



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

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

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26 October 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2

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.



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.

28 October Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles – Feast



AN AFTERNOON WITH MARY

Organised by our Pastoral Area to mark the **Jubilee of Marian Spirituality**, you are invited to join us **this 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 Deacon Brin on 07931 607249.

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.

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.

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](#), see www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus for more details as well as links to recordings of previous talks.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Our next 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](#).



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 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.

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

THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF): Christmas cards will be on sale **this Sunday 26 October at The Most Holy Name in Denham** and on **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*

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.

*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.*

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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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 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.

AUTUMN RAFFLE: We still need some more delivery volunteers for our Autumn Raffle. Please [reply by this Sunday morning 26 October if you can help](#). This is a major fundraiser for our parish and the hand delivery of the letters would save over £1,300 in postage. [Please click here to tell us](#) – the form tells you everything you need to know. The **letters are being assembled on Tuesday 29 October from 9am in the First Committee Room**. IF we have a lot of hands we may finish in an hour or so. No need to RSVP, please just show up! Thank you.

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.

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