



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton
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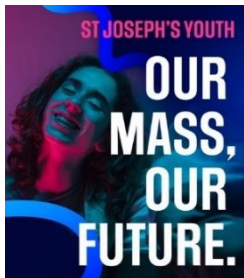
19 October 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1

This **Sunday 19 October**, parishes worldwide celebrate **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**. By supporting [MISSIO](#) – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be '**Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples**' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. This day we are reminded that we are called by Jesus – in person – to bear witness to his words in our everyday lives. We are called to reach out to the lost, the oppressed and discouraged and to tenderly care for those who suffer.

Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to the **second collection**, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio Envelope which you'll find in the church porch, visit missio.org.uk/donate or call 020 7821 9755 (during office hours) and Gift Aid your donation if possible.



Our **YOUTH MASS** takes place this **Sunday 19 October**. We invite all our young people to attend (*from age 11/Year 7 upwards*).

The young people have begun a new initiative. They elected their leaders. They are **inviting every young person in the parish** to

join them after the Youth Mass.



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 October St John Paul II, Pope – Optional Memorial

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION continues throughout October on **Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7pm** in St Joseph's Church or on **Thursday mornings after the 9am Mass until 10am**. Whether you are available for a few minutes or the full duration, your attendance is valued and offers an opportunity for spiritual renewal.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for October is **FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS** – Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

OCTOBER is the month of THE HOLY ROSARY, one of the greatest means of 'going to Our Lady' in intercession, seeking her protection and asking for strength.

Pope Leo XIV has called on Catholics around the world to pray the Rosary daily during October, uniting in prayer for peace in war-torn regions. "I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace – personally, in the family, and in community".

Our parish **ROSARY CIRCLE** meets twice a week. Join us via **Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30pm** ([contact the Parish Office](#) for details) or **in person in The Oratory on Thursdays at 7:30pm**. Why not join us to pray this devotion to invoke God's gift of peace during October. Everyone is most welcome.

AN AFTERNOON WITH MARY: Organised by our Pastoral Area to mark the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, you are invited to join us **next Sunday 26 October** from 12:30pm to circa 4pm at St Dunstan's Church in Bourne End (SL8 5AR). Deacon Brin Dunsire from St Augustine's will offer two talks on the four Mysteries of the Rosary, followed by a recitation of as many Mysteries as time allows. There is **no charge**, and **no need to book**, but please **bring a packed lunch**.

Any enquiries to Dcn Brin on 07931 607249.

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: On **Saturday 1 November at 3pm** in St Joseph's Church there will be a special additional Mass to include the Sacrament of Anointing. All of us are in need of a little healing in some form or other, so please come along to receive this Sacrament. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the First Committee Room. This Mass fulfills the Sunday Obligation.

REMEMBERING THOSE WE'VE LOST: Monday 3 November is the Feast All Souls (transferred this year from Sunday 2 November) There will be a **special Mass to remember all our departed family, friends and parishioners** in St Joseph's Church at 7:30pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the First Committee Room. All are welcome to attend and pray for those whose passing we mourn.

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.

TEA AND A CHAT: Our social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 23 October** from **2pm to 4pm** in the First Committee Room. We look forward to seeing you there. A warm welcome awaits anyone who pops in, please join us if you can.

THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF): Christmas cards will be on sale on **Sunday 26 October** at The Most Holy Name in Denham and **Saturday 1 November** after 5:30pm Mass and **Sunday 2 November** after all Masses at St Joseph's. The cost is **£5 for a pack of six**. This year's card was drawn by Philippa Soriano age 7 from St Joseph's School. All monies raised will support young people between the ages of 18 and 30 who wish to go to Lourdes to help the sick but do not have the financial means to afford the trip. We deeply appreciate your continued support.

Jane & Kim Roberts

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues on Mondays throughout October. Please bring your sandwiches (especially Tuna, Plain Cheese and Marmite), boiled eggs, individual cartons of juice, small chocolate biscuit bars, individually wrapped cakes, satsumas, bananas and crisps to the **First Committee Room by 12 noon**. Also needed is green milk (both fresh and UHT), coffee, sugar, peanut butter, jam, tinned fish and toilet rolls.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated by our beneficiaries.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: Someone to wash out the soup and tea urns and load the van with food donations for Slough on a **Tuesday morning**. This is a physical task which takes about 30-40 minutes. It can be done by an individual or a small group on a rota basis. If you, or someone you know, can offer their time please call Malcolm on 07508 733503.

EDITOR WANTED: Searching for a trainee journalist or an interested party to take on **Chalfont St Peter Village Voice**, a monthly newsletter covering local events and activities. Contact Des Quigley on 07974203006.

GARDEN CLUB: Fr John is trying to get a few people together to keep the garden, particularly the vegetable garden, in use not just for vegetables but also for flowers. It wouldn't be a huge commitment. If you would like to get involved or find out more, please **speak to Fr John** or send him an email at johnmcgowan50@gmail.com.

THANK YOU for supporting CAFOD's **Harvest Fast Day Appeal** and offering 'signs of hope' in this Jubilee Year. Your generous donations, given in love, will fund vital water infrastructure projects in Ethiopia and enable more people like Waré to gain access to safe drinking water without having to walk for miles. You can still [give online](#) or text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. Please pray for our neighbours around the world who face a daily struggle for the necessities of life in uncertain times.

COPIES OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: Requests should be made by [contacting the Parish Office](#). Parents should include details of the child for whom the certificate is required, their date of birth, date of baptism and names of their parents and godparents when asking for a Baptism Certificate. Please allow a minimum of five working days to turn around requests.

FREE GCSE MATHS TUITION: We're delighted that one of our Furniture Market volunteers, Tavyab, is offering **free weekly GCSE Maths Tuition for children who are on pupil premium** or where tuition isn't financially accessible. It will take place at the Priory on Tuesday evenings during term time. The sessions will focus on working through past exam papers – making sure every topic is covered and exam technique is sharpened ahead of the big day. This is an opportunity for students to gain confidence and improve their exam technique. For more details and to register, email attahir17@outlook.com.

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2025/2026

The September draw was held at the end of the month. The lucky winners of the prize-fund are:

1 st	John O'Neill (£285)
2 nd	Mary Forsyth (£142.50)
3 rd	Jean Wood (£84.50)
4 th	Anne Marland (£57)

Congratulations to the winners. Thank you to everyone who renewed or joined for the first time. We are grateful for your support of this parish fundraising scheme.

Club memberships are still available for 2025/26. Please contact Alastair at 200club@stjosephs.org.uk to join, or pick up a form from the church porch.

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

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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