# High Wycombe Catholic Parishes

## Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**22 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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***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 21 Nov** — ***CHRIST THE KING Solemnity Vigil Mass***
**5:00 pm (OLG)** – Parish Youth

**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

**Monday 23 Nov** – *St Clement I, Pope, Martyr*
*St Columban, Abbot*
**9:30 am (StAug)** – Special Intention (Healing)

**Tuesday 24 Nov** – St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs
**10:00 am (SW)** – Desmond & Ernest Stewart RIP
**11:30 am (StAug)** – Requiem Mass for Giuseppe Festa

**Wednesday 25 Nov** – *St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*
**9:30 am (StAug)** – Holy Souls

**Thursday 26 Nov**
**9:30 am (StAug)** – Foundation – Little
**7:00 pm (OLG)** – Cibelle, Renee & Rhea Intentions

**Friday 27 Nov**
**9:30 am (StAug)** – Rita Maleir Gurusumuthu
**10:00 am (SW)** – Katie Bardsley RIP

**Saturday 28 Nov** — ***1st Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass***
**9:30 am (StAug)** – Bernadette Gurusumuthu
**5:00 pm (OLG)** – People of the Parish

**Sunday 29 Nov** – ***1st Sunday of Advent***
**9:00 am (StAug)** – Luigi Musci RIP
**9:00 am (SW)** – Martin McDonagh RIP
**11:00 am (StAug)** – Clive Grimshaw RIP
**11:00 am (OLG)** – Maria & Marina Schafer
**6:00 pm (StAug)** – Bill D'souza

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 Psalm 23(22):1,2,3,5,6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46

**Entrance Antiphon**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
To receive power and divinity,
And wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**Psalm Response**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

**Eucharistic Acclamation**

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

**Communion Antiphon**

The Lord sits as King forever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**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: £948.18 + standing orders: c.£696**
**St J.H. NEWMAN: £615.67 + 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.***

**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)

**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!

**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.**

**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 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Upper Room**, starting **16 January**. The **Confirmation Mass** will take place on **Saturday 22 May 2027 at 2:00 pm**.

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

## 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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| 23 November | – | Zoom, 8:00 pm |
| 30 November | – | Upper Room, 7:30 pm |
| 7 December | – | Zoom, 8:00 pm |
| 14 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)**

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| **25 November** | **:** | Liz |
| **02 December** | **:** | Pauline & Tony |
| **09 December** | **:** | Winston & Prem |
| **19 December** | **:** | 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.

**Legion of Mary – New Members Welcome** – Grow in faith and serve Christ through Our Lady. Join the Legion of Mary at **St Aidan's Church, Little Chalfont**, every Thursday at **7:00 pm**. For details, contact Sigmund on **07788 238511**.

**Advent Evening – Monday 30 November, 7:30 pm**
Before the busyness of Christmas takes over, why not spend a prayerful evening listening to short, inspiring/thought-provoking readings and joining in lively or reflective music? Seasonal refreshments. Everyone welcome. Do come!

**Venue: Upper Room**

**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

**November Remembrance of the Faithful Departed** – Please return your November Holy Souls envelope, with the names of deceased loved ones and any offering, via the collection or Presbytery letterbox. The names will be placed on the altar and remembered at Mass throughout November.

**Save the Date: Advent Retreat** – Join us on Saturday 5 December at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Great Missenden, for an Advent Retreat led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy on the theme *"The Disturbing Freshness of Jesus"*. Further details and booking information to follow.

**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 season with a special **20th Anniversary Christmas Concert** on **Saturday 12 December at 7:00 pm** in St Lawrence's Church, West Wycombe. Tickets: Adults £12, Concessions £10; available from Michèle, by calling **07795 680253**, or on the door. ✨🎶

**Walking with St Francis through Advent –** Join a four-week online Advent retreat on Thursdays at 7:30 pm from 26 November to 17 December, exploring the life and spirituality of St Francis of Assisi. Register at https://northamptondiocese.org/advent-retreat-2026/

**THE EMPTY CHAIR** – The booklet mentioned last Sunday giving the story of an abuse survivor may be viewed online at https://northamptondiocese.org/sgresources/

**Christmas Services**

Join us as we celebrate the joy of Christmas across our parishes.

**Carol Services** will take place on **14 December** at **3:00 pm at St Augustine's** and **4:00 pm at St Wulstan's**, including a children's Nativity presentation.

**Christmas Eve Vigil Masses** will be celebrated at **6:30 pm (Our Lady of Grace)** and **7:30 pm (St Wulstan's)**, with **Midnight Mass at St Augustine's**, preceded by carol singing from **11:30 pm**.

**Christmas Day Masses** will be celebrated at **9:00 am (St Augustine's and St Wulstan's)** and **11:00 am (St Augustine's and Our Lady of Grace)**.

All are warmly invited to a **New Year's Eve Mass at 11:00 pm in St Augustine's**, followed by refreshments in the Upper Room as we welcome the New Year together.

**Walk with Me This Advent – Advent begins next Sunday**. ***Walk with Me*** prayer booklets are now available for £1.50, offering a simple daily guide for prayer and reflection throughout the Advent season.

**Christmas Flowers –** There will be a retiring collection to help with the cost of Christmas flowers for our churches. It will be held on **29 November at St Augustine's** and on **6 December** at the other churches.

**Tuesday 24 November** Please note that there will be no 9:30 am Mass at St Augustine's on this day. **Mass will be at 11:30 am** and will be the **Requiem Mass for Giuseppe Festa**, who died recently. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES** There will be a brief service of the Blessing of Graves at the Four Ashes Cemetery on **Monday 23 November** at 11:00 am

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

## 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.