Sick and Retired Priests Fund.** Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

CONFIRMATION 2027

Applications for Confirmation are now open for young people currently in Year 9 who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Application forms are available in the church porch and should be returned by **Sunday 29 November**.

The programme begins with a **Parents' Meeting on 9 January**, followed by sessions on **Saturdays from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in the Upper Room**, starting **16 January**. The **Confirmation Mass** will take place on **Saturday 22 May 2027 at 2.00pm**.

Full details are available on the parish website and will be provided at the introductory meeting.

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.

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:

2 November	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
9 November	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
16 November	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
23 November	–	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 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)

4 November	**:**	Pauline & Tony
11 November	**:**	Winston & Prem
21 November	**:**	Valentina & Kennedy
25 November	**:**	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.

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.**

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.

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**.

World Youth Sunday 2026 will be celebrated on **22 November**, the Feast of Christ the King. Young people aged 11–35 are invited to join a special diocesan celebration, including a Youth Mass at Northampton Cathedral.

St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust (STCAT) Board Recruitment is seeking Foundation Directors to help guide Catholic education across the Diocese. For more information visit www.charismarecruitment.co.uk/jobs.

Safeguarding Sunday – Love Protects Join churches nationwide on **15 November** in promoting safe, welcoming and respectful communities for all.

November Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

November is a special time in the Church when we remember and pray for those who have gone before us in faith. Envelopes are available for you to list the names of your deceased loved ones whom you wish to be remembered in prayer during November. Please place the completed envelope, together with any offering you may wish to make, either in the collection or through the Presbytery letterbox. The names will be placed on the altar and remembered at Mass throughout November. If we run out of the designated envelopes, you may of course use any envelope, but please write **"November Holy Souls"** on it.

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 are 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. Amen.

Prayer for November

Lord of life and love,
We thank You for the saints who guide us,
for the souls we remember with tenderness,
and for the hope You place in our hearts.
Help us to live each day with gratitude,
and to trust in Your promise of eternal joy. Amen.