



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 (Retired), Fr John McGowan OCD, Fr Martin McDonald OCD and Fr Theophilus (Theo) Nyamali OCD

20 October 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission efforts. **There will be a second collection at all Masses for Missio.** The funds raised will help build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries.

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: "**Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet,**" reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. Please join in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ's message!



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).

22 October St John Paul II, Pope – Optional Memorial

**SATURDAY, 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 3pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the First Committee Room. All are welcome to attend and pray for those whose passing we mourn.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **John Carey** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Tuesday 22 October at 12:30pm in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

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

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Registration is now open for 2025

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION

Children in Year 3 or above are invited to take part in our First Holy Communion Programme. [Click here for more detailed information and to sign-up your child.](#)

#### CONFIRMATION

Young people in Year 9 or above are invited to take part in our Confirmation Programme. [Click here for more detailed information and to enrol your teenager.](#)

**Deadline for registration is Wednesday 23 October**



Families with pre-schoolers are invited to join us for **BIBLE STORYTIME** on **Thursday 31 October** at 10am in the First Committee Room. Join us as we read stories aloud, sing songs and play together, whilst enjoying some light refreshments. New friendships were made and much fun was had by those who came along to our summer sessions.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The dates for our next Baptism course are **Sundays 10, 17 and 24 November**. Parents are invited to attend the 9am Family Mass, followed by a preparation session in The Library. Each session lasts about 45 minutes and is led by facilitators from the Baptism Team. Phone the Parish Office or send an email to [teambaptismcoord@gmail.com](mailto:teambaptismcoord@gmail.com) if you wish to find out more or enrol on the course.

Our **RCIA PROGRAMME** has now begun. All those who want to deepen their faith, be received into the Church, or are not yet baptised are welcome to join this programme on Mondays at 7.30 pm in the Priory. You can speak to any of the priests or ring the parish office.

## THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF):

Christmas cards will be on sale on **Sunday 27 October at The Most Holy Name in Denham** and **Saturday 2 November after 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 3 November after all Masses at St Joseph's**. The cost is £6 for a pack of six. This year's card was drawn by Harper Muller age 10 from 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*

**MISSION CONFERENCE:** Mission Northampton invites all those from across the diocese who have a heart for sharing the Gospel with others to come along to this day with Bishop David from 10:30am until 4pm on **Saturday 2 November** in Woburn Sands. The event is free!

[However, please register here.](#)

**OCTOBER** is the month of **THE HOLY ROSARY**, one of the greatest means of 'going to Our Lady' in intercession, seeking her protection and asking for strength.

*"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints...it is a prayer from my heart."* Pope Francis

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** ([contact Christine Cornwell](#) for Zoom details) or in person in The Oratory on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**. Everyone is most welcome.

**CELEBRATING WITH THE NEW LECTIONARY:** An online presentation to introduce the new translation of our Lectionary that will be used as from the First Sunday of Advent. It takes place **via Zoom on Wednesday 6 November from 7:30pm to 9pm**. [Click here to book.](#)

*This is recommended for all those who Read at Mass*

A branch of the **LONDON REGION OF SECULAR CARMELITES** meets at St Joseph's each month. If you are interested in growing in your commitment as a Catholic and in learning more about Carmelite spirituality you would be welcome to meet with us and find out more. Our next meeting is **Saturday 19th October** from 10:45am until 2:30pm at the Priory when we will spend time together in prayer and discussion.

## 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

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**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

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## HELPING HANDS



**THANK YOU!**

to all the helpers on Wednesday who assembled the Raffle Ticket mailing. A fabulous job done followed by a small army of helpers to deliver the envelopes. How blessed we are for all the help.

IF you don't receive raffle tickets through your door in the next 10 days, you are either not in the parish register – and not receiving the weekly email news – OR we don't have an up-to-date address for you. Please get in touch via [admin@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.org.uk)

OR click the Parish Register button to take you to the online registration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Parish  
Register

*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.*

The **SVP** would like to thank very **much** all parishioners who contributed to the annual appeal last month. **Over £1,700 was raised**, which will enable the members to continue to support the lonely, disadvantaged and vulnerable in our community.



**THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN** continues this **Monday 21 October**. Please bring your donations to the **First Committee Room by 12 noon**. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF BOILED EGGS. WE ALSO NEED FRESH GREEN MILK, UHT GREEN MILK, TEA, COFFEE, SUGAR, PEANUT BUTTER, MARMITE and JAM**. Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated by our beneficiaries.

**COPIES OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATES:** Requests should be made by contacting the Parish Office. Parents should include details of the child for whom the certificate is required, their date of birth, date of baptism and names of their godparents when asking for a Baptism Certificate. Please allow a minimum of five working days to turn around requests.

**SUNDAY MASS SHEETS** and the **PARISH NEWSLETTER** are emailed to all [registered parishioners](#) every Friday. A monthly pack is sent to those registered parishioners not online who wish to receive one. A printed newsletter is also posted on church noticeboards.

**KEEP CHURCH DOORS CLOSED:** Now that the weather has turned colder, we have switched on the heating in the church. Please help us keep the building warm by [closing the door behind you when you enter or leave the church.](#) Thank you.

The logo for 'Curry night' features the words 'curry night' in a stylized, white, cursive font against a dark brown rectangular background.

The Bridgettine Sisters are holding a **Fundraiser for their new Grotto on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please [see the poster for contact details](#) to reserve a place and support the Sisters if you are able.

**ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET** distributed **£3,500** in September as follows:

- £1,750 Parish
- £ 500 Rennie Grove Hospice
- £ 500 Slough Homeless Our Concern
- £ 500 Thames Valley Air Ambulance
- £ 250 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal CSP

The Parish is very thankful for its donation which makes an important contribution towards essential day-to-day running costs. Thank you to all the volunteers who work so hard to make the Furniture Market the success it is.

You can now contact us at this **email address:**

[stjosephsfurnituremarket@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsfurnituremarket@gmail.com)

You can also **Follow us on Facebook** at:

[www.facebook.com/groups/150493297972](http://www.facebook.com/groups/150493297972)

If you have any furniture you would like to donate, please bring it, or at least a photograph, to the Furniture Market on a Saturday morning so that we can discuss.



**YOUR AMAZING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** The St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust is proud to be home to a family of 17 schools across the south of the Diocese of Northampton. Our mission is to support schools to:

1. Spread the Gospel so they might grow in faith every day
2. Love the children we are called to serve
3. Teach them really well so their talents are unlocked and they have brilliant futures

These are your Catholic schools. They are part of your community and we hope you are incredibly proud of what they achieve. For example, did you know that the primary schools in our Trust provide a quality of education that is far stronger than the national average, with outcomes close to 10% higher than other schools? More importantly, we serve our children and young adults by introducing them to Christ, showing them a path that is inspired by His teachings and then supporting them to do the best that is possible. We would ask for your help and support in our mission in three ways:

**Tell others about our schools**

If they have children of any age, encourage them to secure a place in one of our great schools. You can find details here:



**Come and join us**

We need more Catholic teachers. We need you! We also have lots of opportunities to train to teach and a host of other roles across our schools in Slough. Scan here for more:



**Pray for us**

Our schools will be strengthened through your prayers. It takes a village to raise a child and our village is defined by Parish - Home - School. May our patron, St Thomas of Canterbury, watch over us and inspire us. St Thomas, PRAY FOR US!

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