



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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23 November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED

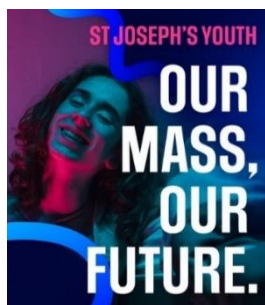
from Tuesday 25 November to Friday 28 November.

There will be no access to the church during this time whilst essential maintenance is carried out.

9am Mass, and Adoration on Thursday morning, will be in the Oratory. The morning Mass will not be live streamed. Please use the side door by the First Committee Room to access the Oratory.

Today is **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY**. The Feast of Christ the King is designated as the day the Church celebrates God's gift of youth and young adults. It is set aside to remind us all of the important task of accompanying young people on their journey through life. The theme this year is "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27).

Dear Lord, help our young people
to find faith in the midst of the chaos.
Give them the desire and ability to see you,
hear you, talk to you and give thanks to you.
We pray that they will draw nearer and nearer
to you all their lives. *Amen*.



MASS FOR WORLD YOUTH

SUNDAY: We invite all our young people (from age 11 upwards) to attend **this 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 and

elected their leaders. They are **inviting young people to join them after the Youth Mass to watch a movie**.



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.

24 November Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs – Memorial

30 November First Sunday of Advent

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.

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.

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 this week on **Monday evening** from 6:30pm to 7pm in St Joseph's Church and on **Thursday morning** after the 9am Mass until 10am in the Oratory.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 3 December** in St Joseph's Church. The topic is 'Creation and Evolution: In Conflict or Synergy?' (Genesis 1 & 2) and the speaker is **Dr Levi Maria Fernandez**. Are the theories of the Big Bang and of Evolution compatible with the story of Creation in Genesis? Is Science at odds with Christianity? This talk will also explore the history of science through the Dark Ages and the Age of Enlightenment.

I have been a Biology teacher for 30 years, the last 13 of which have been at Wycombe Abbey, and independent boarding school for girls. I studied Biology at King's College London and completed a PhD in Molecular Biology at what was then called Queen Mary and Westfield College of the University of London. I was born in the Philippines and studied in the Philippine Science High School, in an environment where the love of science and of faith in God comfortably went hand in hand.

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.



JUBILEE 2025

St Monica Pastoral Area Programme
The 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' continues until 6 January 2026.

We are all pilgrims on our journey

towards the Lord. Here are some further opportunities to deepen our life of faith and our relationship with God.

JUBILEE RETREAT: Saturday 29 November 10:45am to 3:30pm at the Bridgettine Convent, Iwer 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. There are **still a few places available**.

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].

VISIT A JUBILEE CHURCH: [St Peter's in Marlow](#) has been designated as one of three Jubilee Churches in our diocese. On **Friday 5 December** there will be Holy Hour at 6pm and a Jubilee Mass at 7pm. All welcome.

JUBILEE OF PRISONERS: Saturday 13 December 10am to 2:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Great Missenden. Our final pastoral area event in this Holy Year will celebrate the Jubilee of Prisoners. It is being jointly hosted by the [St Vincent de Paul](#) from Missenden and Chesham in association with the [Prison Advice and Care Trust](#) (PACT). There will be presentations from SVP Working with Prisons, a Prison Chaplain and PACT, concluding with Praying the Stations of the Cross – Testimonies from Prisoners and their Families. **All are welcome, there is no need to book**. Tea and coffee will be provided, please **bring your own packed lunch**.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES: Join **Mauro Iannicelli** for four engaging Bible studies on the Advent Sunday Gospels, exploring the readings in depth with thought-provoking insights and questions to enrich the celebration of Holy Mass. Sessions will take place **live via YouTube** on **Wednesdays 26 November, 3, 10 and 17 December** from 7pm–8pm time. **FREE course**. [Click here to register](#).

ADVENT RETREAT: Join us for our online Advent Retreat to explore our theme "**Disrupted by Grace**", where we will delve into the stories of some of Jesus' more disreputable ancestors in Matthew 1. It begins **this Monday 24 November** at 7:30pm. On **Week 1** Avril Baigent will be joined by **Dr Jessie Rogers** to unpack the **story of Tamar** and exploring the presence of grace in our lives. You can join live or catch up with a recording at a time that suits you. This retreat is **FREE**. [Register here](#).

LUX – 13-15 February 2026: If you've not heard about it before, **LUX** is our diocesan residential weekend for teens that happens in February every year. It's for those aged 11-18 (school years 7-13) and is a weekend packed with activity. Every year we explore a theme through workshops, dramas, music, worship, Mass, prayer times, games, inputs, and time with friends. This year's theme is **Belong**. It will take place at **Kings Park Centre** in Northampton and costs £110. [Click here to find out more and to book onto LUX.BELONG](#).

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.*

TEA AND A CHAT: Our social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 27 November** from **2pm to 4pm** in the First Committee Room. We look forward to seeing you there. Please join us if you can, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

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.

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 **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.

Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm*, Sunday at 7:45am*, 9am*, 11am* and 5:30pm*

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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. Boxes of mince pies also welcome as we prepare for Christmas. *Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated by our beneficiaries.*

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](#)".

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 St Joseph's this Sunday 23 November. Payment can be made by cash, cheque payable to "St Joseph's Events" or bank transfer.

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: 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 yellow form ASAP.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: Parishioner looking for accommodation for one person for two nights per week on a Saturday and Sunday. In addition to lodging, they would require access to a kitchen to prepare and eat their own meals. If you, or someone you know, can offer a room and kitchen facilities or suggest somewhere that might be suitable, please call 07768 714223.



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 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.

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 **this coming Friday 28 November.** Interview dates to be confirmed.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is our local Catholic state primary school for children aged 4+ to 11 years. Located at the end of Priory Road, the school aims to nurture children in a sound spiritual, moral and academic environment, to foster their

love of God, other people and themselves, and to ensure that every child's potential is fulfilled. Fr John is the Chaplain and our priests celebrate school Masses, offer confession and nurture links between school, children, parents and parish. The school received a highly positive report following their Ofsted inspection last term. The inspector praised the school, stating: "*The school has gone from strength to strength.*" – Ofsted 2025 There will be a SCHOOL TOUR for prospective parents on Tuesday 25 November. [Click here to book.](#)



SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER

2pm to 6pm

Entry £5 per person; under 3's FREE.

[Click here to book.](#) Everyone welcome.

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