

16 February 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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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

This Sunday we observe **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**. It is the day when the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism, pursue racial justice with vigour and celebrate diversity. 2025 is the 30th anniversary of [Racial Justice Sunday](#), originally initiated by the Methodist Church following the tragic racist murder of Stephen Lawrence. The theme this year is "**Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice**". Catholics across England and Wales are invited to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society.

Remind us again, Lord, that to achieve racial justice we must remind ourselves that all are equal, all are gift, all are brothers and sisters.



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.

22 February The Chair of St Peter, Apostle – Feast

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **David Waring** 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This Sunday 16 February there will be a special session for our youngest parishioners, **PRE-SCHOOL & RECEPTION**, in the First Committee Room. All the other groups are having a break for half term and will re-start again on 2 March.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for February is FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE – Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This [global ecumenical movement](#), led by Christian women, welcomes you to join them in prayer for peace and justice. The **2025 service has been written by Christian**

women from the Cook Islands. The theme, "**I Made You Wonderful**", invites us into the knowledge that each one of us was made with care and love by God.

We will celebrate with local churches on **Friday 7 March** at 10:30am in St Peter's Church, Chalfont St Peter. All are welcome, please join us if you can.

HOMEBOUND PACKS: Mindful that not everyone is online or in a position to get to church, we provide printed monthly packs with Sunday Mass sheets, parish news and other liturgical materials on request to parishioners. The pack for the month of March will be sent out very shortly. Please get in touch if you know someone who would benefit from a pack.

DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON NOW ON BLUESKY: Bluesky is a new and growing social media platform that allows us to connect in a fresh way while keeping our Catholic community engaged and informed. Through our Bluesky account, we'll share news, events, reflections, and opportunities to deepen our faith together. Follow us now at [@northamptondiocese.bsky.social](https://www.bsky.social/northamptondiocese).



GIFT AID enables the parish to increase your donations under the government's Gift Aid scheme. The government tops up your offering by 25p for every £1 at no extra cost to you, the giver.

Parishioners who wish to join the

scheme may do so by completing a **Gift Aid Declaration Form** which is available [from the website](#), Parish Office or on the table in the porch at the back of the church.

GIFT AIDERS Please collect your boxes of envelopes for the next twelve months from the back of the Church. Many thanks for your continued support of the Parish using this scheme.

ST PATRICK'S DAY cards, rosettes and ribbons are now on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices.

DIALOGUES OF THE CARMELITES by Francis Poulenc:

Performed by Aylesbury Opera (sung in English, with orchestra) at the **DEMBE Theatre**, Station Road, Tring, HP23 5QY on **Friday 28 and Saturday 29 March** at 7:30pm and **Sunday 30 March** at 2:30pm. This opera is a compelling portrait of faith, fate and human endurance. It is set during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror and retells the true story of the Martyrs of Compiègnes. Tickets £25 / £22 / £5 available from DEMBE Theatre or 07725 868092. [Click here for details or to book online.](#)

NYMO JUBILEE OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

from **30 July to 3 August** for **ages 18-35**: We cannot wait to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth in Rome this summer! It is one of the biggest events in the Catholic calendar for young people and we have decided we cannot possibly miss out! Joining the Sion Community's pilgrimage, the trip will cost about £650 depending on flights and accommodation. The sooner we book the better for costs, so don't wait if you're thinking about joining us. [See our website](#) or [email NYMO](#) for details.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO BURGUNDY from Sunday

19 to Friday 24 October. Bishop David and Canon John Udris will lead this pilgrimage. Staying in Paray Le Monial, seeking spiritual renewal at the sacred Basilica of the Sacred Heart, where Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque once received her divine visions. We will also visit Nevers where Saint Bernadette spent the last years of her life and her body rests today. [Click here for more details.](#)

OSCAR ROMERO ROSARY: In recognition of the love of the rosary by St Oscar Romero, Archbishop John Wilson has created the **Romero Mysteries** which focus on the subjects of charity, compassion and mercy, and Justice and Peace. [Pray the Rosary here.](#) [Buy the book here.](#)

The **CAFOD BIG LENT WALK** will help fight poverty in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia and South Sudan. Walk 200km (or any other distance!) wherever you like, and with whomever you like (as a parish, a family or individually). Change lives for good. [Click here for details.](#)

THANK YOU: The **Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda** appeal last weekend raised **£1,950.59**. Ted and Judi Fawcett, founders and trustees of the charity, would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity. To find out more about their current projects please visit the EVC Uganda website at <https://www.evcuganda.org/>.

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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THANK YOU to everyone who supported the **CURRY NIGHT** at the Bridgettine Convent a few weeks ago. It was a lovely opportunity for people to gather socially and a great evening was had by all with **over £1,000** raised for the new Grotto.

COMING SOON... Film Evening at Pinewood Studios showing **'Fly Me to the Moon'** in aid of the Grotto at the Bridgettine Convent. Details to follow shortly.

THE [LONDON & SLOUGH RUN](#) continues this Monday 17 February. Please bring your donations to the First Committee Room by 12 noon. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF SATSUMAS, BANANAS, 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.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed **£4,000** in February as follows:

£2,000	Parish
£500	Bone Cancer Research
£500	Alzheimers Society
£500	Scanappeal
£500	MacMillan Cancer Support

The Parish is very grateful for the regular donation it receives which is a valued source of income and helps to cover essential day-to-day running costs.

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

stjosephsfurnituremarket@gmail.com

You can also Follow us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/groups/150493297972

thank you!

Last year the Furniture Market **donated nearly £30,000** to over 30 local charities and this also included a regular donation to the parish. Many people give freely of their time and work hard to make it the success that it is. Sincere thanks to the volunteers who help at the market on a Saturday in all weathers and to those who drive the van and do collections/deliveries. A special word of gratitude to donors and customers for their generosity and support, and without whom the market could not operate. Thank you to everyone involved in any way.