

29 October 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2

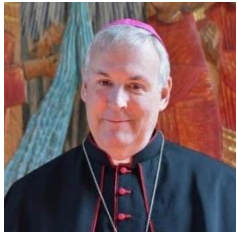


St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

Fr Robert (Bob) Davies OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Jerome Ituah OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD, Fr John McGowan OCD, Fr Martin McDonald OCD and Fr Theophilus (Theo) Nyamali OCD



BISHOP DAVID VISITATION

Bishop David is [continuing his visitation](#) across the South Bucks Pastoral Area. He will return to our parish for his second visit next Sunday. His schedule for the day is:

Sunday 5 November

9:30am Mass, then meet parishioners in the church

11am Mass, followed by Blessing of the Graves in St Joseph's Cemetery, then meet parishioners in the First Committee Room

Lunch with the Holy Cross Sisters at the Convent

4pm Meet Catechesis & Children's Liturgy Teams

4:30pm Meet Parish Finance Committee

5:30pm Mass, then meet parishioners in the church

BENI MERENTI: During Bishop David's recent visit to the parish, he presented three parishioners with a Bene Merenti Medal and scroll. This honour is awarded by the Pope to people for their service to the Catholic Church. **Congratulations to Lucille Francis, Christine Cornwell and Tom Tipler** who were recipients of this very special recognition. Thank you all for your dedicated service.

SILVER JUBILEE: Congratulations to Sr Bruna from the Bridgettine Sisters who celebrated her Silver Jubilee recently with a Thanksgiving Mass led by Bishop David Oakley. For 25 years she has dedicated herself to a life of prayer rooted in the Eucharist and living out a charism of hospitality. Please keep her in your prayers.

1 November	All Saints – Solemnity
2 November	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
4 November	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop – Memorial

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER is the **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in St Joseph's Church will be at 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER is the **FEAST OF ALL SOULS**. There will be a special Mass to remember all our departed family, friends and parishioners in St Joseph's Church at 7:30pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the First Committee Room. All are welcome to attend and pray for those whose passing we mourn.



We broadcast all Masses/Services live from St Joseph's Church (not the Oratory) in real time via our live stream at www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live.

The **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES IN ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY** will take place next **Sunday 5 November** after the 11am Mass.

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 who have no one to pray for them. As in recent years, we will have the golden Holy Souls box on the altar throughout November. Parishioners are invited to place names of loved ones in the golden box so we can remember them in our prayers.

RCIA PROGRAMME FOR 2023/2024: We invite applications for those interested in learning more about Catholic Faith. You may have a child in school you want to support; are married to or about to be married to a Catholic; were baptised but never received Confirmation; are wanting to return to the Church; come from another Christian denomination of another faith or have not had a faith. The programme is open to all. Please come and sample the programme. If you are interested, please join us this **Monday 30 October at 7:30pm** in the Priory.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 1 November**. Please note, Mass for Feast of All Saints will be at 7:30pm, followed by the **Talk at 8:15pm**. The subject will be 'Signs and Symbols in the Book of Revelation' and our speaker will be **Fr Nicholas King SJ**. We look forward to you joining us in person or you can [follow the talk online via YouTube](#).

YOUNG ADULT GROUP: We are starting a young adult group in the parish for those aged between 18 and 35. The next gathering will be on **Friday 3 November at 7:30pm** in the First Committee Room. Young people are invited to come and join us. If you want to find out more [click here to join the WhatsApp Group](#).

We are very happy to visit you in your own home and bring you Communion. Please phone us at the Priory if you would like someone to call on you.

DIVINE ADORATION IN NOVEMBER: You are invited to another beautiful evening of Eucharistic Adoration, including praise and worship and prayer ministry, at St Augustine's, High Wycombe HP13 6NZ on **Saturday 11 November** at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Please invite your friends and family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: Parents of children or young people who wish to enrol in either our 2024 First Holy Communion or Confirmation programmes are invited to attend a **meeting on Monday, 13 November** at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church. This will be led by Fr Jerome Ituah who will outline the plans and expectations of the children and parents participating. Online registration will open later that week for those who wish to enrol their child in the programme.

YOUTH MASS AND MUSIC PRACTICE: The next Youth Mass will be Sunday 26 November at 11am. All singers and musicians are invited to the practices which will be held at 7pm on the following days:

- Thursday 2 November in the library
- Friday 10 November in the church
- Thursday 16 November in the church
- Wednesday 22 November in the church.

Come along, give it a try!

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Those taking part in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops have approved a Letter to the People of God giving thanks for their experiences. They explain the work of the past weeks and express the hope that, in the coming months, everyone will be able to "concretely participate in the dynamism of missionary communion indicated by the word 'synod'". [Click here to read the letter.](#)

THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF): Christmas cards will be on sale this **Sunday 29 October** at **The Most Holy Name in Denham** and next Saturday 4 November after 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 5 November after all Masses at St Joseph's. The cost is £6 for a pack of six. This year's card was drawn by a pupil at St Joseph's School. All monies raised will support young people between the ages of 18 and 30 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.

Jane & Kim Roberts

Next weekend there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

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: Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm, Sunday at 9am

The following take place at St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter

Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday at 7am (in the Oratory) and 9am*, Saturday and Bank Holidays at 10am*

Rosary: Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30pm via Zoom

*BROADCAST VIA LIVE STREAM

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APF MILL HILL MISSIO RED BOX: There has been a dramatic downturn in Mission Red Box donations due to the increasing use of credit card transactions with the resulting decrease in cash transactions for our day-to-day purchases and thus less change to donate. To counteract this, Red Box holders – and other interested [Missio](#) supporters – are asked to consider augmenting their donations to promote missionary work throughout the world by making further donations by either bank standing order and or by credit card. To assist you in this regard, there are Missio Report booklets in the church porches which incorporate the necessary donation authority forms and free post addressed envelopes so that donations may be sent direct to Missio in London. Your help in this regard would be greatly appreciated by Missio to assist them in their vital work. The Missio Report is an instructive read.

TURN FOREIGN CURRENCY INTO CASH FOR SVP: Do you have any left-over foreign currency from your summer holidays? The SVP **CASH 4 COINS** bottle can accept notes and coins in any currency and is located in the Parish Office. Drop in when it is open or simply place the currency in an envelope marked 'Cash 4 Coins' and drop it through the letterbox at the Priory. The SVP will be emptying the bottle to exchange the currency soon.

THE [LONDON & SLOUGH RUN](#) continues this Monday 30 October. Please bring your donations to the **First Committee Room by 12 noon.** There will be tables set out by the side door to the car park where you can leave your contributions. **WE ARE IN NEED OF TINNED VEGETABLES, FRESH GREEN MILK, UHT GREEN UHT MILK, COFFEE, TEA, SUGAR, SATSUMAS and INSTANT MASH POTATO.** Thank you for your generosity and support, which is much appreciated.

POPPY APPEAL: Poppies from the Royal British Legion are now available now from the church porch, please put your donation into the red box provided.

HELPING HANDS RAFFLE TICKET DELIVERIES:
 **Calling all helpers!**

The annual raffle ticket mailing is being assembled on Wednesday 1 November. We are seeking volunteers to help deliver the letters in the week following. [Please reply here if you are able to help hand-deliver the letters.](#) This will save the parish over £800 in postage and your help is greatly appreciated.