**March for Life UK 2026:** Thank you to everyone who supported last year's **March for Life UK**, which saw around **10,000 people** gather in London, including **7 Catholic bishops**, **2 Anglican bishops**, many priests, religious, and other Christian leaders.
**This year March for Life UK will take place on Saturday 5th September 2026.** Please save the date and consider joining this peaceful public witness for the dignity of every human life. With over **250,000 abortions each year** in England and Wales and further changes to the law being proposed, a united Christian witness has never been more important. For more information and to watch this year's highlights, visit: https://youtu.be/qYsei8hX4xY?si=K1o1zGYzqJdG_jLc

**Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School**
The Head Teacher, Danny Coyle, is speaking at Masses on the weekend of 12/13 September. Do consider our excellent local Catholic high school for your children. Mr Coyle will be able to answer any questions you may have.

**Foodbank Shopping List**: Tinned Fruit & Custard, Tinned Sardines & Mackerel, Tinned Tomatoes & pasta sauces, Instant Coffee, Vegetarian Mains (Curry, Chilli, etc...) Thank you!

**SOCIAL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| Sat 29th Aug | Antone + Monthly Draw |
| Sat 5th Sept | Family Affiar |
| Sat 12th Sept | Theresa Rogers |
| Sat 19th Sept | Slim Attraction |
| Sun 20th Sept | BINGO |
| Sat 26th Sept | Cross Keys + Monthly Draw |

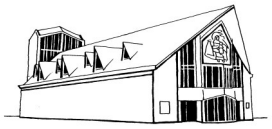
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**Envelopes: £485 Loose: £903 Contactless:£249 Standing orders: £1053**

**Eucharistic Ministers for Sunday 6th Sept 2026**

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| Saturday | 6.00 pm | A. Somjen |
| Sunday | 08.00 am | TBC |
| | 10.00 am | C. Edward, M. Burns, E. Rodrigues |
| | 12.00 pm | E.D |

**Readers for Sunday 6th Sept 2026**

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| Saturday | 6.00 pm | F. Fernandes |
| Sunday | 08.00 am | F. Buchan |
| | 10.00 am | C. Henry |
| | 12.00 pm | J. Abalos |



# Our Lady & St. Joseph's Church Hanwell


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***30th August 2026 -Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time - A***

## The Cross, Perseverance and the Grace of Conversion

As we celebrate the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church places before us some challenging words of Jesus: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." Following Christ is not always the easy path. It asks for patience, trust, sacrifice and a willingness to let God transform our lives.
This Sunday falls just after the feast days of two remarkable saints, St Monica and her son, St Augustine. Their story gives us a wonderful illustration of perseverance and the grace of conversion.
St Monica prayed for many years for Augustine, who for a long time lived far from the Christian faith she cherished. She did not give up. Her tears, prayers and patient love became an offering to God. Eventually Augustine encountered Christ and became one of the Church's greatest teachers and saints.
Monica reminds us that we should never underestimate the power of faithful prayer. There may be people we love whose lives or choices cause us worry. We may wonder whether our prayers are making any difference. Monica encourages us to persevere and to place those we love into God's hands.
Augustine, meanwhile, reminds us that conversion is possible, even when the road seems long. God's grace can reach us in ways and at times we do not expect.
Perhaps, then, the witness of Monica and Augustine helps us understand Jesus' call to take up our cross. Sometimes our cross is simply to remain faithful, to keep praying, to keep loving and to keep trusting God.
May St Monica teach us perseverance, and St Augustine teach us to open our hearts to grace, so that we too may follow Christ more faithfully.

**Mass Intentions for the week commencing 29th August 2026**

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| **Saturday** | 6.00 pm | Marie Luis | RIP |
| **Sunday** | 08.00 am | Talyah O'Brady | Sp Int |
| | 10.00 am | People of the Parish | |
| | 12.00 noon | Elizabeth Delsol | Sp Int |
| **Monday** | 10.00 am | Bertie Greenidge | RIP |
| **Tuesday** | 10.00 am | Children Starting High School This Year | |
| **Wednesday** | 10.00 am | Michel & Family | Sp Int |
| **Thursday** | 10.00 am | **No Mass** | |
| **Friday** | 10.00 am | Anthony D'Mello | Sp Int |

**Adoration**: every Friday (provided there is no funeral) from 9:00 to 9.50am & every Saturday from 5:00 to 5.50pm.

**Confessions**: Always after Mass and BY APPOINTMENT. Please phone or email us.

**RCIA & other Confirmation:**
Please contact Fr. John or write to him at johnbaalaboore@rcdow.org.uk

**Are you feeling lonely?** If you would like someone from our Saint Vincent de Paul group (SVP) to give you a call, please contact the presbytery with your details and we will get back to you.

**Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Novena:** Every Tuesday after 10am Mass.

**Knights of St. Columba Meeting**: Every second Tuesday of the Month.

**Baptisms**: If you are a registered parishioner and have a child for Baptism, (or are expecting one) please contact the Parish Team for information on how to apply for a place on the Baptism Programme. Parents requesting permission for a Baptism to take place abroad will need to attend a preparation course first. Next date: 7th September 2026 7pm

**Marriage Preparation:** Any registered couple from our parish who are intending getting married in the Catholic Church are asked to note that the Church requires **at least six months notice prior to their wedding date**. Couples need to speak to their Parish priest so as to fill out the forms and also participate in a Marriage Preparation course.

**Tea & Coffee**: will be served after the 10am Mass every Sunday.

**Registration Forms for all Parishioners: If you live and/or worship in our Parish please ensure that you have registered so that we have your correct contact details.** It is essential to be registered if you wish us to support you in your pastoral needs. Please call the Parish Office Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri 10am to 2pm and **make an appointment**.

**Readings for this Sunday**

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| **First Reading:** | **from the Prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9** |
| **Psalm:** | **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.** |
| **Second Reading:** | **from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 12:1-2** |
| **Gospel Acclamation:** | **Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.** |
| **Gospel:** | **Matthew 16:21-27** |

**Stop assisted suicide being legalised:**
Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September. **Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide:**
**https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote**

**Right To Life**: *"Let us pray for all those affected by the debate on assisted suicide, that they may be guided by compassion, wisdom, and respect for the dignity of every human life. May our leaders, medical professionals, and lawmakers seek to protect the vulnerable and uphold the sanctity of life in all decisions. Lord hear us".*

**HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE**:
Please do not use the emergency side exit doors of the church unless in the event of an emergency. Building works are currently taking place above that area and we want to avoid the possibility of accidents happening. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**First Holy Communion 2026/2027:**
Registered parents from our parish with a child in Year 3 or above, and who have completed at least 1 year of Catholic RE through school or our Saturday Class, are asked to visit the Parish Website (from the ***Home Page***, use the dropdown menu on the top right corner. Choose ***Parish Life*** then ***Sacramental Preparation.*** Scroll down to the First Holy Communion information.
The below link takes you directly to the FHC form:
https://forms.gle/e3eFFJKkexTGiAGK9
If you are not registered parishioners, please contact the parish office at hanwell@rcdow.org.uk **before** you fill in the form.
The closing date for applications is **Monday 14th Sept 2026 at 3pm**. We regret we will not be able to accept applications after this date.
Please note you MUST attach a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate.

**Michael John Lyons' Funeral Mass**: Fri 11th Sept at 10am.
**Daniel Maher's Funeral Mass**: Fri 18th Sept at 10am.
Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families.

As you leave church today parishioners will be handing out a brief leaflet about the Season of Creation which runs from 1 September until 4 October. See also Pope Leo's message marking the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html As we face extreme temperatures, floods, and the destruction of land and forests, this is surely the time to pray and work for change. Pope Leo says: "*If we take up this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God's work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace.*"