

5 October 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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This Sunday is **WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**, moved to coincide with [the Jubilee of Migrants and of Missions](#) this weekend in Rome. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. In [his message](#), 'Migrants, missionaries of hope', the Holy Father emphasises the important witness that Catholic migrants and refugees can offer in a world affected by conflict and inequality in hoping and searching for a better and more peaceful future. For Pope Leo "it is important there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all" and he stresses that "such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of creation".

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HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY: This autumn, [CAFOD](#) is highlighting its work in [Ethiopia](#), where communities face major challenges as droughts became more severe through climate change. Donations will fund vital water infrastructure projects, such as building water tanks that collect precious water.

CAFOD also continues to respond to urgent needs in the [Holy Land](#), [Ukraine](#), [Sudan](#) and [Afghanistan](#) through trusted local Church partners.

Please support the **second collection** this weekend. Use the CAFOD envelope available from the church porch, [donate online](#) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

Your generosity offers 'signs of hope' in this Jubilee Year and your donation will enable practical assistance for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters worldwide.



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.

7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary – Memorial
9 October	Saint John Henry Newman, Priest – Feast
11 October	St John XXIII, Pope – Optional Memorial

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.

Pope Leo announced a **ROSARY FOR PEACE** to be held during the **Jubilee of Marian Spirituality** which takes in October. The faithful in Rome will gather in St Peter's Square at 6pm (5pm UK time) on **Saturday 11 October**. See www.ewtn.com or www.vaticannews.va/en.html.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Caroline Taylor** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Tuesday 7 October in St Joseph's Church at 11am**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

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.*

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION 2026: [Online registration closes on Monday 6 October](#). Communion sessions will begin mid-November and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-May. [Click here for information about COMMUNION 2026](#).

CONFIRMATION 2026: [Online registration closes on Monday 6 October](#). Confirmation sessions will begin mid-October and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until early-September. [Click here for information about CONFIRMATION 2026](#).

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.



Next **Sunday 12 October**, there will be a **CHILDREN'S MASS at 9am**. Only the very youngest children will go out to hear the Gospel message at a level appropriate to their age. All the other children will stay in the church. The Mass will be all inclusive with as many as are able/wish to join in, having the opportunity to do so, whatever their age.

AN AFTERNOON WITH MARY: Organised by our Pastoral Area to mark the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, you are invited to join us on **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.

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

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 9 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.

THANK YOU: Children's Liturgy would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts last Friday – those who came to Tea in the Pot for our Coffee Morning, those who bought sweet or savoury bakes at our Cake Sale and those who dusted off their aprons and baked. Altogether we raised **£786.28 for Macmillan Cancer Support**, a fabulous total!

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.

FREE GCSE MATHS TUITION: We're delighted that one of our Furniture Market volunteers, Tarryab, 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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: If you need your child's secondary school application form signed or require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Bob will be available on **Monday 13 October at 6pm**, **Tuesday 14 October at 9am, 3:45pm and 6pm** and **Wednesday 15 October at 9am and 3:45pm**. Please come to the front door of the Priory (entrance via Bull Lane). You do not need to print out certificates, Fr Bob has these prepared already and will fill in your child's details when he meets with you.

NB: Fr Bob will not be available outside of these dates to do this as he is away and won't return until November.

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.

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

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