



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

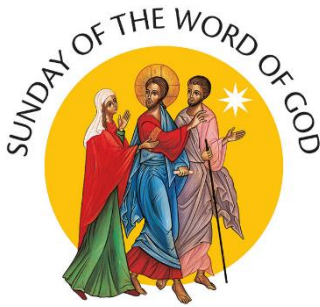
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26 January 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3



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WORD OF GOD is a special day devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". God's Word shapes our prayer and worship and shows us how to understand the world – how we are

called to live and relate to each other. It will be celebrated in St Peter's Basilica in the presence of Pope Francis this **Sunday 26 January**, as an integral part of the Jubilee Year. The motto chosen is taken from the book of the Psalms: "I hope in your Word" (Ps 119:74).

This Sunday we pray for all who teach and preach the Word of God: that their words may renew the faith of those who listen and encourage them to trust in the promise of God.

There will be a **gathering of ALL READERS** (from both churches) **this Sunday 26 January at 2pm** in St Joseph's Church. This will be led by Fr John. At 3pm will link with Bishop David for a special service and commissioning.



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.

28 January	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church – Memorial
31 January	St John Bosco, Priest – Memorial

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 5 February** at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield. The topic is 'Jubilee - "To proclaim the Year of the Lord's favour" (Luke 4:19)' and the speaker is **Bishop David Oakley**.

You can attend in person or [watch live via our YouTube channel](#), see www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus for more details as well as links to recordings of previous talks.



**THIS WEEKEND WE MARK
HOMELESS SUNDAY IN OUR PARISH**

At this time of the year, we always have an appeal and second collection for one of our homeless charities. This year's charity is SHOC, [Slough Homeless Our Concern](#).

Last year the SHOC Day Centre in Slough helped 397 homeless people, with an average daily attendance of 43. Over 20,000 meals were served and people were helped with their health and financial issues and getting accommodation. You can help SHOC to continue this vital service through the **second collection this Sunday 26 January**. You can also [donate via the SHOC website](#). Gift Aid will be recovered on both forms of donation.

Thank You

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Ruth Lawrenson** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Tuesday 4 February at 11am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **John Wijngaards-Clackson** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Friday 14 February at 11am in The Most Holy Name Church in Denham**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Robert French** who died recently. May he rest in peace. **Funeral details are yet to be confirmed**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

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.

“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.

‘A JOURNEY OF HOPE’ LENTEN ACCOMPANIMENT PRAYER: For the Jubilee Year this Lent, there is an opportunity of a retreat in daily life, on Mondays from 3 March. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. You will receive weekly one-to-one support from an experienced prayer guide on Zoom. To find out more, [sign up to our introductory webinar](#) on **Monday 3 February** from 7:30pm-8:30pm.

LUX 2025 – LUX.Hope 5-7 February, Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood. Ages 11-18.
Lux is a residential weekend for young people. The theme for LUX this year is Hope, in-line with the theme for the Jubilee year. They will explore what Hope means for them today, using the life and travel of St Paul to guide us. [Click here to book via the NYMO website.](#) Included in the cost is accommodation, food and social activities. Transport to and from Brentwood is provided. For more information contact the NYMO team at: NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com.

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE: Join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK and beyond for **Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible.** Come to London this February to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church’s mission today.
Date: Friday 21 - Saturday 22 February
Location: Excel Centre, East London
Speakers Include: Bishop Robert Barron, N T Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more.
[Click here for more information and to 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.

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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A YEAR OF HOPE: INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR: How can we respond to Pope Francis’ call to be “tangible signs of hope” in this Jubilee Year? [Find out by watching this inspirational event.](#) Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

THE [LONDON & SLOUGH RUN](#) continues this **Monday 27 January.** Please bring your donations to the First Committee Room by 12 noon. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF BOILED EGGS and CRISPS. 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.



The **CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE (CWL)** is a nationwide organisation with Sections in many parishes. On a national basis, we always ensure a mixture of spirituality, charitable work, social activities and learning. Members endeavour to

exert influence in those issues rooted in social justice and peace, always seeking to make the voice of Catholic women heard.

The **Gerrards Cross Section** of the Catholic Women’s League was started in this parish in 1958. Unfortunately, our membership has fallen to such an extent that we have to consider closing the Section.

We would like to appeal to the women of our parish to consider either joining us or forming a new Section. We would be willing to help in any way, please get in touch.

CWL’s website is catholicwomensleaguecio.org.uk.

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COMPANION BOOKLET FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Alive Publishing has put together a Companion Booklet for the Jubilee Year to assist and enrich your celebration of this historic time. Cardinal Nichols said: “It will help you ponder and pray, focusing on the great themes of the Holy Year: hope, forgiveness, the figures of the Apostles Peter and Paul and their basilicas in Rome, they key places of prayer and repentance in every Holy Year.”

Copies available from the Bookshop priced at £1.50