High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 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 14 Nov — ***Vigil Mass***
5:00 pm (OLG) – People of the Parish

Sunday 15 Nov – ***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
World Day of the Poor
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) – Holy Souls of Joji & Resmy Family
6:00 pm (StAug) –

Monday 16 Nov – *St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop,*
St Gertrude, Virgin,
St Margaret of Scotland.
9:30 am (StAug) – Raymond Hill RIP

Tuesday 17 Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious,
St Hilda of Whitby, Religious,
St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop.
9:30 am (StAug) – Cibelle, Renee & Rhea Intentions
10:00 am (SW) – Holy Souls

Wednesday 18 Nov – *Dedication of the Basilicas of*
Sts Peter and Paul in Rome, Apostles.
9:30 am (StAug) – *Antony Joyce RIP – Anniversary.*

Thursday 19 Nov
9:30 am (StAug) – Bob Wolfe RIP
7:00 pm (OLG) –

Friday 20 Nov
9:30 am (StAug) – Cibelle, Renee & Rhea Intentions
2:00 pm (OLG) –

Saturday 21 Nov *The Presentation of the*
Blessed Virgin Mary
9:30 am (StAug) – Foundation Rutledge
5:00 pm (OLG) –

Sunday 22 Nov – ***CHRIST THE KING Solemnity***
9:00 am (StAug) – Helen Mack & Siblings
9:00 am (SW) – Angela Nkwocha RIP
11:00 am (StAug) – McDonagh & Cochrane Families
11:00 am (OLG) – Holy Souls of Joji & Resmy Family
6:00 pm (StAug) – People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-13,19,20,30,31 Psalm 128(127):1-5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Psalm Response

Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.

Eucharistic Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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: £920.85 + standing orders: c.£696
St J.H. NEWMAN: £601.43 + 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!

Get into the Christmas spirit and join us at our **Christmas Bazaar** on **Saturday 12 December, 11:00 am–3:00 pm**, in the **Upper Room at St Augustine's.** Proceeds will be shared between both parishes, making it a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some festive fun while supporting our parish communities. **See flyer for more details.**

We would be grateful for donations of **quality nearly-new items, fancy goods, bottles, toys in good condition, DVDs, and homemade produce** such as cakes and jams (please include a list of ingredients). No books or clothes, thank you. Donations can be left in the porch at St Augustine's or, if more convenient, at St Wulstan's or Our Lady of Grace Church, clearly labelled for collection. Freezable cakes may be stored in the freezer at St Augustine's.

There will be plenty of bargains, seasonal treats and Christmas cheer, so do come along and bring family and friends. **Extra weekend parking is available across the road behind the "Partners &" and IMO offices.**

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)

World Day of the Poor – Sunday 15 November

This Sunday we mark the **World Day of the Poor**. Pope Leo XIV's theme, *"The Lord is the refuge of the poor"*, calls us to respond to those in need with prayer, generosity and compassion.

Safeguarding Sunday – Sunday 15 November

We also mark **Safeguarding Sunday**, reflecting on the theme *"Love Protects"* and our shared responsibility to ensure our parishes are safe, welcoming and respectful places for all.

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.

Mary's Meals Second Collection

Support the life-changing work of Mary's Meals, providing nutritious daily meals to children in some of the world's poorest communities, helping them gain an education and a brighter future.

A second collection will be taken at **St Augustine's Church on Sunday 15 November**, and at **St Wulstan's** and **Our Lady of Grace Churches** on **Sunday 22 November**. Thank you for your generosity and support. 🙏🍽

OUR LADY OF GRACE – GAMES DAY takes place on the **first Wednesday** of the month from **1:00 pm** onwards. Whatever your age (18–80+), you are welcome to join us for conversation, games, and refreshments. 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!

First Fruits Gardening Project

Experience community while working the land!

Join the **First Fruits Gardening Project** and help The Source Community care for four allotments at Booker Common. No experience is needed and tools are provided. Just bring old clothes or boots. Enjoy a shared picnic lunch and help grow fresh produce for everyone involved.

Contact: Dominic McDermott ☎ 07754 051840 ✉ dom.mcd@btinternet.com 🌱🍅🥕

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:

16 November	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
23 November	–	Zoom, 8:00 pm
30 November	–	Upper Room, 7:30 pm
7 December	–	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)

21 November	:	Valentina & Kennedy
25 November	:	Liz
02 December	:	Pauline & Tony
09 December	:	Winston & Prem

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.

Legion of Mary – New Members Welcome

Would you like to grow in faith and serve Christ through Our Lady? Join the **Legion of Mary** at **St Aidan's Church, Little Chalfont**, every **Thursday at 7.00pm**. New members are always welcome.

For more information, contact **Sigmund on 07788 238511**. The Legion of Mary is also hoping to establish a presence in **High Wycombe** soon. 🙏✨

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

KEEP IT PLAYING – St Augustine's Organ Fund

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help. We are pleased to say that we now have enough members to form a committee. The committee will meet shortly to begin planning the next steps for the project, and we will let parishioners know when the meeting has been arranged. Further updates and opportunities to support the fund will be shared in due course. 🎹🙏

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.

November Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

November is a special time to remember and pray for our deceased loved ones. Please place their names in a November Holy Souls envelope and return it via the collection or Presbytery letterbox, together with any offering. The names will be placed on the altar and remembered at Mass throughout November. If no designated envelopes are available, please use any envelope marked "November Holy Souls." 🙏🕯️

Save the Date: Advent Retreat

Join us for an **Advent Retreat** on **Saturday 5 December** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Great Missenden**, led by **Fr Eamonn Mulcahy** on the theme *"The Disturbing Freshness of Jesus"*. A time for prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal as we prepare for Christmas. Further details and booking information will follow. 🙏✨

Calling All Young Singers! 🎵

Young people aged 9–20 are invited to join the new St Augustine's Young People's Consort. No experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a love of singing! 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! 🎄🎁🎅

West Wycombe Chamber Choir Christmas Concert 🎄

Celebrate the festive season with the **West Wycombe Chamber Choir's 20th Anniversary Christmas Concert** on **Saturday 12 December at 7.00pm** in **St Lawrence's Church, West Wycombe**. Enjoy an evening of seasonal choral music, including both sacred and secular favourites, with audience participation. Tickets: **Adults £12, Concessions £10**, available from Michèle after the 11.00am Sunday Mass at OLG, by calling **07795 680253**, or on the door. ✨🎶

FOR OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS

YOUTH CLUB — Young people aged 9–15 are welcome at the Youth Club in St Wulstan's parish room on Saturday afternoons during term time, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. To join or volunteer, please contact **Leticia** on **07506 421908** or email **ltcadenuga@yahoo.co.uk**. All are welcome!

For the latest news and upcoming events from Northampton Youth Ministry (NYMO) for teenagers and young adults in our diocese, visit **https://nymo.org/news-2/.**

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.