

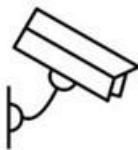


St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton
Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)
St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

Fr Robert (Bob) Davies OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Jerome Ituah OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD (Retired),
Fr John McGowan OCD, Fr Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Theophilus (Theo) Nyamali OCD and Fr Deepu Daniel OCD

*We are pleased to announce the formation of our **Pastoral Leadership Team**. Its focus will be on pastoral care for our parish. For details about team members, mission, and additional resources, please visit the new page on our parish website.*

[Pastoral Leadership Team | St Joseph's Parish](#)



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.

21 January	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr – Memorial
24 January	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church – Memorial

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES: There will be **one morning Mass on Tuesday 20 January at 7am** in the Oratory. There will be no 9am Mass in St Joseph's Church.

HOMELESS SUNDAY: Homelessness has always been one of our parish's main outreach programmes, because we believe that everyone has a right to a roof over their head. For this reason, at this time of the year, our parish reaches out to our homeless charities. This weekend there will be an appeal and second collection at all Masses for the London & Slough Charitable Trust. It operates a weekly 'run' on a Monday evening to Temple and Waterloo in London, delivering soup, hot drinks, food, clothing and toiletries to those living on the streets. It also runs a food hub in Slough (soon to be Langley), collecting surplus food from local supermarkets and redistributing items to people and families in need as well as various organisations who serve the local community.

PEACE SUNDAY, a day of prayer for world peace, will be observed this Sunday. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace', echoing his words at the time of his election. He has continued the exhortation of Pope Francis that the call to live nonviolent 'disarmed' lives is core to Catholic Social Teaching and the key to peace in a world scarred by violent conflict. The phrase 'peace be with you' is an integral part of our Liturgy in each Mass. We are all invited to be peacemakers. Let us start in our own hearts, asking forgiveness and praying that we will be people of peace in a world of violence. [Click here to read his message for World Day of Peace.](#)

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** takes place from 18 to 25 January – the octave of St Peter and St Paul. The theme this year is 'One Body, One Spirit' (Ephesians 4:4) which reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere. Unity represents the essence of the Church's calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ. In a world with diverse, and often divided, traditions and expressions of Christian faith, Ephesians 4:4 reminds us that all believers are part of the 'one body' of Christ. This is not about uniformity, but a common commitment to the core truths of the Christian faith. [More details here](#). 'How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!' (Psalm 133:1)



YOUTH MASS
Sunday 18 January at 11am
Confirmation candidates and young people (age 11 upwards) will be actively involved in many aspects of the Mass, including music. After Mass there will be activities in the Library, followed by food. Our Youth Leaders invite every young person in the parish to join them.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Janet Edwards** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Wednesday 21 January at 11:30am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **John Digweed** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Thursday 22 January at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Therese Lawton** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 29 January at 11am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION continues throughout January 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.

The Bridgettine Sisters will hold a Prayer Service for Christian Unity on **Tuesday 20 January** at 6pm in the Convent Chapel. Ecumenism is the main Charism of the Bridgettine Order. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the convent dining room.

FOR CHOIRS, MUSICIANS, SINGERS – Sing the **Season Lent 2026**: The latest event in the Northampton Diocese Music Liturgy series, offering new and seasonal music alongside fresh ideas for the Lenten season. Designed for cantors, choir leaders, singers, and musicians. It takes place **next Saturday 24 January** from **11am to 4pm** at **St Aidan's Church** in Little Chalfont (HP7 9NE). Please bring packed lunch, voice and instruments; tea and coffee are provided. **FREE** session (suggested donation £5 to support future events). [Click here for more details and to book your place.](#)

FOR READERS – SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD will be celebrated **next Sunday 25 January**. This is an ideal opportunity to **recommission our Readers**. There will be a Rite of Commissioning and renewals of Ministers of the Word at each of our Sunday Masses. At the 9am Mass the celebrant will bless our Children's Liturgists who open the Word of God for our children and teenagers.

In Northampton Cathedral that day at **3pm**, **Fr Jerome Ituah OCD** will lead the reflection during a liturgy to celebrate the Word of God. This [service will be live streamed](#) for those who cannot attend in person.

ADVANCE NOTICE: In **LENT** there will be an afternoon of **REFLECTION AND TRAINING** for all those who read at The Most Holy Name and St Joseph's Churches. This will be led by **Fr John** and will take place on **Sunday 8 March** from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the First Committee Room. Please mark this date in your diaries – thank you.

Our next **BAPTISM COURSE** will be **Sundays 1, 8 and 15 February**. 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](#).

A small number of **JANUARY/FEBRUARY** (up to Shrove Tuesday) **DAY BY DAY** booklets which feature daily readings and inspirational quotes are available from the bookshop priced at just £2 each.

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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FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – LUX.Belong 2026: If you've not heard about it before, LUX is the diocesan residential weekend for teens, held every February, packed with activity including workshops, dramas, music, worship, Mass, prayer times, games, inputs, and time with friends. This year's theme is '**Belong**' and **Fr Jerome is leading one of the workshops**. For young people aged 11–18 (school years 7–13), it takes place from **13–15 February** at Kings Park Centre in Northampton. The cost is £110. Email NYMO@northamptondiocese.com for more details or speak to Fr Jerome. **Bookings close on 22 January.**

CATECHIST FORMATION – Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1): Are you called to be a catechist? Do you want to grow in confidence and understanding as you accompany others on their faith journey? This online course draws from Scripture, Church documents and lived experience. It is ideal for both new and experienced catechists. It comprises seven virtual sessions, **starting on Friday 27 February** from 7:30pm to 9pm. No fixed fee – donations welcomed. [Click here for more details.](#)

PATMOS PILGRIMAGE: JC Journeys are organising a pilgrimage to Patmos, led by **Fr Jerome**. Known as the site where St John the Theologian received the Book of Revelation, Patmos is a place where faith and history intertwine. Dates are **Monday 1 June to Sunday 7 June 2026**. The cost is £1,595 (based on two people sharing). [See the poster](#) for more details. You'll find the [booking form here](#). For more information, speak to Fr Jerome or contact JC Journeys by phone on 01886 812862 or via email at enquiries@jcjourneys.com.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION for January is **FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD** – Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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 fortnightly social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 22 January** from 2pm to 4pm in the First Committee Room at St Joseph's Priory. We look forward to seeing you there. A warm welcome awaits anyone who pops in.

Email: office@stjosephs.org.uk

CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT hosts its Wednesday Café on 21 January in Chalfont St Peter Church Hall 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.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues on Mondays throughout January. Please bring your contributions to the First Committee Room by 12 noon. We welcome any of the following – sandwiches (tuna, plain cheese, marmite), boiled eggs, individual juice cartons, small chocolate biscuit bars, individually wrapped cakes, satsumas, bananas, crisps, green/UHT milk, 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.*



QUIZ NIGHT
A fundraiser for St Joseph's New Community Hall

Saturday 21st February
Chalfont St Peter Community Centre SL9 9QX

7.30pm for 7.45 start
bar opens at 7pm

Teams of 8—tickets £10

Bar • BYO Snacks • Book Here
www.stjosephs.org.uk/QUIZ

Contact: newhall.stjosephgerrardscross@northamptondiocese.org

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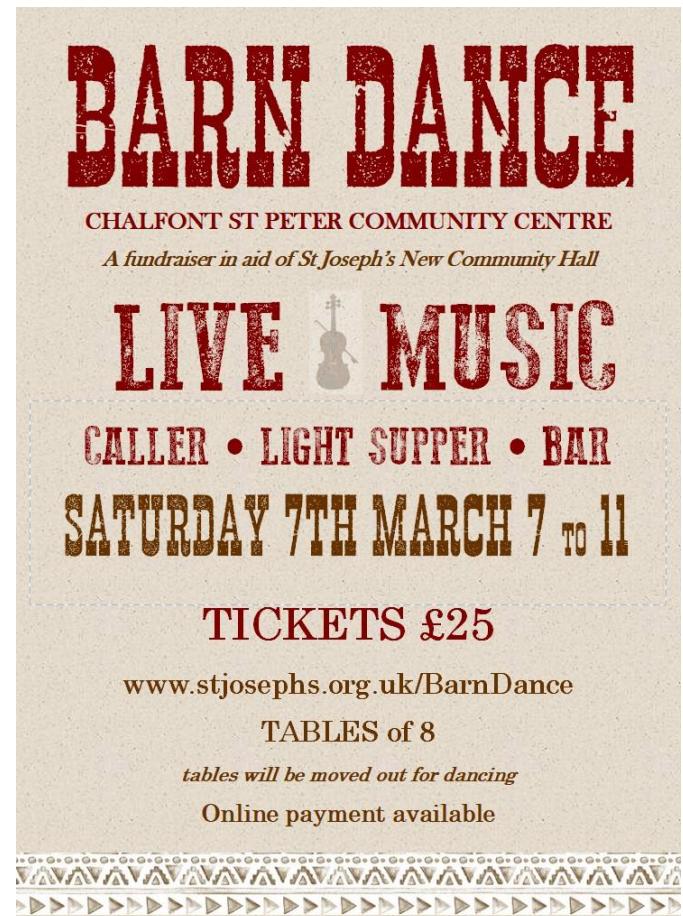
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BARN DANCE

CHALFONT ST PETER COMMUNITY CENTRE

A fundraiser in aid of St Joseph's New Community Hall

LIVE MUSIC

CALLER • LIGHT SUPPER • BAR

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 7 TO 11

TICKETS £25

www.stjosephs.org.uk/BarnDance

TABLES of 8

tables will be moved out for dancing

Online payment available

[Click here for more details and to book.](#)

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD – Thursday 5 February from 7pm to 8pm at St Joseph's School. Come and join us for a relaxed parent talk with **Andy Cockburn** from the Smartphone Free Childhood movement. We will discuss the impact of smartphones and how we can work together as a community to make a difference. It's an open, honest conversation in the digital age – everyone's welcome. The event is FREE but please [book a ticket using this website link](#).

SAFEGUARDING SURVEY FOR THE YOUTH: The diocesan safeguarding team is looking at how young people perceive safeguarding and how they receive information from a diocesan level. It wants to know how it can communicate better. [If you are aged 11 to 18, please take 5 minutes to answer a few questions.](#)

“On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ Himself.” (9)

“The poor are at the heart of the Church.” (111)
Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi Te (I have loved you)