

12 January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



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

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



Fathers Bob, Jerome, Maurice, John, Martin and Theophilus would like to express their sincere thanks to parishioners for their Christmas cards, gifts, treats and offerings as well as their help, support and prayers throughout the past year.

Thanks to everyone involved in preparing for and participating in this year's Christmas liturgies as well as all those who made our churches look so beautiful – your time and effort is appreciated.

We are grateful to our welcomers, readers, ministers and car park marshals. Thanks also to our choirs, musicians and singers who enhanced our Christmas celebrations with such lovely music.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Eric Moody** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Wednesday 15 January at 12:30pm in the Hampden Chapel at Chilterns Crematorium.** We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.



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.

17 January St Anthony, Abbot – Memorial

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our January talk was 'The Jewish Roots of the Holy Mass' and the speaker was Fr Oseagwina Jerome Ituah OCD. [Click here to watch a recording.](#) For more details and links to recordings of previous talks, [visit this webpage.](#)

Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday at 9am Mass.

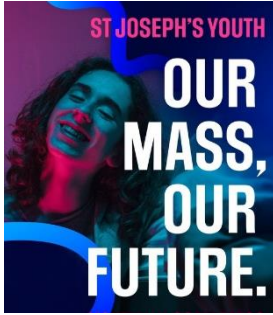
A small number of **JANUARY DAY BY DAY** booklets which feature daily readings and inspirational quotes are available from the bookshop priced at just £1 each.

A YEAR OF HOPE: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Online on **Saturday 18 January from 10:30am until midday.** All welcome. Register for free at cafod.org.uk/jubilee.

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 18 January** from 10:45am until 2:30pm at the Priory when we will spend time together in prayer and discussion.

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** runs from **18 to 25 January** – the octave of St Peter and St Paul. 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration offers a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the creed formulated during this council. This Week of Prayer offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. The theme for the week, '**Do you believe this?**' (John 11:26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany after the death of their brother Lazarus.

The Bridgettine Sisters will hold a Prayer Service for Christian Unity on Monday 20 January at 6:30pm in the Convent Chapel, presided by Bishop David. Ecumenism is the main Charism of the Bridgettine Order. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the convent.



**SUNDAY 19 JANUARY
AT 11 O'CLOCK**

Ages 11-18

Fun, Games, Food and
Beverages
Welcome to our Youth Mass
look forward to seeing you

**There will be a music practice on
Thursday 16 January at 7pm in the Priory.**

Our next **BAPTISM COURSE** will take place on **Sundays 26 January, 2 February and 9 February**. 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. If you wish to have your child baptised in the next few months then please phone the Parish Office or send an email to teambaptismcoord@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: "Synodality – What Now?" Curious to know? Come and see on **Saturday 1 February** from 10am to 4pm in St Teresa's Parish Centre, Beaconsfield. A two-part programme led by Avril Baigent in person and Austen Ivereigh – both present at the Synodal Assembly in Rome last October – looking at the Call to Synodality in the Church, followed by Avril explaining Bishop David's Call to Mission locally. Small groups to make proposals for Parish and Pastoral Area. Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for January is FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION – Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

ADVENT GIVING TREE: Many thanks to our very generous parishioners who took gift tags from our Advent Giving Tree and bought gifts before Christmas. All gifts were very gratefully received. Thanks also to the children who made and coloured in such beautiful Christmas cards and to the Children's Liturgy Team who organised the Giving Tree and provided many of the gifts.

CURRY NIGHT: Following on from the success of their recent event, the Bridgettine Sisters are hosting a Curry Night on **Saturday 18 January at 6:30pm**. The price is £20 per person and there will also be a raffle with lots of prizes at £5 for a strip of tickets. All the **proceeds will go towards our new Grotto**. Please contact Ann Saunders on 07787 774356 to book your place. **CASH ONLY**.

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2024/2025

The December draw took place on 28 December. The winners of the prize-fund are:

1 st	R McDonnell (£302.50)
2 nd	Mrs S Gosnell (£151.25)
3 rd	Mark Galloway (£90.75)
4 th	R B Waite (£60.50)

Congratulations to the lucky winners and thank you to all members for your support of this fundraising scheme.

Memberships are still available. Please contact **Alastair** at 200club@stjosephs.org.uk for queries or pick up and complete a form from the church porch and drop it to the Priory or send it to the Parish Office. Your support is more important than ever this year as the money will go towards the administrative costs of the **new Parish Community Hall project**.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this **Monday 13 January**. 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, COFFEE, SUGAR, PEANUT BUTTER, JAM, TINNED FISH and TOILET ROLL. Thank you for your continued generosity and support which is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to everyone who contributed to the **CHRISTMAS LONDON & SLOUGH RUN**. Your generosity and thoughtfulness were so appreciated by the homeless on the streets. They were especially grateful to receive the hand-crafted Christmas Cards made by the children. Thanks to our stalwart ladies who prepared the food bags and wrapped the presents. Thanks also to the men and women who went up to London on the night; who not only distributed the bags to those in need but spread a little Christmas cheer.

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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