

2 November 2025

All Saints

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3



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, Fr Theophilus (Theo) Nyamali OCD & Fr Deepu Kandathil OCD

Fr Deepu Daniel Kandathil OCD from the South Kerala Province becomes a member of our Community here in Gerrards Cross this week. He was ordained in 2018 and came to the UK in December 2023. Initially Fr Deepu was at Boars Hill in Oxford and then moved to Kensington from where he joins us. He is studying for a Masters in Education at St Mary's in Twickenham.



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.

2 November	All Saints – Solemnity [transferred]
3 November	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) [transferred]
4 November	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop – Memorial
8 November	St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Virgin of Carmelite Order – Memorial

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for Carmelite Sick & Retired Priests.

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.

The **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES IN ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY** will take place on **Sunday 2 November** after the 11am Mass.

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.

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

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. It is a time to remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel.

HOLY SOULS: During November we pray especially for all the Holy Souls: those who have died in the past year, past members of our parish, our own departed relatives and friends and those who have no one to pray for them. As in recent years, we will have the golden Holy Souls box on the altar as from All Souls Day through to the end of November. Parishioners are invited to place names of loved ones in the golden box so we can remember them in our prayers. If you are unable to visit the church, you can send a note to the Parish Office or phone the Priory with names of family or friends you would like to be included.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION continues throughout November on **Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7pm** in St Joseph's Church (including on the Feast of All Souls) and 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.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 5 November** in St Joseph's Church. The topic is 'Baptism in the Bible' and the speaker is **Deacon Brent Adonis**.

The Sacrament of Baptism, rooted in the rich water symbolism of the Old Testament comes to its fulfilment in the saving events of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection as described in the New Testament. *Deacon Brent was ordained in 2018 and has served as a Deacon at Saint Dunstan's Bourne End and Saint Teresa's Beaconsfield since then. Brent is actively involved in the preparation of candidates and parents of candidates for Baptism, the First Sacraments and Confirmation as well as Children's Liturgy.*

You can attend in person or [watch live via our YouTube channel](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus), see www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus for more details as well as links to recordings of previous talks.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Our next Baptism Course will take place on Sundays 16, 23 and 30 November. Parents are invited to attend the 9am Family Mass, followed by a preparation session in The Library. Each session lasts about 45 minutes and is led by facilitators from the Baptism Team. If you would like your child baptised, please [click here and complete the online baptism registration form](#).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is 9 November. There will be a special Mass at The Most Holy Name in Denham at 9:30am, with a procession and readings from our local squadron of air cadets. We will be joined by our trumpeter for the last post. It is always a most beautiful and moving tribute to those brave soldiers.

On REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY we will observe two minutes' silence at 11am before the start of Mass.

ADVENT RETREAT – DISRUPTED BY GRACE: Join us for our online Advent Retreat beginning on Monday 24 November at 7:30pm. Each week Avril Baigent will be joined by a special guest – Dr Jessie Rogers, Michelle Moran, Fr Matt Blake and Fr John Udris – to explore our theme “Disrupted by Grace”, by delving into the stories of some of Jesus’ more disreputable ancestors in Matthew 1. You can join live on Monday evenings or catch up with a recording at a time that suits you. This retreat is FREE. [Click here to book](#).



JUBILEE RETREAT
Saturday 29 November 10:45am to 3:30pm at the Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath. As part of our Jubilee of Hope celebrations our Pastoral Area has arranged a retreat, led by Fr Matt Blake OCD, on the theme of the Jubilee. The day will include two talks by Fr Matt, times for silent reflection, Mass of the day and Adoration. Places are limited to 40 people and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please [click here to register](#). Those not online should call 01753 886581, providing a phone number so we can get in touch. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring your own packed lunch.

The cost per person is £30 payable in advance by cheque made out to ‘Saint Teresa’s Beaconsfield’ with ‘Jubilee Retreat’ on the reverse or by bank transfer to St Teresa’s Parish [Bank NatWest. Sort Code 60-06-11. Account No 59758481. Account Name RCDN Beaconsfield Catholic Church. Payment Ref: Jubilee].

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION for November is FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE – Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

A small number of **NOVEMBER DAY BY DAY** booklets which feature daily readings and inspirational quotes are available from the bookshop priced at just £2 each.

ASSISTED SUICIDE – ENGLAND: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will enter Committee Stage in the House of Lords on 14 November. Catholics are encouraged to write to peers to oppose the Bill and the Bishops have issued [guidance on how to do this here](#).

SURVEY **Neurodiversity and the Catholic Faith**

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into neurodiversity and faith experience.

If you are a Catholic neurodivergent adult or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), you are invited to take part in one of two short (10–20 minute) anonymous online surveys, available until 12 January 2026:

- If you are a **neurodivergent Catholic adult**, [click here](#)
- If you are a **caregiver for a neurodivergent Catholic** (aged 2+), [click here](#)

The organisers hope that the insights gained will help the Church become more inclusive and responsive to the needs of neurodivergent Catholics.

THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF): Christmas cards will be on sale 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*



POPPY APPEAL

Poppies from the Royal British Legion are now available now from the church porch, please put your donation into the red box provided.

Sunday Mass Times

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CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT will host its **Wednesday Café** on 5 November in the **First Committee Room** from 10am until 12noon. The Café gives a very warm welcome to those living with dementia, their families and carers. We have a range of enjoyable activities, a chance to chat and, of course, tea, coffee and cakes! Ours is always a positive approach in dealing with the difficulties so often associated with dementia. Just come along on the day or contact Sally Blackden on 07932 643949.

FAIRTRADE/TRAIDCRAFT: You can buy fairtrade goods from Margaret Dykes at the monthly Coffee Morning at the Village Hall in Church Lane. The next one takes place on **Wednesday 5 November** from 10am until 12 noon.

VACANCY: We are currently recruiting for a **Parish Youth Co-ordinator** to support the South Bucks area of our Diocese, specifically **serving the parishes of St Aidan's, St Columba's, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Our Lady's**, collectively known as The Four Parishes. This is a three-year fixed-term contract, with the possibility of renewal. The role is for 20 hours per week and will include evening and weekend work as part of the regular schedule. [Click here](#) for more information about the position and/or download an application form. The closing date for all applications is Friday 28 November. Interview dates to be confirmed.

THE [LONDON & SLOUGH RUN](#) continues on Mondays throughout November. 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.

The **PARISH OFFICE** is open **Monday and Wednesday** from 9am to 12 noon and **Friday** from 10am to 12 noon.

Thank You!

GOLF DAY: Thanks to all those who joined us for **St Joseph's Golf Society Day** at Oakland Park Golf Club in September. The weather was fine, the staff at the club looked after us all very well and much enjoyment was had both on and off the golf course. People who took part in the tournament, joined us for dinner, donated prizes, bought raffle tickets, supported the auction or made a donation helped us **raise the magnificent sum of £6,747.50** for the parish. Thank you all so very much.

PARISH RAFFLE: We are having an Autumn Raffle again this year. The **Grand Draw will take place on Saturday 6 December**. Letters are currently on their way to every registered household in the parish. We are very grateful to those who have volunteered to hand deliver letters, a saving on postage of more than £1,300. Please support us if you are able; send your counterfoils and payment to the Priory by post or drop through letterbox.

PARISH CENSUS 2025: In your envelope with the raffle letters, you will find a Parish Census for your family. The purpose of this exercise is to validate the details held on the Parish Register for your household. Please return your completed census form, together with your raffle counterfoils, to the Parish Office ASAP or hand to the helpers before/after Sunday Mass in the coming weeks.

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. **Speak to Fr John or [send him an email](#)** to find out more.

FURNITURE MARKET: This is as busy as ever and making regular donations to the parish and to local charities. We are looking for more volunteers on Saturday mornings and to help us with collections/deliveries. We would also welcome some more van drivers to work on a rota basis. To find out more please [contact us via email](#) or drop in at the Hut behind the church on any Saturday morning. You can see us on Facebook at "[St Josephs Furniture Market](#)".

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