



# **2024 Annual Report**



## Parish Prayer

Lord, you who said:  
***“Behold I make all things new”***  
Send forth your Spirit and  
renew the heart of your parish.  
Renew what is weary and worn.  
Restore what is old and fragile.  
Reclaim what has been lost.  
Fill us anew with your gifts.  
Gifts to love, gifts to heal.  
So that we, in turn, may help  
others to know and love you.

Amen.

“The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s Word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented.”

***Pope Francis***

*Evangelii Gaudium, from paragraph 28*

*Warmest of greetings from the  
Carmelite Community here at St Joseph's*



*(left to right) Fr Jerome, Fr Bob, Fr Martin, Fr Theophilus and Fr John  
(seated) Fr Maurice*

Our life is at the service of God's people. Prayer is a priority in that service. We are privileged to have a host of great saints and writers who have enriched the Church and guided countless pilgrims along the road of prayer and in their spiritual search including Teresa of Ávila, John of the Cross, Thérèse of Lisieux, Elizabeth of the Trinity and Edith Stein. They are sure and tested guides, who speak from their own experience and offer help and encouragement to others.

Our contribution as Carmelites lies principally in helping people in their prayer, whether they pray regularly or have forgotten how to pray. We try to give our celebration of sacraments or the way we run our parishes a prayerful quality that is distinctive. We invite people to join us in our prayer. We pray with and for people.

*“Those who join the Carmelite Order are not lost to their near and dear ones, but have been won for them, because it is our vocation to intercede to God for everyone.”  
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)*

# *A Note from the Carmelite Community*

Once more the year has come around full circle. The world at large seems to be an ever-stranger place. The war in Ukraine is now into its fourth year whilst the conflict in the Middle East continues into its second year. Let us continue to pray for God's providence that peaceful resolutions may be found. King Charles III has celebrated his second year on the throne and his image is becoming more common a feature on our stamps and currency.

The economic and political outlook continues to be unsettled, at home and on the broader international scene. We have the growing pains of a Labour Government with uncertainty as to how effective they may be at turning our country around, for we are still teetering on the edge of going into recession. Further times of austerity would appear likely though not certain as we head further into the year.

The other day I was shocked to hear how many bank, post office and chemist branches are closing, something like 12 per day, as more and more business moves online. One wonders if the same trend may repeat itself in terms of society's practice of religion. Just as the change to the physical economy was deeply affected by the pandemic and its fallout, so too church congregations fell and have not recovered as livestreaming diverted many away from attending our churches in person.

We are however primarily social beings. We cannot exist nor thrive without each other. To this end in our parish, we desperately need a new hall to facilitate and host all those social events that are so much a necessary partner to the worship, praise and thanksgiving that we have in our church. The sacred and sacramental moments of our lives also need a social and celebratory dimension that a new hall would help provide for.

Meanwhile, against this background, the essential sacramental and pastoral life of our parish owes its continued thanks to the hard work and extraordinary efforts of some key workers as well as the broad base of volunteers who helped collectively bring to successful completion the Communion and Confirmation programmes. Thanks too, to all those who help in the life of our parish. Thank you also to all our new volunteers who signed up to help in response to Participation Sunday.

Baptisms and Weddings have been steady in numbers as have funerals sadly, where we have seen a number of the 'old guard' pass to their eternal home. The Emmaus Talks are now in their second year proving to be a valuable collaboration within our Pastoral Area.

Fr Maurice retired but is still very much part of our Gerrards Cross Community. He moved to a care home in the summer where he is very comfortable.



And so, as we embark upon a new financial year, we need to pray and continue in our efforts to eliminate the significant deficit in our day-to-day parish finances, as well as raise funds for the new hall. There has never been a greater need to pull together and get behind this project. We need to focus our efforts on sustaining and growing our community and to provide the facilities and amenities to do so.

We want to secure the future of our parish and make our lives and our community live with a brighter hope and a more confident and surer faith, so that it may continue in charity towards all those it helps in the wider community.

From all here in the Carmelite Community we ask that God continue to bless all of you, to strengthen your hope, confirm your faith and continue in your generosity that this parish may thrive into a brighter future.

*In this Jubilee Year, we pray that the Lord gives us the grace and encouragement we need to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' and that our work may move our hands and hearts to build together an enduring community rooted in God's love.*

*Fr Bob Davies*  
Prior & Parish Priest



*We have had a beautiful new stained-glass window depicting St Patrick installed in St Joseph's Church next to the votive candle stands, kindly donated by the Gallagher Family.*

# Health & Safety

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Health and Safety is an increasingly important part of daily life. Our churches, as public places of worship, are no exception. We are misguided if we believe that accidents will not happen in any of our buildings, or that health and safety only applies to larger organisations or commercial businesses. Parishes have a duty of care to ensure that no-one is harmed while attending church, participating in parish related activities or working/volunteering on parish premises.

St Joseph's is committed to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all those who live, work, volunteer, visit, hire or otherwise use parish premises. It does so by taking steps to eliminate or minimise any risks or hazards under our control, carrying out systematic risk assessments which are reviewed regularly, where we then advise the Parish Priest on the law and ways to improve our safety procedures. Following his decision, we then implement these safety measures and/or mitigations as necessary.

Risk Assessments are the lynchpin of health and safety and are part and parcel of how we now operate. The point of completing a risk assessment is to help you think about how you reduce the likelihood of something going wrong and identify anything you need to do to support this. Health & Safety is sometimes seen as a 'tick boxing' exercise, creating unnecessary paperwork or preventing people from doing things. The reality is that failure to have risk assessments in place or to follow what is documented in them can put people in harm's way and, in certain circumstances, invalidate our insurance - so it is something we take seriously.

In St Joseph's Church there is now a defibrillator in the upper sacristy (beside the first aid kit) which the priests have been trained to use. A baby changing table has been put in the church toilet. Unfortunately, the door of the disabled access was ripped off its hinges by a storm which buckled the frame so the whole door and framework needs to be replaced. In the meantime, the door of the lower sacristy on the priory side serves as our disabled access. We upgraded the security cameras from analogue to digital and made some updates to the lighting in the car park.

The Parish Centre and Kitchen remain sealed and closed due to the presence of asbestos fibres. We cannot have food or drink in the Hall so it is used primarily for drama/exercise classes with occasional use for youth activities.

Reporting to the Diocese has gone digital; our annual Health & Safety Return is completed online. Thank you to everyone for your support in maintaining a safe parish environment in which we can all worship, celebrate and socialise together.

*David Bentley*  
Health & Safety

# Safeguarding

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“The Catholic Church in England and Wales is striving towards a culture of safeguarding where all are safe from harm and abuse and where every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through the prayerful, caring, nurturing, supportive and protective endeavours of the Catholic community, both individually and collectively.”  
*Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (established early 2021)*

Safeguarding is everyone’s concern and is an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. Our parish policies cover the practices and processes in place to ensure the wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable persons who use St Joseph’s Church, The Most Holy Name Church, Hall, First Committee Room and/or Priory Grounds, or who are involved in parish activities.

Whilst improvements have been made since our last report, safeguarding is a continual process which requires regular monitoring to ensure a safe environment. There are quarterly meetings with Fr Bob to review safeguarding in the parish, there is an annual review of all safeguarding risk assessments and there are annual safeguarding awareness training sessions with relevant groups/individuals. Per our Safeguarding Policy, procedures are reviewed every twelve months.

Thank you to all the volunteers who reactivated their Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. We now have over 80 volunteers with this safeguarding clearance working in church ministries and in our parish community.

This year the Diocese passed its Safeguarding Audit with some recommendations for improvement. One of these is being implemented immediately - any volunteer in a ministry must undertake the Diocese’s online safeguarding training. This takes place when a new volunteer starts or whenever an existing volunteer renews their DBS. No one can start in a ministry without completing their DBS registration and training. They also need to sign the new Diocesan Code of Conduct.

The welfare of a child, young person or vulnerable adult is at all times paramount and takes precedence over all other considerations. The parish has a special responsibility to these individuals, to keep them safe from harm. This means that anyone organising activities in which they participate is obliged to put in place appropriate safeguarding measures and conduct risk assessments.

We appreciate the time our clergy, staff and volunteers give to receive the appropriate training and to study our awareness materials. This is key to helping us nurture a positive attitude towards safeguarding and maintain a good safeguarding culture in our parish, enabling all to flourish. Please remember Safeguarding underpins every ministry in the parish.

*Gillian Sugrue & Simon Hardcastle*

Safeguarding

March 2025

# Finance Committee

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## YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 show an operating deficit of nearly £31,000. The previous year would have shown a deficit of circa £15,000 if we had not received a generous legacy which enabled us to show a surplus of some £5,000. Events fundraising for the year brought in just over £22,000 compared to around £8,500 in 2023.

The budget for the current year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 based on actual figures for the half year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 forecasts a similar operating deficit of between £25,000 and £30,000. In the main this is due to higher utility costs (gas, electric and water) and a higher Diocesan Levy.

Clearly such deficits cannot continue and despite the good response to our appeal in March we still urgently need to increase our regular income. For instance, if half the number of Mass attendees, which were recently counted, increased their offertory donations by an average of £5 per week not only would this enable us to cover ongoing costs but it would put us in a credit position with the Diocese.

## GIFT AID

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Thank you to parishioners who responded to our urgent parish finances appeal. We are grateful to everyone who signed up for Gift Aid. Gift aiding donations/regular offerings is an easy way of increasing our income. It would make a significant difference to us if the tax already paid by donors could be reclaimed for the parish. Gift aid increases the value of donations by 25%, making every pound donated worth £1.25. If you are a taxpayer and do not currently gift aid your offertory donations it would be greatly appreciated if you would consider doing so. If you need to know how, please contact the Parish Office.

## EVENTS INCOME

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The Autumn Raffle was again a valuable source of income and grateful thanks are due to Celia Tobin and her team who organised this year's event, raising £7,300.

The 200 Club with prizes drawn every month continues to be a good source of income. Our sincere thanks to Alistair Coulthard for running the club. I know he would love to get the numbers back up to 200 which will also boost the prize fund. If you would like to sign-up, please contact Alistair at [200club@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:200club@stjosephs.org.uk) or pick up a form from the church porch and once complete drop it to the Priory.

Adrian Foy again organised our annual St Joseph's Golf Society Day which reached capacity for both the golf and presentation dinner. The weather was glorious and much enjoyment was had both on and off the golf course. The event raised a magnificent sum of £5,147.50. Well done Adrian.



## **THE FURNITURE MARKET**

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The Furniture Market continues to be a reliable and important source of income for the parish. It has been running for almost 50 years. In the past financial year, the hard-working volunteers who run the market contributed over £12,000 towards the running costs of the parish. A similar amount of money was donated to mostly local charities. We are grateful to our volunteer who uses Facebook very successfully to attract buyers to come to the market. Our sincere thanks go to all those who work at the market on a Saturday morning in all weathers, and to those who collect and deliver furniture in the furniture market van.

## **CEMETERY MEMORIAL WALL**

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Vaults for ashes and Memorial Plaques can be purchased by parishioners and forms are available from the Parish Office. These are being taken up on a regular basis.

## **PARISH CENTRE/HALL**

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During the past year agreement was reached with the Diocese that the Parish Centre/Hall building should be replaced as its upkeep was no longer viable and its condition continued to deteriorate.

As part of the redevelopment plan, the garage in front of the building will be demolished and the land on which it stands will be conveyed from the Carmelite Community to the Diocese. As part of this transaction, a new garage will be built for the Carmelites on behalf of the Diocese at the front of the Priory.

It is hoped that final plans for the new Parish Community Hall will go to the Planning Department for approval in the near future. When approved, we will be in a position to proceed with the demolition of the existing building.

Fund raising for the new building will be organised by the New Hall Committee.

## **APPEALS**

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During this financial year, parishioners supported a good many appeals and second collections which amounted to £14,800. This generosity is a testament to our faith in action as we support the varied work of the wider Church, Catholic associations, charitable organisations and projects for those less fortunate than ourselves.

A big thank you to all our Carmelite clergy for their support and spiritual guidance throughout the year and especially to Fr Bob for his regular attendance and input at our Finance Meetings. We are very grateful to all our volunteers; the parish is blessed in having many willing and talented hands. Long may it continue.

*Kevin Murphy*

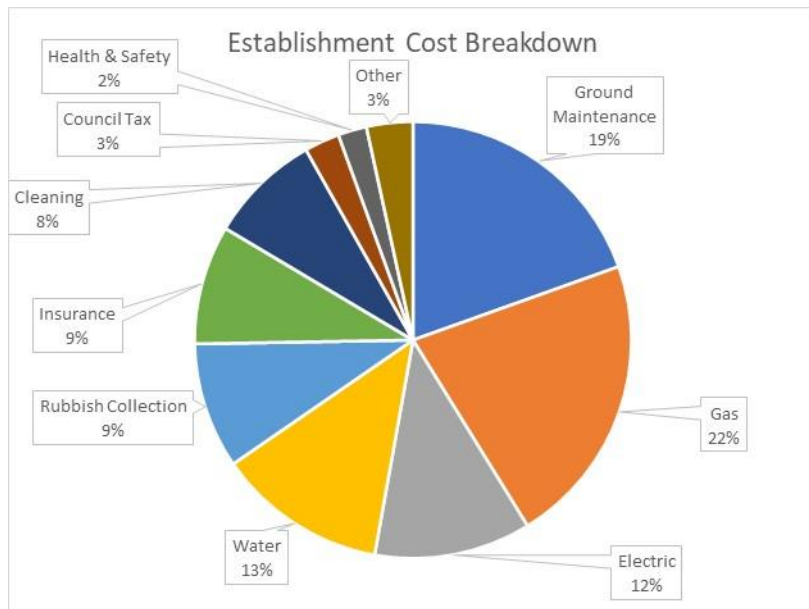
Chairman, St Joseph's Finance Committee

# Financial Statement

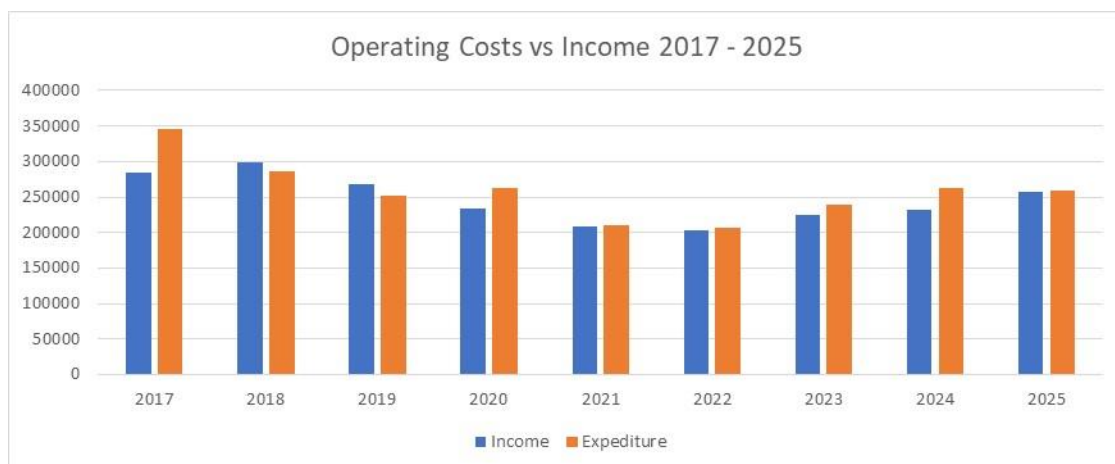
**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

|   | <i>Budget to March 2025</i> | <i>12 months to March 2024</i> | <i>12 months to March 2023</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b><u>OPERATING INCOME &amp; EXPENSES</u></b> |                             |                                |                                |
| <b><u>INCOME</u></b>                          |                             |                                |                                |
| Offertory Thro' Parish                        | 151,000                     | 129,120                        | 118,670                        |
| Thro' Diocese                                 | 55,000                      | 48,124                         | 48,694                         |
| Thro' Donation Station                        | 5,200                       | 6,542                          |                                |
| Tax Refunds                                   | 24,000                      | 22,380                         | 28,362                         |
| <i>Offertory Subtotal</i>                     | <u>235,200</u>              | <u>206,166</u>                 | <u>195,726</u>                 |
| Rental Income                                 | 5,386                       | 7,493                          | 8,349                          |
| Candles and Boxes                             | 4,000                       | 1,193                          | 0                              |
| Furniture Market                              | 12,027                      | 12,020                         | 14,600                         |
| Together in Faith                             | 0                           | 31                             | 2,706                          |
| Grants  | 0                           | 2,660                          | 3,164                          |
| Stole Fees                                    | 0                           | 2,590                          | 267                            |
| Legacies and Donations                        | 1,326                       | 0                              | 0                              |
| Repository                                    | 45                          | 45                             | 0                              |
| <i>Other Income Subtotal</i>                  | <u>22,784</u>               | <u>26,031</u>                  | <u>29,086</u>                  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                           | <b><u>257,984</u></b>       | <b><u>232,198</u></b>          | <b><u>224,812</u></b>          |
| <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>                     |                             |                                |                                |
| Liturgical                                    | 10,622                      | 9,569                          | 7,192                          |
| Catechatics/Pastoral                          | 5,002                       | 3,589                          |                                |
| Domestic                                      | 0                           | 36                             | 114                            |
| Establishment                                 | 61,098                      | 65,676                         | 55,234                         |
| Insurance                                     | 5,000                       | 5,549                          | 4,645                          |
| Office  | 6,368                       | 4,277                          | 8,156                          |
| Travel  | 0                           | 0                              | 0                              |
| Carmelites                                    | 24,440                      | 22,990                         | 24,000                         |
| Personnel                                     | 57,219                      | 57,219                         | 51,460                         |
| Property/Maintenance                          | 23,768                      | 25,060                         | 18,253                         |
| Fixed Assets                                  | 0                           | 0                              | 0                              |
| Repository                                    | 858                         | 1,329                          | 1,329                          |
| Diocese Levy                                  | 62,000                      | 61,914                         | 59,502                         |
| NCF/CES/CYS Levies                            | 2,124                       | 3,187                          | 1,775                          |
| Misc  | 0                           | 1,800                          | 7,876                          |
| Interest/Bank Charges                         | 795                         | 913                            |                                |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                      | <b><u>259,294</u></b>       | <b><u>263,109</u></b>          | <b><u>239,536</u></b>          |
| Surplus/Deficit of Income Over Expenditure    | <b><u>-1,310</u></b>        | <b><u>-30,911</u></b>          | <b><u>-14,724</u></b>          |
| <b>Events Fundraising Account</b>             |                             |                                |                                |
| Income  | 30,000                      | 30,018                         | 22,103                         |
| Expenditure                                   | 8,000                       | 7,867                          | 13,425                         |
| Surplus/Deficit of Income Over Expenditure    | <u>22,000</u>               | <u>22,151</u>                  | <u>8,678</u>                   |
| <b>New Hall Fundraising Account</b>           |                             |                                |                                |
| Income  |                             | 5,000                          |                                |
| Expenditure                                   |                             | 3,560                          |                                |
| Surplus/Deficit of Income Over Expenditure    | <u>0</u>                    | <u>1,440</u>                   |                                |

|                                  | Budget to March 2025 | 12 months to March 2024 | 12 months to March 2023 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>           |                      |                         |                         |
| Balance b/f at 1 April           | 460,707              | 467,817                 | 453,863                 |
| Legacy                           |                      |                         | 20,000                  |
| Property Sale/New Hall           | TBA                  | 1,440                   |                         |
| Property Sale Interest           |                      | 210                     |                         |
| Events Account Fundraising       | 22,000               | 22,151                  | 8,678                   |
| Balance of Operating Costs       | -1,310               | -30,911                 | -14,724                 |
| <b>Total Capital in Accounts</b> | <b>481,397</b>       | <b>460,707</b>          | <b>467,817</b>          |
| Represented by:                  |                      |                         |                         |
| Cash and Bank Balance            | 12,647               | 10,997                  | 10,819                  |
| 2nd Collection Accruals          |                      |                         | -140                    |
| Events Account Balance           | 147,933              | 125,933                 | 105,372                 |
| Property Sales Account           | 338,749              | 338,959                 | 338,749                 |
| Diocesan Central Account         | -17,932              | -16,622                 | 13,017                  |
| New Hall Account                 | TBA                  | 1,440                   |                         |
| <b>Total Capital in Accounts</b> | <b>481,397</b>       | <b>460,707</b>          | <b>467,817</b>          |



*Our utility bills have increased with inflation and make up 47% of our operating costs.*



*Our operating expenses have increased and now exceed our offertory income.*

*Simon Hardcastle*

Treasurer

March 2025

# Synod & Diocesan Assembly

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The Synod Assembly Team meet quarterly with the Carmelite Community. The meetings adopted the new Synodal approach to meetings. The processes of prayer, silence, listening and discerning have been embedded into our meeting structure.

The new and ongoing activities (developed post Covid and following St Joseph's listening process in 2021) have focused on participation, mission and communion. They have affected many aspects of parish life ranging from:

- Supporting and keeping connected our vulnerable parishioners who are sick, housebound or in care homes through home visits and monthly "home packs" keeping them abreast of parish life.
- Engaging with young adults and teenagers of the parish, initiating the Youth Choir and the monthly Youth Mass which is followed by social activities and refreshments.
- Building upon our new approach of family-based catechesis for sacramental preparation, in particular for Baptism, Communion and Confirmation.
- Providing opportunities for spiritual education, reflection or renewal, such as the monthly Emmaus Scripture Talks featuring excellent speakers which are filmed and available on YouTube, Advent and Lent Retreats, occasional Holy Hours and celebrating special Carmelite Feast Days.
- Organising pilgrimages which included Walsingham in June led by Fr Jerome and Lisieux and Northern France in September led by Fr John.
- Reinstating our pre-pandemic practice of having two readers at Sunday Mass, recruiting new readers, updating and re-issuing the Readers Handbook and holding a training afternoon back in June led by Fr John. This was followed up by a gathering with commissioning on Sunday of the Word of God in January.
- Reverting to our pre-pandemic practice of receiving the Precious Blood by drinking from the chalice, identifying new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), updating and re-issuing the EMHC Handbook and having two training sessions back in July led by Fr Bob.

Participation Sunday in September saw the website reviewed and updated to reflect our current parish ministries, groups and organisations. As a result of this initiative, over 40 parishioners came forward offering their service for a wide range of our parish tasks and activities.

In 2025, our focus will be on the development of a new team to support our parish pastoral mission and vision.

*Anne Benoist, Christine Cornwell, Lester D'Souza and Paul Rayner*

St Joseph's Parish Assembly Delegates

# Pastoral Area

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St Joseph's belongs to the South Bucks Pastoral Area which comprises ten parishes. Our Patron is St Monica. The Pastoral Area Council (PAC), which includes both lay and clergy representatives from each parish, meets in person five times per year to communicate parish news, strengthen relationships and progress pastoral area-wide initiatives. Mgr Seán Healy, the Dean, hosts clergy gatherings regularly and a 'PA Exec' meets as required. Our representative on the PAC is Christine Cornwell who also serves as the Secretary.

PACs exist to serve the mission of the Church in their local area. They connect people across a locality, sharing experience, talent and opportunities for growth. They facilitate the fulfilment of our baptismal vocation. Bishop David tells us: *'The Pastoral Area Council is an opportunity to focus our reflection about what it means to be a missionary disciple. The Church is an apostolic community that receives the life of the Spirit for mission.'*

Over the past year we have forged much stronger relationships between the parishes and worked together on a variety of projects especially with regards to 'passing on the faith'. We had representatives attend the Catholic Parish Summit and the National Eucharistic Congress and have one person on the newly instituted Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). Our focus for 2025 is how we respond to the call to be missionary disciples and celebrate this special Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, with a special emphasis on Eucharistic Adoration.

*Joan Barham*

Chair, South Bucks Pastoral Area

## *Congratulations*



Congratulations to Noreen Caddell, Richard Cottle and Peter Freeman who were awarded Benemerenti Medals by Pope Francis. They were presented with their certificates and medals by Bishop David at a special Mass in September. They were honoured with this special award in recognition of their exceptional contributions to the Church and our parish community over very many years.

*We thank Noreen, Richard and Peter for their service and ministry and we ask God to bless them for their endeavours and humble devotion.*



*There is so much to value about our lively, joyful and vibrant parish, but everything that goes on here depends entirely on people who volunteer their time, energy, skills, talents and expertise. We are very grateful to all our volunteers for all the care and support they have given our parish community and the immeasurably valuable work they have done.*

## GOD IS CALLING YOU TO SERVE!

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Our parish relies on each and every one of us to thrive and do God's work. Your time and skills can make a difference, whatever your age or situation. Whether you have time to give weekly, monthly or on an ad-hoc basis, we do need you.

Our parish has a long history of participation, but we always need new volunteers, as many helpers are currently very stretched and some groups do not have enough to sustain them. Beyond managing the workload, serving is what God calls every baptised person to do. **That's why He's calling you!**

Serving is a unique way of deepening your friendship with God and with other parishioners. We promise it will bring many blessings and put a smile on your face. You're never too young or too old to get involved in parish life, so why not join in?

The parish offers a wide range of groups and ministries which you can learn more about by visiting either the Get Involved or Ministries sections of the website.

***"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them."  
Romans 12:6***



# EMMAUS

## Opening the Scriptures

South Bucks  
Pastoral Area

### 2025 TALKS

Wednesdays  
7:30pm to 9pm



**7<sup>th</sup> May**  
"I was in prison and you visited me"  
(Matthew 25:36)  
Speaker: Fr Anton Webb

**4<sup>th</sup> June**  
Missionary Discipleship - "Go therefore  
and make disciples of all nations"  
(Matthew 28:16-20)  
Speaker: Maria Heath

**2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
Creation and Evolution (Genesis 1)  
Speaker: Dr Levi Fernandez

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**8<sup>th</sup> January**  
The Jewish Origins of the Mass  
Speaker: Fr Jerome Ituah OCD

**5<sup>th</sup> February**  
Jubilee - "To proclaim the Year  
of the Lord's favour" (Luke 4:19)  
Speaker: Bishop David Oakley

**12<sup>th</sup> March**  
"Judge not that you may not be judged"  
(Matthew 25:36) - A Christian Response  
Speaker: Sr Lilian Ehidiamen

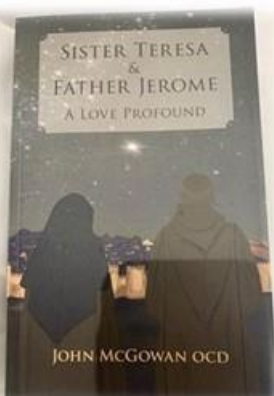
**2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
"Throw a stone if you  
have no sin" (John 8:7)  
Speaker: Fr Matthew Roche Saunders

**3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
"Put on love" (Colossians 3:14)  
Speaker: Fr Simon Penhalagan

**1<sup>st</sup> October**  
Baptism in the Bible  
Speaker: Deacon Brent Adonis

**5<sup>th</sup> November**  
Walking Together - Christians and  
Other Religions (Mark 7:24-30)  
Speaker: Bishop Kevin MacDonald

**3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Climbing the Seven Story Mountain  
with Mary (Matthew 5)  
Speaker: Canon John Udris



Fr John McGowan has written a book. It is a novel about the friendship between St Teresa of Ávila, who founded our Order and the first Provincial of our Order. It is easy to read and will help the reader to know better the two protagonists, especially Fr Jerome Gratian who is hardly known at all. The book is written in part to help him become better known. His process of beatification has begun but for it to make further progress he will have to be better known. This book is an effort to do that. It is available to buy from the Bookshop priced at £14.99. Enjoy.

***We are here to help. Get in touch.***

**PARISH OFFICE**

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*The Parish Office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am until 12 noon and Fridays from 10am until 12 noon*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

If you, or someone you know, is in need, please get in contact with us, on a totally confidential basis, on 07942 270969

**ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET**

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*The market is open on Saturdays from 9am until 12:30pm*



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