

23 February 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognise and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church. The **Jubilee of Deacons is from Friday 21**

February to Sunday 23 February. In

the Catholic Church, the diaconate is one of three degrees in ordained ministry – bishops, priests and deacons. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Latin-rite Church has restored the diaconate “as a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy”. Their ministry has three dimensions: liturgy, word and service. Deacons preparing for the priesthood are transitional deacons, while those not planning to be ordained priests are permanent deacons. We are blessed with eight permanent deacons in our Pastoral Area – **Brent, Brin, David, Gerard, John, Kevin, Paul and Peter** – who faithfully and diligently serve in their home parishes and across the pastoral area. Please pray for them.

A Prayer for Deacons

Lord Jesus Christ, Servant of all,

Send your Spirit upon our deacons as they serve your Church.

Give them eyes to see the needs of your people.

Give them a discerning mind to know your truth.

Give them a generous spirit when they are tired but needed.

Give them a humble heart when their work goes unnoticed.

Give them peace of mind in obedience and service.

Give them health of body so they may serve with strength.

Make them fertile ground for your inspiration and love.

Comfort them when they question themselves and their ministry.

Grant them grace as they age so they may share your wisdom.

Make their hearts like yours so they may love your people.

Amen.



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.

1 March St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales – Feast

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This **Sunday 23 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 next Sunday 2 March.



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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Kevin Bonass** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Thursday 6 March** at 11am in **St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

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.

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.

The **MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER** will visit us next weekend to appeal on behalf of the [Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales](#). Their main work is to help the missionaries who are working directly in the mission field to proclaim the Good News of God's Love. By informing and forming the People of God for Mission, carried out by arousing everyone to missionary cooperation in order to procure for missionaries the spiritual and material means necessary for the evangelisation of peoples. They are very grateful and thank you all on behalf of missionaries for your prayers and your generosity in the past. There will be a **second collection at all Masses** to support their work.

SVP COFFEE MORNING: Tuesday 4 March is Shrove Tuesday. No pancakes this year sadly but we have the next best thing – the **St Vincent de Paul** will be serving tea, coffee and their famous cake selection in the First Committee Room from 9:30am until 12 noon. All are welcome, do come along and join us.

JOIN CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR: You are invited to journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. [Click here to sign up.](#)

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE: The [St Vincent de Paul Society](#) (SVP) and [CAFOD](#) are collaborating to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The program will run from **22 to 27 June** in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. [Click here for more details and the application form.](#) For any queries, please [contact Kezia Harrow](#). Applications close on 20 April.

FILM NIGHT: Pinewood Studios have kindly offered the Bridgettine Sisters their cinema for fundraising towards their Grotto. They will host a **Film Night at Pinewood Studios** showing 'Fly Me to the Moon' on **Thursday 24 April** at 6pm; film starts at 7pm. On arrival there will be some finger food and soft drinks. The entry for the evening is **£15 per person**. There will also be a raffle at £5 per strip which will be drawn at the end of the show; Pinewood has donated some of the prizes. Please get in touch with Ann Saunders on 07787 774356 to book your tickets. Payment is by **CASH ONLY** in advance. No payment can be taken at the door on the night. Last date to book is Monday 21 April. Looking forward to seeing you there on the night.

SHOC GOLF DAY: [Slough Homeless Our Concern](#) (SHOC) is grateful for the support that it receives from St Joseph's parishioners. The charity continues to provide a vital service with 80 rough sleepers on its books and 40-50 people coming to its day centre every day. The **SHOC Charity Golf Day** provides an annual source of funds for the charity. This year it will be held on **Friday 9 May** at Burnham Beeches Golf Club, which offers an attractive championship course. [Click here for the registration form](#) which includes more details about the day.

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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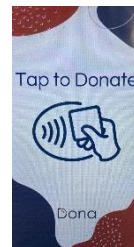
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OFFERING ENVELOPES for the next twelve months are now available for collection from the back of the Church. Many thanks for your continued support of the Parish using this scheme. Parishioners who wish to join the scheme may do so by completing a **Gift Aid Declaration Form** which is available [from the website](#), Parish Office or on the table in the porch at the back of the church.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this Monday 24 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.

URGENT – DRIVERS NEEDED FOR LONDON RUN: We need drivers who have a C1 licence to drive our long wheelbase van on our Monday night run up to London. If you passed your test **BEFORE 1 January 1997** then you will have such a licence automatically; if you passed after then you will need to check. If you could help us out one evening every 4-6 weeks then please contact Malcolm Johnstone on 07508 733503 for more information.



DIGITAL GIVING: You can now use the card machine in St Joseph's Church to make electronic payments for the **Offertory Collection, Second Collections, the Repository** (which includes the Bookshop) and **Candles**. Tap to Donate and choose the appropriate box for your donation/payment.

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

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://bsky.app/profile/northamptondiocese.bsky.social).