



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

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

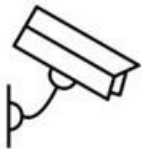
Fr Robert (Bob) Davies OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Jerome Ituah OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD (Retired),
Fr John McGowan OCD, Fr Martin McDonald OCD and Fr Theophilus (Theo) Nyamali OCD

6 April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: Please read and keep the Easter booklet (available from the church porch) which gives times of all the services across the parishes in our Pastoral Area over Easter. This includes details of **St Joseph's on page 12, The Most Holy Name on page 13** and the **Bridgettine Convent on page 14**. The booklet also contains a list of our Pastoral Area's programme of **special events for this holy Jubilee Year on page 11**. Please take one booklet per family. The Easter Triduum is a very special celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. We very much look forward to celebrating these special liturgies with full congregations; please do join us.



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.

11 April St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr – Memorial

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Anne Rozario** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Friday 11 April in St Joseph's Church at 11:30am**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Eileen Elizabeth Charmant-McWilliam** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Tuesday 22 April in St Joseph's Church at 11:30am**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

COACH TO CHRISM MASS: On **Wednesday 16 April** the Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral will begin at 12 noon and will be followed by lunch in the St Thomas Centre. We are all encouraged to attend as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year. The parishes in our Pastoral Area are hiring a coach with three pick-up points – here at St Joseph's, Our Lady of Grace in High Wycombe and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Great Missenden. **If you would like to join this pilgrimage, please contact the IHM Parish Office on 01494 862049 or [via email](mailto:via_email) by Wednesday 9 April at the latest to reserve your place.** Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for a contribution of £10 per person.

LENT 2025 IN OUR PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During the season of Lent, we take a journey with Jesus. The Stations of the Cross follow His path from the time He was condemned to His burial in the tomb. It is a way to pray and meditate on His sacrifice for us and it helps us examine our life in light of the cross. Join us for this devotion on **Tuesday and Friday after 9am Mass** in St Joseph's Church.

ROSARY CIRCLE: We are called to be more fervent in prayer during Lent. The Rosary is the perfect prayer to pray communally for the needs and intentions of our parish and the wider world, especially at this time. You are invited to join our parish Rosary Circle this Lent. **Pray with us via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30pm** ([contact Christine Cornwell](mailto:Christine.Cornwell) for Zoom joining details) and/or **join us in person in The Oratory on Thursdays at 7:30pm**.

ADORATION: Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration draws us closer to Jesus and helps us deepen our faith. You are invited to spend some time resting and praying in the presence of the Lord for **30 minutes after 9am Mass on Thursday morning** in St Joseph's Church.

LENTEN RETREAT

Discovering Hope and Renewal During Lent

Saturday 12 April

St Joseph's Church

Led by Fr Jim Noonan OCD

10am	Mass
10:30am	Talk by Fr Jim Noonan OCD
11:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Quiet Prayer
12 noon	Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions
12:45pm	Benediction and Dismissal

Lent is a time to deepen our faith, reconnect with God, and prepare for Easter, so why not take this opportunity to be a Pilgrim of Hope and spend some time in prayer and reflection away from the distractions of daily life.

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for EASTER FLOWERS. Your generous contributions, together with the work of our flower ladies, always ensure our churches look lovely.

CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights and mosquito nets. Give online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10. Please keep our sisters and brothers in Myanmar in your prayers at this time.

MUSIC AND PRAYER AT NIGHTFALL – This Sunday 6 April at 6pm at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church.

‘Extended Compline’ devised by conductor Dominic McGonigal and sung by the **St Giles Consort** run by parishioners Peter and Cathy Langdale. It takes the form of a Service of Night Prayer, complemented with appropriate choral music by Byrd, Lassus, Sheppard, Lotti, Victoria and Rachmaninov. Retiring collection in aid of music in the church.

‘COME BACK TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART’ and go to confession in preparation for Easter. Lent Services of Reconciliation across our Pastoral Area are:

- **Tuesday 8 April** at 7pm at [St Aidan’s](#), Little Chalfont
- **Friday 11 April** at 7pm at [St Augustine’s](#), High Wycombe
- **Monday 14 April** at 7pm at [Immaculate Heart of Mary](#), Great Missenden
- **Wednesday 16 April** at 7:30pm at [St Teresa’s](#), Beaconsfield

“Don’t be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you.”
Pope Francis

INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: ‘Walk with Christ’ **next Sunday 13 April** by taking a self-guided journey around our Interactive Stations of the Cross which will be outside on the grass (in the Hall if wet) **after 9am Mass until 5:30pm**. Follow the events of Jesus’ last day on earth, from His arrest to His crucifixion to being buried in the tomb. There are 14 stations depicting his final journey of love, all in a format that is easy to follow, offering simple meditations and actions that people of all ages can participate in. Parishioners are invited to come along at any time during the day and take a tour around the stations using the prayer leaflet provided.

Please pray for the sick of our parish and for those who have asked for our prayers.

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JUBILEE OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Do you want to celebrate the Jubilee with other young adults? Would you like to come celebrate in Rome? NYMO will join the Sion Community’s pilgrimage for young adults (ages 18–35) in Rome from **30 July to 3 August** to take part in an exciting programme of jubilee events. The cost is approximately £650, depending on final flight and accommodation arrangements. The sooner we book, the better the flight prices—so don’t wait if you’re thinking of joining us! [Click here for more information](#) or contact NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com. The booking deadline is next Monday 14 April.

PASSOVER SEDER MEAL: Ever wondered what a ‘Passover Meal’ actually is? Discover the symbolism of the meal and its significance for us as Christians. **Tuesday 15 April** in St Teresa’s Church, Beaconsfield (HP9 2PL) at 7pm. Led by Messianic Jew Richard Harvey. Tickets are £15 each. **To book contact the Parish Office [by email](#)** or phone 01494 673018.

Friday 2 May in Our Lady of Grace Church, High Wycombe (HP12 4RY) at 7pm. Led by Jewish Christian Martyn Furman. Cost is £15 per head. **To book please contact Dcn Brin** on 07931607249 or [email him](#).

GROWING IN HOPE: This Lent we are encouraging everyone to do **Acts of Kindness throughout Lent**. We are asking people (young and old) to let us know what they have done every week by adding a leaf (or leaves) to our “**Jubilee Year of Hope Through Kindness Tree**” that will be in St Joseph’s Church throughout Lent. You’ll find [ideas to get you started here](#) and a [blank calendar to fill in here](#). Please do get involved and help us let our tree flourish so that it is fully grown by Easter.

EASTER GIFTS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED: As part of our Acts of Kindness throughout Lent, our Children’s Liturgy team is collecting gifts for local elderly residents and families with young children. Please spend up to £5 on an Easter gift – Easter Egg, Chocolate Bunny, Potted Plant, Easter Toy, etc. Place the unwrapped gift in an open bag and leave it on the altar after Sunday Mass or drop it into the Priory. We would be grateful to receive all gifts no later than Sunday 6 April so we can deliver before Easter.

HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED to serve refreshments **after 11am Mass on Sundays**. If you can help out once a month or so, and are willing to go on a serving rota, please [get in touch with Joan](#) at the Parish Office.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our April talk was “Throw a stone if you have no sin” (John 8:7) and the was Fr **Matthew Roche-Saunders**. [Click here to watch a recording](#). For more details and links to recordings of previous talks, [visit the Emmaus webpage](#).

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION for April is FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES – Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

THE [LONDON & SLOUGH RUN](#) continues this Monday 7 April. Please bring your donations to the **First Committee Room by 12 noon**. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF INDIVIDUAL CARTONS OF ORANGE/APPLE JUICE, PLAIN CHEESE SANDWICHES, 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 support and generosity every week.

THANK YOU FROM FARESHARE TO LONDON AND SLOUGH CHARITABLE TRUST: “In the last 90 days, you have collected 98.15% of the donations offered to you. We at FareShare would like to say a huge thank you for the work you are doing. By collecting these donations, you are helping to save some of the 4.6 million tonnes (around 10 billion meals) of food that goes to waste every year. Please keep up the amazing work!”

THANK YOU: The **Good Shepherd Company** has sent thanks for the warm welcome and hospitality it received last weekend. It had an amazing response and raised **£925** from the sale of olive wood carvings. This is a real blessing and will be a great help. Please keep Christian families living in the Holy Land in your prayers, especially during this time of conflict and uncertainty.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the recent **CURRY NIGHT** at the Bridgettine Convent. It was a great success and another wonderful opportunity for people to gather socially. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and it raised **over £1,000** for the new Grotto.

LOST PROPERTY: We have jackets, hats and gloves, bags and miscellaneous items in our Lost Property box. If the items are not claimed before Holy Week, they will be disposed of to a Charity Shop. Thank you.

ST JOSEPH’S 200 CLUB 2024/2025

The draw for March took place on Monday 31 and the lucky winners of the prize-fund are:

1 st	Susan Gosnell (£305)
2 nd	John O’Neill (£152.50)
3 rd	Emma Lane (£91.50)
4 th	Oonah Hide (£61)

Club memberships are still available for the rest of this year and for the coming year 2025/26. Please contact Alastair at 200club@stjosephs.org.uk to join, or pick up a form from the church porch. Proceeds from the club are needed to continue to support the administrative costs of the **new Parish Community Hall project**.

VACANCY: Immaculate Heart of Mary in Great Missenden is recruiting for a **Parish Secretary** to provide administrative support. The role is **10 hours per week**, spread over three days, including Wednesday and Friday. [Click here for job description and application form](#). All candidates should send their completed application form to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org. The closing date for applications is Thursday 17 April. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 7 May.

FIXED – ST JOSEPH’S CHURCH HEATING: We have successfully stripped-down, repaired and reassembled the broken boiler, so now both boilers are functioning properly. Thank you to those who persevered and worked hard behind the scenes to make this happen.

NEWSLETTER: There will be a newsletter next Sunday 13 April – deadline for content is lunchtime on Thursday 10 April. The next one thereafter will be Sunday 4 May; any articles to be included that week should be with the [Parish Office](#) by lunchtime on Thursday 1 May.

The Bridgettine Sisters will host a **FILM NIGHT AT PINWOOD STUDIOS** showing ‘Fly Me to the Moon’ on **Thursday 24 April** at 6pm; film starts at 7pm. Entry is **£15 per person**. 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.

A selection of **EASTER CARDS** is now on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices. You can pay cash using the box provided OR you can pay by Google/Apple Pay or Debit/Credit Card using the machine by the door.

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