

28 April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

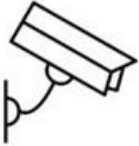
Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



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

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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.

29 April	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe – Feast
1 May	St Joseph the Worker – Optional Memorial
2 May	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church – Memorial
3 May	Ss Philip and James, Apostles – Feast
4 May	The English Martyrs – Feast

On **Tuesday 30 April** the Church in England and Wales marks a **DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE**. We are invited not only to pray for them, but listen to their voice and learn about how the Church is responding to them.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECONCILIATION

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
the source of all consolation and hope.
Be the refuge and guardian of all
who suffer from abuse and violence.
Comfort them and send healing
for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.
Help us all and make us one with you
in your love for justice as we deepen our respect
for the dignity of every human life.
Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating
your praise, both now and forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.”
cf. Matthew 4: 123

Recently, our diocese was the focus of a **Safeguarding Audit** undertaken by the [Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency](#) (CSSA). The key findings are that we are at the overall grading of **Comprehensive Assurance** at this time. Exemplary practice was seen in respect of the compassionate and innovative ways in which the diocese seeks to engage with, and support, victim-survivors. **Bishop David has issued a Pastoral Message** reflecting on our recent audit report from the CSSA.

[Read the Bishop's Letter](#) | [Watch the Bishop's Video](#)
[Read the CSSA Executive Summary Report](#)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Paul McCarthy** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Tuesday 30 April in St Joseph's Church at 11am**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 1 May** at **St Aidan's in Little Chalfont** (HP7 9NE). The topic is **'The Holy Spirit and Evangelisation'** and the speaker is **Michelle Moran**. You can attend in person or [watch live via YouTube](#). For more details and links to recordings of previous talks, please visit www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus.

The **YOUTH MUSIC GROUP** will meet for a practice on **Thursday 2 May** at 7pm in the Priory. Young people who would like to be involved in any way are invited to come along and give it a try.

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER: With a general election due soon, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A **Year of Encounter** is a joint initiative between [CAFOD](#) and the [St Vincent de Paul Society](#), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. [Click here for more details](#), including an online session on **Saturday 4 May**.

RETURN TO THE UPPER ROOM: Mission Northampton will host a virtual gathering exploring the call to return to the upper room and prepare our hearts for Pentecost. Join them on **Friday 10 May** at 7:30pm on Zoom. [Click here for more details and to sign up](#).

JESUS AND ME – WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT: **Saturday 1 June** at St Augustine's in High Wycombe, starting at 9am and finishing with Mass at 4:30pm. Theme is “An Encounter with the King” with guest speaker Barbara Reed Mason. A day to set aside and encounter Jesus in scripture, prayer, fellowship and reflection. Tickets £15, including lunch. Spaces limited - booking essential. Please bring a bible. Contact Marian on 07910467588 or marian_dunsire@outlook.com.

*Please pray for the sick of our parish
and for those who have asked for our prayers.*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for April is **FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN** – We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. [Click here to watch the Pope's video.](#)

PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX: Fr John will lead a pilgrimage by coach to Lisieux from **2-6 September**. Package price is £655 which includes coach, ferry, accommodation and services of a courier with visits to Caen, Alencon and Mont St Michel. For more details, please speak to Fr John or see the poster on the noticeboard.

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN FRANCE: From **15-22 October**, you are invited to spend 3 nights in Lisieux, 1 night in Chartres and finally 3 nights in Paris. Our spiritual guide will be **Canon John Udris** and the pilgrimage will be led by Bishop David Oakley. [More information can be found here.](#)

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT DEMENTIA? Maybe how to cope as a carer or with a family member with the disease? How to take a positive approach? There will be an informal talk which will give you really useful information on dementia and its impacts. Also, ideas of activities and stimulation to help the person with dementia. The talk is open to everyone. Carers, family members and those experiencing early stages of dementia. It will be in the First Committee Room on **Wednesday 1 May**. You can choose between 2 sessions either **2pm** in the afternoon or **7:30pm** in the evening. The talk will be given by **Sally Blackden** who has over 20 years of experience in this field.

SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL: CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal for the 'world's worst crisis' in Sudan. Millions of families, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give, if you can, to [CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal](#). Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

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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Next weekend there will be a second collection at all Masses for Sick & Retired Carmelite Priests.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this Monday **29 April**. 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 DESPERATELY SHORT OF INDIVIDUAL CARTONS OF ORANGE/APPLE JUICE and CRISPS. WE ARE IN NEED OF FRESH GREEN MILK, UHT GREEN MILK, TEA, COFFEE, SUGAR, TINNED FISH and TINNED MEAT.** Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated.

UPDATE – PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

[Click here](#) for an update on the New Parish Community Hall which includes an appeal for extra help on our New Hall Project Team. Please take time to read it and reflect if you have some experience and skills to offer to this vital project. You can get in touch with via our **email address** below so we may follow up.

newhall.stjosephgerrardscross@northamptondiocese.org

CLEANING CONTRACT FOR PARISH PREMISES: The Finance Committee has reviewed our existing cleaning arrangements for parish premises and is inviting tenders for the duties currently undertaken by the professional cleaner. The tender will be issued on Wednesday 1 May and quotes should be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 15 May. If parishioners own, or can recommend, a professional cleaning company who might be interested in tendering for this work, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible.



JAZZ NIGHT: Due to popular demand the boys are back in town! Following two super evenings last year, **The Cottle Brothers** will be presenting a **Jazz Night at The Hub on Friday 24 May at 7:30pm**. All proceeds will go to the [Open Doors](#) charity. Tickets cost £15 and can be [booked online](#) or over the phone on 07543 630968.

“Safeguarding in the diocese of Northampton is not a departmental responsibility but a culture which relies on every member of our parish and diocesan communities playing their part.”

Bishop David Oakley