



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton
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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE.

SUNDAY MASS SHEETS: We have opted for a digital subscription and are currently trialling a weekly email of the Sunday Message, along with children's worksheets Look and Ichthus, to registered parishioners.

Today is **WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**. Pope Francis has chosen "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee" as the theme. He invites us to focus on pastoral care of migrants and refugees, the experiences of whom are an often-unseen tragedy that the global crisis caused by the pandemic has only exacerbated. He reflects on the fact that Jesus himself faced the uncertainty of being forced to flee, like so many in our world today. We are reminded that through His flight to Egypt, God has united himself in a unique way to refugees and forcibly displaced people. They offer us an opportunity to meet the Lord in different ways. The Pope asks us to respond to this challenge through very practical actions that are linked together in a relationship of cause and effect. Firstly, [we must know in order to understand](#); it is necessary [to be close in order to serve](#); [to listen in order to be reconciled](#); [to share in order to grow](#); we need to be [involved in order to promote](#), and finally, it is necessary to [collaborate in order to build](#).

29 September	Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels – Feast
30 September	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church – Memorial
1 October	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church – Memorial
2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels – Memorial

● **HANDS** ● **FACE** ● **SPACE** ●
The Most Holy Name Church, the Bridgettine Convent and the Parish Office remain closed until further notice.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **George Jeffrie** who died recently, may he rest in peace. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

Please **PRAY FOR THE SICK** at home and in hospitals, especially those affected by coronavirus, that God may be with them and give them strength and healing.



We continue to broadcast **MASSES** live from St Joseph's in real time via our live stream at www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live.

MASS & PRIVATE PRAYER AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

We plan for the church to be open at the following times:

- **Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October for 7am Mass**
- **Tuesday 29 September from 1pm to 2pm for Private Prayer and 7:30pm to 8pm for Rosary**
- **Wednesday 30 September for 9am Mass**
- **Thursday 1 October for 9am Mass**
- **Saturday 26 September for 10am and 5:30pm Masses**
- **Sunday 27 September for 9am, 11am and 5:30pm Masses**

There will be NO HOLY HOUR and NO ROSARY CIRCLE this coming FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER.

EVENING MASS: Fr John will celebrate an evening Mass on **Thursday and Friday** this coming week at 7pm. All are welcome to [join him via the live stream](#).

ADOREMUS – COME LET US ADORE: Thursday 1 October from 7:30am to 9am. On the Carmelite Feast of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, the **church will be open** for quiet prayer and adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament after the 7am Mass until just before the 9am Mass. *'Jesus does not ask for great achievements; only surrender and gratitude.'* – St Thérèse
We are invited to spend some time either in the church or via the live stream to speak quietly to Jesus of our gratitude and desire to follow Him.
'It is your arms, Jesus, which are the elevator to carry me to heaven.' – St Thérèse.

OCTOBER is the month of **THE HOLY ROSARY**, one of the greatest means of 'going to Our Lady' in intercession, seeking her protection and asking for strength. Why not join us for **ROSARY CIRCLE** which will take place **in the church on Tuesdays** and [via the live stream](#) on Fridays.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the **Draper** family whose daughter was baptised recently at St Joseph's. We pray that her life be filled with the joy, love and endless blessings that come from God.

“MISSION IN A DIGITAL AGE”: The Diocesan webinar series exploring the challenges and opportunities for the Church in the new reality continues this Monday evening at 7:30pm. This week **Brendan Thompson**, CEO of **Catholic Voices**, will share his perspective on the church post-lockdown. The talk is **FREE**, but you **will need to register to receive the web link**. You can **catch up on Bishop David’s talk from last week here**.

HOMEBOUND PACK: Every month we send a “pack” to registered parishioners who are not online. This helps us to keep in touch with those who cannot access the live stream or church resources via the internet. The next one will be posted out on **Wednesday 30 September**. If you know someone who hasn’t had one but would benefit from one, please email office@stjosephs.org.uk.

COPIES OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: Requests should be made **via email to the Parish Office**. Please allow a minimum of five working days to turn around requests.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: If you need your child’s school application signed or require a **Certificate of Catholic Practice**, Fr Michael will be available at 3:15pm and 7pm on Thursday 1 October or Mondays 5 and 19 October. Please come to the front door of the Priory.



APPLE JUICE NOW ON SALE: The apples from the orchard have been harvested and used to make apple juice which is now on sale priced at £3 a bottle, £10 for 4 bottles and £35 for a box of 15 bottles. To place an order please **email Jane**. Payment is by cash or cheque payable to “St Joseph’s Events”.

THE LONDON RUN continues Monday 28 September. Please bring your sandwiches, boiled eggs, soft fruit, crisps, drinks, individually wrapped cakes and small chocolate biscuit bars (such as penguins or two finger kit-kats) to the **Parish Centre by 12 noon on Monday**. You can leave your donations from 7:30am onwards.

THE SLOUGH RUN continues to provide basic foods to needy local families and the guests we recently housed. Non-perishable foods and soft fruit are needed. Please leave your contributions at Parish Centre any day of the week and we will deliver them on your behalf.

WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF TOILET PAPER AND FRESH MILK (GREEN TOP). Thank you for your continued support; it really does make a difference.

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: *Suspended until further notice*

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath: *Suspended until further notice*

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 *

Rosary: Tuesday and Friday at 7.30pm *

ALL BROADCAST VIA LIVE STREAM

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WILL YOU **RISE TO THE CHALLENGE?**

Our parish SVP group has been doing vital work during the Covid-19 pandemic but now

they need your help. They have been delivering grocery supplies to vulnerable people who are shielding and can’t get out to their local shops, as well as providing food to those who are struggling to afford to feed their families.

In addition, they’ve been phoning or writing to lonely and isolated people, providing friendship and someone to talk to for those who can’t visit family and friends. But now they need your support in one of the following ways:

VOLUNTEER WITH THE SVP

Give a little bit of time to help; for example, with ‘knock and drop’ food deliveries

DONATE TO THE SVP

Send a cheque payable to “SVP – St Joseph Gerrards Cross E140305” c/o the Parish Office *or*

Make a Bank Transfer – the bank is Natwest, the Account Number is 46078843 and the Sort Code is 60-60-04

FUNDRAISE FOR THE SVP

Have fun while raising money at the same time; there are lots of [fun and creative ideas on the SVP website](#)

The SVP’s response to the current and very unusual time calls us all to reflect deeper, to listen attentively, to notice what really happens around us and to be more and more sensitive to the needs of others. There is a lovely prayer that sums this up quite well:

Let us be a people who notice.

Let us be a people who act.

Let us be a people who serve.

Let us be a people who give generously from all we have.

Let us be a people who welcome into a community.

Let us be a people who are in it for the long run.

Let us be a people who work to draw in support from other agencies.

Let us be a people who campaign for justice and give voice to the voiceless.

Let us be a people who pray.

Our [local SVP has been rising to the challenge](#) of helping those in need during the pandemic; will you now rise to the challenge of supporting them?