



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton
Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1

THIS NEWSLETTER IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE.

Today is **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**, a time to remember all those who have given their lives during the two World Wars, and later conflicts, for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. We pray for all of those affected by war; those in the armed services who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who are innocent victims of war. May their memory prompt us all to pursue peace.

The fifth **WORLD DAY OF THE POOR** is observed this Sunday. [In his message, Pope Francis reflects on Jesus' words at the anointing in Bethany](#), "the poor you will always have with you" (Mk 14:7). This he says 'is a summons never to lose sight of every opportunity to do good.' We are called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and our neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. The Holy Father reminds us that, 'if we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor.' We pray that our eyes may be opened to the poor in our own community and that we may give them help and encouragement according to our means.

15 November	All Saints of the Carmelite Order – Feast
16 November	Commemoration of all the Dead of the Carmelite Order
17 November	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious – Memorial
19 November	St Raphael of St Joseph Kalinowski, Priest of Carmelite Order – Memorial
21 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe – Solemnity



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

****NEW** CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN:**

Children's Liturgy will be holding a 'Christmas Crafts' event for children and their parents after Mass on **Sunday 28 November from 10am until 12 noon**. This will be held outside the Parish Centre in gazebos so come and enjoy making festive themed crafts whilst eating and drinking pancakes and hot chocolate! Parents are asked to stay and can get involved or they can sit and watch whilst enjoying refreshments.

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENING

You are invited to a special evening sponsored by the local "Prayer Together" group of our church leaders, with well known international guest speaker, **CHRISTY WIMBER** (www.christywimber.com) from America.

On Wednesday 1 December at 7:30pm members of all our local churches and their friends are welcome at THE HUB, the new Gold Hill Baptist Church in Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter, for light refreshments followed by a welcome and short time of prayer and worship at 8pm, leading into Christy Wimber's talk:

"HOW IS THE HOLY SPIRIT ASKING US TO MOVE FORWARD FOLLOWING THE RECENT MONTHS OF GENERAL DISRUPTION?"

Christy is an international speaker, teacher and evangelist, who has founded a Vineyard Church in California before giving her time to speaking in churches in different countries. She has written books, and is a recognised authority on mental health. We are delighted to have her with us and to benefit from her Christian experience.

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO INVITE FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR THE EVENING, FINISHING AT 9:30pm.

CONFIRMATION 2022: Registration is now open for young people in Year 9 or above. [Further information can be found via this online registration link](#). There will be a **Parents Meeting on Wednesday 24 November** at 7pm for 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. The deadline for registration is Sunday 28 November 2021.

POSTPONED: Fr Martin's **Day of Recollection for all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** has been postponed until the New Year. New date and time to be advised.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: God chose St Joseph to be the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. He was loyal and courageous in fulfilling his obligations to each of them. This month we continue our reflections with "[St Joseph - Husband of Mary](#)".

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for November is **People Who Suffer from Depression** – We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

HOLY SOULS: During November we pray especially for all the Holy Souls. As in recent years, we will have the golden Holy Souls box on the altar throughout the month of November. Parishioners are invited to place names of loved ones in the golden box so we can remember them in our prayers. If you are unable to visit the church, please call the priests at the Priory or [email the Parish Office](mailto:office@stjosephs.org.uk) with names of those you would like to be included.

CATHOLIC MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP: For all who serve young people – you are invited to join us this Saturday 20 November for a Catholic Mental Health and Wellbeing workshop. It costs just £5 and can be paid on the day. It will take place in the parish hall of St Martin De Porres, Luton (LU4 0NG). To book your please email fiona@nymo.org.

“EMMAUS”: A heart-warming journey with Jesus as he explains the Scriptures and equips us for mission. Hosted by Mission Northampton, the new diocesan agency, this weekend experience runs from 10am on Saturday 27 to 3pm on Sunday 28 November 2021 at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton Cathedral. Lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday are included within the £55 overall cost. To register and pay, or for further information, please see [Weekend Journey to Emmaus](#).

THANK YOU: The CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal raised £1,003.83 and CAFOD would like to thank you so much for your donations. Your very generous gifts will help people like Ivanilde in the Amazon to protect our common home.

The **JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP** will meet on **Monday 22 November at 2:30pm** in the Holy Cross Convent. If you have not been before you are very welcome to join us for the afternoon; meetings generally last from between an hour to an hour and a half.

RAFFLE RETURNS: Please send your counterfoils and payment to the Priory by post or drop through letterbox.

ARMF CHRISTMAS CARD 2021: Thank you to all those who kindly supported the Alistair Roberts Memorial Fund last Sunday. Through your generous donations and card sales, £922 was raised for the charity for which we are extremely grateful. On Sunday 28 November Jane will be visiting Denham to make an appeal. We apologise but we have sold out of cards due to the higher than expected demand and hope you feel able to support us anyway. (We promise to print more next year). Every penny donated goes to assist those who need it most. With our love and thanks.
Jane & Kim Roberts

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this Monday 15 November. Please bring your donations to the Parish Centre by **12 noon on Monday. WE ARE IN NEED OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CAKES and COFFEE.** We are still looking for **TWO SMALL WARDROBES.** Thank you to the donors of the two microwaves. We do not require any clothing at present. Thank you all for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

We are excited to announce that we have formed a partnership with Rotary Club of Windsor St George to host a **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**, in the stunning and exclusive Eton College Chapel on Saturday 18 December 2021. This musical event will be presented by Gloria Hunniford and both charities will be hosting pre and post concert drinks receptions. [Click here to book.](#)

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

*Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD
Canadian Army (1872-1918)*

GET IN TOUCH! All parishioners should have received a letter from Fr Martin about our Autumn Raffle. If not, it may be that you are not registered with the parish or we had to deactivate your record for GDPR compliance as we had no reply to the 2019 census. Please contact us via admin@stjosephs.org.uk. If you are new to the area and want to be included then [please register here](#).

Please **PRAY FOR THE SICK** and those who have asked for our prayers. May they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence.

Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm *

The Most Holy Name, Denham: Sunday at 9:30am

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath: [Contact the Bridgettine Sisters](#) for details of Masses and Services. Pre-booking required.

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 via Zoom

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