

12 May 2024

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton  
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### RECEPTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

As from Saturday 25/Sunday 26 May we shall be reverting to our normal practice of **receiving the Precious Blood by drinking from the chalice**. The Catholic Church gave permission for this to happen at Easter 2023 but at that time we took the precautionary measure of receiving the Precious Blood by intinction only. Many parishes in our pastoral area, around the diocese and across the country have already returned to the normal practice and we now wish to do the same.



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](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live).

13 May	Our Lady of Fatima – Optional Memorial
14 May	St Matthias, Apostle – Feast
16 May	St Simon Stock, Carmelite – Feast

***This Sunday is [World Communications Day](#) and there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Catholic Communications Network.***

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** was established by Pope Paul VI as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication afford the Church to communicate the gospel message. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is '[Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication](#)'. It is closely linked to his message for the World Day of Peace, which was devoted to the development of systems of artificial intelligence. He says that AI can never replace the wisdom of the human heart.

“Artificial Intelligence is radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society.”  
*Pope Francis*

**PENTECOST NOVENA:** We are all encouraged to join the nine days of prayer (now until 18 May) in preparation for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our world. [Click here](#) for the novena prayer and daily intentions.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** invites parishioners to join them after 9am Mass next Sunday as we celebrate the birthday of the church with cake and games on the grass. All ages, both the young and the young at heart, are welcome.

The next **YOUTH MASS** is 11am next Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost – “the birthday of the Church”. Young people are invited to join us after Mass in the Hall for fun, games and challenges followed by birthday cake and prize giving in the First Committee Room.

The **YOUTH MUSIC GROUP** will meet for a practice on **Thursday 16 May** at 7pm in the Priory.

**CALLED & EQUIPPED:** What is God calling you to do next? Our year-long formation course isn't for everyone but covering the foundations of Catholic teaching alongside developing a personal spirituality, it might just be for you. It is open to anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. [Find out more here](#) and at our introductory webinar on **Thursday 23 May** at 7:30pm.

**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](mailto:marian_dunsire@outlook.com).

**SAVE THE DATE: MEN'S DAY RETREAT: Saturday 15 June** at St Augustine's in High Wycombe. Theme is “Father Heart of God”. More details to follow.

*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.*

**ENCOUNTER FESTIVAL:** The Carmelite Young Adult Ministry Team invites you to Encounter Festival 2024. The theme is 'Prayer: Where Pilgrims Meet.' It is a weekend of prayer, workshops, talks and deepening friendships for young adults. This year's festival will be held at the Kairos Retreat Centre, Roehampton, London, from **Friday 28 to Sunday 30 June**. See the poster in the porch for details or contact Fr Jerome to book a place.

**PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN FRANCE:** You are invited to join Bishop David and Canon John Udris on pilgrimage to Northern France from **15-22 October 2024**. It will begin with three nights in Lisieux, the home of St Terese, before we travel to Chartres to the beautiful Cathedral for one night. Leaving Chartres we travel to Paris via Rouen. We travel home following three nights in the French capital. [Click here for more details or to book.](#)

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for May is FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS** – We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. [Click here to watch The Pope Video.](#)

**MAY IS KNOWN AS "MARY'S MONTH"**, a special time of the year when devotions are performed in honour of Our Lady. Our parish **ROSARY CIRCLE** meets twice a week to pray for peace in the world and the needs of our parish. Join us via Zoom on **Tuesdays at 7:30pm** or in person in The Oratory on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**.

A selection of **CONFIRMATION** and **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** cards, mementos and souvenirs are now available from the Repository at the back of the church. Please put your payment in the box by the bookshop.

**THE [LONDON & SLOUGH RUN](#) continues this Monday 13 May.** 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 URGENT NEED OF NEW MENS BOXER SHORTS AND SOCKS. WE ARE IN NEED OF FRESH GREEN MILK, UHT GREEN MILK, TEA, COFFEE, SUGAR, INDIVIDUAL CARTONS OF ORANGE/APPLE JUICE, TINNED FISH, TINNED MEAT and CRISPS.** Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated.

### 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 at 7:30pm via Zoom and Thursday at 7:30pm in the Oratory

\*BROADCAST VIA LIVE STREAM

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### 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](mailto: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 was issued on 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 ASAP.

**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.

### SITUATIONS VACANT

**FINANCE:** The Diocese is currently recruiting for a **Financial Accountant and an Accounts Assistant** to join their central team based in Northampton. Full details for both positions, including how to apply, [can be found here](#). Closing date for applications is **Friday 17 May**. Interviews dates to be confirmed. All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and [email it to HR](#), together with covering letter detailing their qualifications, experience, and why they are interested in the position.

**ORGANIST:** St Edward's in Windsor seeks an **organist** to play at the parish church and build/support music in the churches within the parish. This role will be on a self-employed basis, initially for 12 months and report to the Parish Priest. Application forms and full details are available from [spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Closing date for applications is **Friday 7 June**.

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