



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

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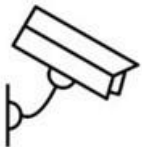
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

theme this year is “**You are my hope**” taken from Psalm 71:5. [Pope Leo's message](#) encourages us to recognise the poor not as objects of charity, but as protagonists of hope who embody steadfastness amidst uncertainty and challenge us to find new ways to live the Gospel. He says “in this promotion of the common good, our social responsibility is grounded in God's creative act, which gives everyone a share in the goods of the earth” and shares his hope “that this Jubilee Year will encourage the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor.”



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.

17 November	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious – Memorial
19 November	St Raphael of St Joseph Kalinowski, Priest of Carmelite Order – Memorial
21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial
22 November	St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr – Memorial

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Kevin Mathieson** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Monday 24 November in St Joseph's Church at 1pm**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION continues throughout November on **Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7pm** in St Joseph's Church 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.

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 throughout 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Thomas Kuo, Dominic Martin and Noah Vedanayagam** who were awarded wooden crosses for one year of regular serving at Mass. *Well done and thank you all for your service to our parish!*



MASS FOR WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY: We invite all our young people (*from age 11 upwards*) to attend **next Sunday 23 November at 11am**. This will also be the **Mass of Enrolment for our Confirmation Candidates**. 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 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.

ADORE – MORNING OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL: Join us for a mini retreat on **Saturday 22 November** from 10am to 1pm on Zoom, with the theme “Pilgrims of Hope – Signposts to the Kingdom”. This gathering will explore how we can revitalise our parishes to guide others towards Christ and share our hope with those who are searching. The morning will include Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and an inspiring talk by guest speaker **Dr Hannah Vaughan-Spruce**. [Click here for more information](#).

ADVENT RETREAT – DISRUPTED BY GRACE: Join us for our online Advent Retreat beginning **next 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.

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

CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT hosts its **Wednesday Café on 19 November in Chalfont St Peter Church Hall** (Church Lane) 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 or contact Sally on 07932 643949.

Sunday Mass Times

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Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath: Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm, Sunday at 9am

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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.

ST JOSEPH’S APPLE JUICE: The apples from the orchard have been harvested and used to make apple juice. The price is £3.50 for one bottle or £3 per bottle if buying more than one. Juice will be **on sale at The Most Holy Name this Sunday 16 November and at St Joseph’s on Sunday 23 November**. Payment can be made by cash, cheque payable to “St Joseph’s Events” or bank transfer.

A selection of religious **CHRISTMAS CARDS, MASS BOUQUET CARDS, ADVENT CALENDARS, CANDLES AND 2026 DIARIES** are now in stock in the Repository at very reasonable prices. Please put your payment in the box provided or hand into the Parish Office. You can also pay by card using the machine and choosing **Repository**.

THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND: Thanks to parishioners at The Most Holy Name and St Joseph’s for responding to our appeal and supporting our Christmas Card sales. We will let you know how much was raised once everything has been processed. *Jane & Kim Roberts*

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.

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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](#)".

PARISH RAFFLE: The Autumn Raffle Grand Draw will take place on **Saturday 6 December**. Please support us if you are able. All proceeds will go towards the new Parish Community Hall Project. Please send your counterfoils and payment to the Priory by post or drop through the letterbox. *If you're not in, you can't win!*

PARISH CENSUS 2025: In your envelope with the raffle letter, 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. You need to sign and return the yellow form even if there are no changes to be made. Households which do not return this form will be deactivated on the Parish Register over the next few months for GDPR compliance. Please return your completed census form to the Parish Office by this Sunday 16 November or hand to one of the helpers before/after Sunday Mass.

NEW PARISHIONERS and those **NOT REGISTERED**. If you did not get a raffle/census letter, you are not registered in the parish. This means you do not receive communications such as our Friday Email and you miss out on important parish news. Please pick up a pack from the church porch which includes details on how to register, together with the most recent parish mailings.

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.



JAZZ NIGHT

Parishioners are invited to come and join us at **Gerrards Cross Golf Club** on **Sunday 7 December** for an evening of jazz with live music by

The Cottle Brothers. Doors open at 7pm; the show runs from 7:30pm until 9:30pm. £15 per person with the proceeds going to St Joseph's New Community Hall. [Click here to book your tickets](#). You can pay by card online (preferred), by cheque or in cash. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night subject to availability. Look forward to seeing you there.



The **FURNITURE MARKET** has some beautiful **Christmas Decorations** for sale, so why not pop in and take a look. Open on Saturday mornings from 9am until 12:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE: Our celebrated **Holy Name Choir** will be presenting a **Christmas Concert on Thursday 11 December** at 7:30pm at the church in Denham.

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