



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

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9 November 2025

## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** is a time to remember all those who have given their lives during the two World Wars, and later conflicts, for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. We pray for all of those affected by war; those in the armed services who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who are innocent victims of war. May their memory prompt us all to pursue peace.

There will be a special **Remembrance Sunday 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.

**At St Joseph's Church we will observe two minutes' silence at 11am before the start of Mass.**

**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.



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](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live).

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| 10 November | St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church – Memorial |
| 11 November | St Martin of Tours, Bishop – Memorial                   |
| 12 November | St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr – Memorial                  |
| 14 November | All Saints of the Carmelite Order – Feast               |
| 15 November | Commemoration of all the Dead of the Carmelite Order    |

*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. 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.

**EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Our November talk was 'Baptism in the Bible' and the speaker was **Deacon Brent Adonis**. [Click here to watch a recording](#). For more details and links to recordings of previous talks, [visit the Emmaus webpage](#).

**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.

**FORMATION FOR PASTORAL COUNCILS:** The **Vicariate for Pastoral Development** has joined with the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to offer a series of webinars to support the development of active and flourishing pastoral councils. Topics covered include prayer in meetings, roles and recruitment, changing the culture, dealing with conflict, and letting the Holy Spirit lead. The next in the series, **Keeping Meetings Spiritual**, will be led by **Fr Shaun O'Neill** on Tuesday 11 November from 7pm to 8pm. [Click here to register](#). The first webinar, **Why Parish Councils Matter**, with **Avril Baigent**, is [available to watch here](#).

The next **YOUTH MUSIC GROUP PRACTICE** will be on **Thursday 13 November** at 7pm in the Priory. We invite anyone interested to come and join us, we are a very friendly group and would love to have more members.

A branch of the **LONDON REGION OF SECULAR CARMELITES** meets at St Joseph's each month. If you are interested in growing in your commitment as a Catholic and in learning more about Carmelite spirituality you would be welcome to meet with us and find out more. Our next meeting is **Saturday 15 November** from 10:45am until 2:30pm at the Priory when we will spend time together in prayer and discussion.

**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](#).

**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].

**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](#).

**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.

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



**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 SCHOOL TOURS** for prospective parents are on **Tuesdays 11 and 25 November**. [Click here to book](#).

**TEA AND A CHAT:** Our social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 13 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.

**THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF):** Christmas cards are on sale from the back of church. The cost is **£5 for a pack** of six. Please drop your payment into the Parish Office. 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*

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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 on 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.

*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.

**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.

**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. Please **return your completed census form to the Parish Office by 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.

**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.

**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.

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

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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](#)".

**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.



**SAVE THE DATE – JAZZ NIGHT**  
**Saturday 7 December**

Join us for an evening of jazz with music by The Cottle Brothers.  
*Details to follow next week.*

**ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2025/2026**

The **October draw** was held last week. The lucky winners of the prize-fund are:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Ray Waite (£287.50)     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Mary Leonard (£143.75)  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Patrick Clarke (£86.25) |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Paul Rayner (£57.50)    |

Congratulations to the winners. Thank you to everyone who renewed or joined for the first time. We are grateful for your support of this parish fundraising scheme.

Club memberships are still available for 2025/26. Please contact Alastair at [200club@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:200club@stjosephs.org.uk) to join, or pick up a form from the church porch.

**LEAD CARITAS IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON:**

We are seeking a dedicated and compassionate individual to **lead our Caritas initiatives across the Diocese of Northampton**. This part-time position (3 days per week) is based at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton. If you are inspired by Catholic Social Teaching and have proven experience in project leadership and community outreach, we would be delighted to hear from you. To apply, complete a Diocesan Application Form and [send it to HR](#). More information and a [job description can be found here](#). This vacancy will remain open until the post is filled.

**REMEMBRANCE REFLECTION 2025**

*Fr Paul McCourt has spent a quarter of a century serving as an army chaplain.*

I'm Father Paul McCourt. I'm an army chaplain and a priest of the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. There's something particularly special about the morning of the 11 November, the day we call Armistice Day. Here is the day when at the very hour of 11 o'clock, the nation pauses to do something unique and deeply poignant. We stop what we're doing, we stand still, we fall silent, as did the guns of war when the clock struck eleven on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918.

It's impossible for us to imagine what the world had gone through in the four bitter years before then, with multiple nations at war with each other, and then the aftermath of rebuilding trust across the globe. What is of note was the immediate desire never to forget the terrible human cost of war on such scale.

The Cenotaph in Whitehall was erected in 1920 to be the main memorial for those who had given everything that we might have what we enjoy today in terms of democracy, freedom, and peace. It was replicated by many local memorials in every parish church, village, town, and city across the nation because there was barely a single corner of the country that had not lost someone from their community such was the scale and reach of loss.

With another world war only 20 years later and lasting for six years, followed by all the campaigns since in defence of world peace or national protection, the time of Remembrance has become the best way we can say a collective 'thank you' to so many who have protected and defended world order and our nation.

Therefore, what society does today and on Remembrance Sunday is an annual salute to that innate human instinct to protect peace and all who live by it, to protect life in all of its ages against threat, and to live by principles so hard won in times past.

For all this and more, we say thank you to them and to God.

***"War is never holy; only peace is holy,  
because it is willed by God."***

*Pope Leo XIV*

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