

19 May 2024

## Pentecost Sunday

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



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

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### RECEPTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

As from next 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).

20 May	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church – Memorial
23 May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest – Feast
25 May	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church – Memorial

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Susan Miller** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Wednesday 5 June in St Joseph's Church at 11am**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

**CONFIRMATION:** The 11am Mass on Sunday 2 June will be a **Confirmation Mass** for 21 young people from our parish. Bishop David will join us to celebrate this special Mass and we expect the church will be fairly full with their families and guests and the car park will be busy (overflow car parking at the school).

**HOMEBOUND PACKS/VISITS:** Mindful that not everyone can get to church, we provide monthly packs with Sunday Mass sheets, parish news and other liturgical materials on request to parishioners who are not online. Our priests are happy to make home visits, to hear confession, to take communion or simply to chat. Please get in touch if you know someone who would benefit from a pack or would like a visit.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** invites parishioners to join them after 9am Mass this 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.

There is a **YOUTH MASS** at 11am this 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.

**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. **This is now FULLY BOOKED**. However, names can be taken in case of cancellations. Contact Marian on 07910467588 or [marian\\_dunsire@outlook.com](mailto:marian_dunsire@outlook.com).

**“SYNODALITY – WHAT NEXT”:** Curious to know what happens now? Come and See – **Saturday 1 June** from 10am to 3:30pm in St Teresa's Parish Centre in Beaconsfield. A three-part programme inspired by **Dr Peter Coughlan SJ** who worked in and with the Vatican Curia for 26 years from Vatican II onwards. The session will look at Synodality in the Church, how it was lost and how to recover it in our own sphere. Bring your own lunch; tea/coffee provided.

**DIACONATE VOCATION INFORMATION MORNING** for anyone who feels a calling to the permanent diaconate in our diocese. Come to St Mary's Church, Dunstable on **Saturday 8 June** from 10am to 12noon.

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY – GATHERING 3: Saturday 8 June** at St Mary's in Woburn Sands (MK17 8NN) from 10am to 4pm. An opportunity to reflect on women in the church, their calling and vocation, gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod and a chance to listen, pray, share and reflect. [Click here for more details.](#)

**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.

**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**. **DAY TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE; residential places sold out.** See the poster in the porch or contact Fr Jerome for details.

**TAIZE YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE:** Fr Alessandro Reno will lead a group of young people from our diocese to Taizé in the summer. They will embark on a ten-day trip from **17 to 26 August** to experience this unique and wonderfully spiritual community. The trip is open to young people aged between 15 and 35 years old (those under 18 should receive parental permission). [Click here for more information and booking details.](#)

**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.](#)

*Please pray for the sick of our parish  
and for those who have asked for our 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 at 7:30pm via Zoom and Thursday at 7:30pm in the Oratory

\*BROADCAST VIA LIVE STREAM

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The **CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES** is for teachers and lay parish volunteers. Would you like to learn more about your faith? Consider joining online to follow the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) or Diocesan Certificate in Religious Studies (DCRS). Both courses offer the same eight modules in Scripture and Catholic Theology with the CCRS leading to a nationally recognised qualification. Those who follow the course say they gain a great deal from the training, deepening their knowledge and understanding of their faith. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

**TEA AND CHAT:** Our bi-monthly social group will meet together on **Thursday 23 May** from 2pm to 4pm in the First Committee Room at St Joseph's Priory. Everyone is most welcome – we look forward to seeing you there.

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 20 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.

**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.

**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**.