



## St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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## Thirty-third Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1

19 November	St Raphael Kalinowski, Priest of the Carmelite Order – Memorial
20 November	St Edmund, King & Martyr - Memorial
21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial
22 November	St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr – Memorial
24 November	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs - Memorial

**TODAY** there is a second collection for the **Sick and Retired Priests' Fund**.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£2,624**. Your continued support is appreciated.

**ADVENT – THE PERFECT PREP!** Next **Saturday 24 November** you are **invited to join Bishop Peter** for a **“DAY WITH ST JOSEPH”**. It will be led by **Canon John Udris** and takes place in the Parish Centre from 10:30am until 3:30pm. It will provide time for listening, prayer and reflection. Come and be prepared for Advent and Christmas. Booking essential via the NORES office; email [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or ring 01582 723312. The cost of the day is £15 with drinks available. Please bring a packed lunch.



**RETHINK** is an opportunity for local people to engage with other like-minded individuals to discuss, discover and explore some of the

fundamental questions of life. Churches from across South Bucks have come together to host a variety of events which explore some of life's big questions in the form of choral evenings, youth events, business breakfasts, cream/high teas and more. For more information please visit [www.rethink-southbucks.org](http://www.rethink-southbucks.org).

**St Joseph's** will host the Morning Prayer sessions this coming Wednesday, Thursday and Friday starting at 8:15am in the Parish Centre. Come along beforehand for a cuppa or stay afterwards for a light breakfast. The **Holy Name** congregation are invited to participate in the Denham events.

The next **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** takes place on Tuesday, 20 November at 8pm in the Library.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21 November** at 2pm in the First Committee Room. All members are welcome to attend.

### **DIOCESAN MASS TO CELEBRATE ROMERO'S**

**CANONISATION:** Bishop Peter warmly invites you to a mass celebrating the canonisation of Oscar Romero on Tuesday 20 November at 7pm - Sacred Heart Church, 5 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1HZ.

### **MEETING ABOUT PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

Children in Year 3 or above not attending St Joseph's School are invited to take part in our Parish First Holy Communion preparation. The **parents meeting with Fr Michael** takes place on **Friday, 23 November** at 7:30pm in the First Committee Room. If you have any queries please call the Parish Office on 01753 886581.

### **DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION**

*November is a month of prayer for those who have died and those who have helped us live our baptismal vocation.*

It is suggested that we take time this month to sit quietly and ponder the great and small events of our lives that have helped shape us into the people we are today. We could remember our deceased relatives, friends and all who have guided us. Because we all, both living and dead, are a part of the mystical Body of Christ we can pray with and for those who have died. We can give thanks for the blessing that they were for us when alive and ask for God's tender love and mercy to forgive their failings and embrace them in everlasting compassion and love. We can ask for the grace to live more fully each day our baptismal vocations so that all we do is for the greater glory and service of God.

**BOOK NOW FOR ADVENT WORKSHOP:** Places are filling up quickly for our Children's Liturgy Advent Workshop on Sunday, 2 December after 9am Mass until 12 noon in the Hall. All children (Pre-School to Year 6) are invited to join us for Christmas crafts and carol singing, whilst remembering the true meaning of Christmas. The cost is £4 per child. **Advance booking and payment (cash only) by Wednesday 28 November is required.** Spaces are limited as the workshop is extremely popular. Book online now via the website.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** St Joseph's School annual bazaar takes place this coming **Saturday 24 November** from 10am to 1pm. There is something for everyone – Santa's Grotto, Christmas shopping area, pocket money stall, tombolas, homemade cakes, tasty hot food, etc. Everyone is most welcome; entry is just £1.

Join us for **YOUTH GROUP** this Sunday 18 November from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Hall. If you are in Year 6 or above why not come and join us for fun, games and food.

This year's **SLOUGH SLEEPOUT FOR THE HOMELESS** is next **Saturday 24 November** at St Bernard's School, Slough SL3 7AF. It is an opportunity for everyone aged 16 or over to get involved; supporting those who are less fortunate than ourselves by sleeping outside for one night in a cardboard box. The Sleepout will take place in a fully managed, secure environment and we will supply the cardboard box, refreshments and entertainment. This event is critical to the success of the Slough Winter Night Shelter as it is our main event for raising the funds needed to run the night shelter every night from January to the end of March (typically the coldest months of the winter). Please support us in whatever way you can, either by sleeping out and getting sponsorship or making a donation.

**BOOKING NOW OPEN for YOUTH WALK London'18** which takes place on Saturday 8 December from 3.30pm until 10pm. If you're aged between 13 -18 you are invited to join the Youth Group going for a "London by Night" walk. Discover London as you've never seen it, enjoy a nice time with friends, have dinner on the go, see the Christmas Lights and many other surprises... finishing with a visit to NightFever at St Patrick's Church. This event is totally **FREE**. Limited availability so book early via the parish website.



**LONDON AND SLOUGH RUN FOR THE HOMELESS:** Please bring your sandwiches, boiled eggs, crisps, drinks, fruit, biscuits, etc. to the Parish Centre by 3:30pm on Monday. Many thanks for your continued support.

**ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET** distributed £2,400 in November as follows:

The Parish	£1,200
Sebastian Action Trust	£400
Samaritans Amersham	£400
British Red Cross Thames Valley	£400

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** to the Sousa, Tregear and Roberts families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on these children and their families.

**THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF):** Christmas cards will be on sale at St Joseph's after all Masses **this weekend**. The cost is £5 per pack of six cards and envelopes. All monies raised will support young people who wish to go to Lourdes to help the sick but do not have the financial means to afford the trip. We deeply appreciate your continued support.

**MEDITATION GROUP RETREAT DAY** with the theme "Loving Kindness" will be led by a Buddhist lay teacher. This will take place in the First Committee Room on **Saturday 1 December** between 10 am and 4pm with a shared lunch. If you are interested in attending please give your details to the Parish Office.

**CAMEROON - Bamenda kidnapping:** You may have heard the recent news that 79 children and teachers who were kidnapped from their school in Bamenda and then the children being returned, but not the teachers. This is the neighbouring diocese to Kumbo in the North West Province of Cameroon. The violence and war on the streets continues and Innocent people are suffering. Life is extremely difficult with insecurity throughout the area and people whom we know and care for there are in great danger. Please continue to keep them in your prayers during these extremely worrying and perilous times.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please pray for the sick of our parish and for those who have asked for our prayers.

#### HOLY SOULS

During November we pray especially for all the Holy Souls; those who have died in the past year, past members of our parish, our own departed relatives and friends and those with no one to pray for them.

You are invited to place names of loved ones in the golden box on the altar so we can remember them in our prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

#### Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm  
Holy Name, Denham: Sunday Mass at 9:30am  
Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath: Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm, Sunday at 9am

#### All the following take place at St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter

**Weekday Mass:** Monday to Friday at 7am and 9am, Saturday and Bank Holidays at 10am  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday from 10:30 – 11am and 4:45 – 5:15pm  
**Rosary:** Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm in the Oratory (enter via Sacristy)  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory

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