# High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 08 November 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

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| **Saturday 07 Nov** | | ***Vigil Mass*** |
| **5:00 pm (OLG)** | – | Alfred Ayomanor RIP |
| **Sunday 08 Nov** | – | ***32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*** |
| **9:00 am (StAug)** | – | Lilian and Diego<br>Wedding Anniversary |
| **9:00 am (SW)** | – | Victims of War |
| **11:00 am (StAug)** | – | Cibelle, Renee & Rhea Intentions |
| **11:00 am (OLG)** | – | Mahendrarajah RIP |
| **6:00 pm (StAug)** | – | For the People of the Parish |
| **Monday 09 Nov** | – | *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* |
| **9:30 am (StAug)** | – | Cibelle, Renee & Rhea Intentions |
| **Tuesday 10 Nov** | | St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor |
| **9:30 am (StAug)** | – | Patricia Brown Intentions |
| **10:00 am (SW)** | – | Holy Souls |
| **Wednesday 11 Nov** | – | *St Martin of Tours Bishop* |
| **9:30 am (StAug)** | – | *Sally Hanbury RIP* |
| **Thursday 12 Nov** | | St Josaphat Bishop & Martyr |
| **9:30 am (StAug)** | – | Holy Souls |
| **7:00 pm (OLG)** | – | Maria Cullen Intentions |
| **Friday 13 Nov** | | |
| **9:30 am (StAug)** | – | Holy Souls |
| **2:00 pm (OLG)** | – | Requiem mass for Maureen Styles RIP |
| **Saturday 14 Nov** | | |
| **9:30 am (StAug)** | – | Rachelle Scarfone |
| **5:00 pm (OLG)** | – | For the People of the Parish |
| **Sunday 15 Nov** | – | |
| **9:00 am (StAug)** | – | Kathy Stacey RIP |
| **9:00 am (SW)** | – | Jude Nkwocha RIP |
| **11:00 am (StAug)** | – | Ego Shennaike and family |
| **11:00 am (OLG)** | – | |
| **6:00 pm (StAug)** | – | |

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 63(62): 2-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

**Entrance Antiphon**

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**Psalm Response**

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**Eucharistic Acclamation**

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

**Communion Antiphon**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and the green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

**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: £999.35 + sick & retired clergy fund: £369.30 + standing orders: c.£696**
**St J.H. NEWMAN: £676.10 + sick & retired clergy fund: £456.40 + 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)

**Remembrance Sunday – 8 November**

From Fr James

Today we especially remember those who gave their lives in war in service of our country. They often left home and family for foreign lands in search of justice, freedom and peace; we still feel the effects of their sacrifice in our society today. The world would be a very different place without their sacrifice, which we cannot and should not forget.

The memories we recall this Remembrance Sunday should spur us on in the search for true harmony and peace throughout the world. As the Lord commanded the Apostles to "Do this in memory of me", we gather this day praying that the graces of the great sacrifice of Calvary may reach the whole world, so that we may live in the harmony for which Christ prayed. To the fallen we say, "We will remember them."

**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.

**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.

**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!

## 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:**

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| 09 November | – | Zoom, 8:00 pm |
| 16 November | – | Zoom, 8:00 pm |
| 23 November | – | Upper Room, 7:30 pm |
| 30 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)**

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| **11 November** | **:** | Winston & Prem |
| **21 November** | **:** | Valentina & Kennedy |
| **25 November** | **:** | Liz |
| **02 December** | **:** | Pauline & Tony |

**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.

**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 2 December – The Hope of Emmanuel – God With Us: The Gift That Changes Everything (Isaiah 7:14)** — Speaker: Deacon Peter Collins

**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.

**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.

**Safeguarding Sunday – Love Protects**

Join churches nationwide on **15 November** in promoting safe, welcoming communities for all.

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

**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.

**Save the Date: Advent Retreat**

As we begin our Advent journey and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, you are warmly invited to a special **Advent Retreat** on **Saturday 5 December** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Great Missenden (HP16 9AA)**. Led by **Fr Eamonn Mulcahy**, the retreat will explore the theme **"The Disturbing Freshness of Jesus"**, offering an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal during this holy season.

Further details, including booking information, will be available soon. Please save the date and keep an eye on future parish communications.

**Calling All Young Singers!** 🎵

Are you aged 9–20 and enjoy singing, or would like to learn? We are looking to establish the St Augustine's Young People's Consort, open to young people from all three churches in our parish.

This is a wonderful opportunity to develop musical skills, make new friends and take part in the musical life of our parish. No previous choir experience is required; just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn!

To find out more, email **unimkubwa@gmail.com** or speak to **Kelvin, Director of Music**, **after the 11.00am Sunday Mass at St Augustine's.**

**Wycombe Catholic Parishes Christmas Raffle**

Support our parish this Christmas by taking part in the Wycombe Catholic Parishes Christmas Raffle. Tickets are just £1 each and are **available from the church porch**, with fantastic prizes including a Christmas Hamper, £150, £75, and more.

The draw will take place on Saturday, 12 December 2026, at St Augustine's Church. Please return all ticket counterfoils, monies, and any unsold tickets by Friday, 11 December 2026. Thank you for your support, and good luck! 🎄🎁🎅

## 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.