

15 February 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4



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

This Sunday is the **DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED** in England and Wales. This observance focuses on praying for those seeking work, those unable to work due to illness, and for just economic policies.

The **XAVERIAN MISSIONARIES** will visit us this weekend to appeal on behalf of the [St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society](#). In the UK they are committed to walk with local faith communities as they strive to keep them are of, engaged with and connected to the missionary mandate of the Church. There will be a **second collection at all Masses** to support their work. You will find some pamphlets and gift aid envelopes in the church porch.



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.

18 February Ash Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY falls on **18 February** and is the first day of the season of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be Mass with distribution of ashes in St Joseph's Church at 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for February is **FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES** – Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

ROSARY CIRCLE FEBRUARY INTENTION: Our special intention this month is to pray for **all families in our parish**. The family stands at the very heart of Christian life; it is the cornerstone on which everything else is built. We pray that all our families may be strengthened in faith, united in love, and supported through every joy and challenge they face.

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**.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Peter Mercer** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Monday 2 March at 11:30am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

THROUGH LENT WITH ST MATTHEW: Journey through Lent this year with a special focus on the Gospel of St Matthew in line with the readings from the Lectionary. This retreat, [compiled by The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow](#), is about the invitation of Christ and choosing to follow him freely in his mission. A picture, reflection, prayer suggestion, scripture and music is available for each of 47 days – [accessible any time on/after the day](#). Join us for shared prayer on **weekdays throughout Lent** from 7:40am (for 7:45am start) to 8:15am on Zoom. [Contact Joanna Hale](#) if you'd like the link.

CROSSING BORDERS FOR PEACE: Meet Naomi Wayne of the [British Shalom-Salaam Trust](#) on **Saturday 21 February** from 11am to 12:30pm in the First Committee Room. She is a peace activist from a unique Jewish charity which supports grassroots projects across the whole of Israel-Palestine-Golan. Get up-to-date information on what is happening in Gaza, in the West Bank and in Israel – and share some hope for the future.

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 21 February** from 10:45am until 2:30pm at the Priory when we will spend time together in prayer and discussion.

DILEXI TE: An opportunity for parishioners to come together to study and discuss 'Dilexi Te', **Pope Leo's document on Love of the Poor**. This will take place on five consecutive Thursday evenings – **26 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March and 25 March** – at 7pm in the First Committee Room. **Scott Albrecht BA, MA Theol** has lived with destitute men, women and children for over 30 years. He will be helping to facilitate a study and discussion process, in which our relationship to the last, the lost and the least can grow and deepen.

The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is [global ecumenical movement](#), led by Christian women, that shares the hopes, concerns and prayers of women from around the globe. Each year, women from a different country craft a service, sharing their unique spiritual journey and culture. For 2026, the **women of Nigeria** have created a service that speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties. The theme is “**I will give you rest, come**”. Our parish is hosting the celebration with local churches on **Friday 6 March at 10:30am** in St Joseph’s Church. All are welcome, please join us if you can.

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

The Northampton **CHARISMATIC DIOCESAN SERVICES OF COMMUNION (CDSC)** invite parishioners to take part in “**Walking in the Holy Spirit (Fanning into Flames)**”. This four-part online series explores how the Holy Spirit shapes, strengthens and sends us out as disciples of Christ. Each Zoom session offers accessible teaching and practical encouragement to deepen our relationship with the Holy Spirit and grow in confidence in everyday Christian life. Sessions run from **7pm to 8:30pm on Tuesdays starting on 17 February**. All are welcome. [Click here for more details](#).

THE SYNOD AND WOMEN: Dr Phyllis Zagano, world expert on the role of women in the Catholic Church, will be joining the **National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW)** on **Thursday 26 February**, online at 6.30pm, for a conversation entitled “**The Synod and Women: Which Way to the Future?**” Dr Zagano joins the NBCW at the beginning of an exciting year of innovative engagement with Catholic women. [Click here for details](#).

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT – “JESUS – NO GREATER LOVE”: What is our relationship with Jesus, the source of eternal love? Morning retreat including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and an inspiring talk from **guest speaker Charles Whitehead KSG**, celebrated international renewal leader, speaker, and author. **Saturday 28 February** from 10am until 1pm on Zoom. [More information and sign-up link can be found here](#).

POPE LEO has issued ‘[Life in Abundance](#)’ on the value of sport, the most extensive papal document on sports.

MISSION CONFERENCE 2026: Mission Northampton warmly invites everyone across the diocese with a heart for sharing the Gospel to the Annual Mission Conference on **Saturday 14 March** from 10.30am to 4pm in Leighton Buzzard. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, be inspired, and learn more about mission work within our diocese. The conference is **free**, though small donations are very welcome. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there! [For more information visit the Mission Conference webpage](#).

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.

SVP COFFEE MORNING: Tuesday 17 February is Shrove Tuesday. No pancakes this year sadly, but we have the next best thing – the **St Vincent de Paul Society** will be serving tea, coffee and cakes in the **First Committee Room from 9:30am until 12 noon**. All are welcome, do come along and see this year’s fabulous selection of cakes.

CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT will host its **Wednesday Café on 18 February 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 Blackden on 07932 643949.

A **QUIZ NIGHT** has been organised for **Saturday 21 February** for the benefit of the New Hall. This will be at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. There are **still some places available** so why not put on your thinking caps and grab some friends to have a challenge and good fun! [Click here for details and to book](#). Thank you to the London Run Packers for organising this event.

There will be a **BARN DANCE** on **Saturday 7 March** at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun evening of dancing to live music with a caller. Bar opens at 7pm, light supper served at 7:30pm, followed by two sessions of dancing. Why not get a group of friends together and book at table? [Click here for details and to book](#). Proceeds in aid of New Hall.

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

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SAVE THE DATE

Soup Lunch on Tuesday 17 March.
St Joseph's Patronal Celebration on Sunday 22 March.
Details of both events to follow next week.

ST PATRICK'S DAY cards, rosettes and ribbons are now on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices. You can pay for these, or any other items on sale at the Bookshop/Repository, by putting your money in the box provided OR you can use the card machine by the door to pay using Apple Pay, Google Pay or debit/credit card. Simply press Tap to Donate and choose Repository.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues on Mondays throughout February. Please bring your contributions to the First Committee Room by 12 noon. **We are in urgent need of BOILED EGGS and TOILET ROLLS** and welcome any of the following – sandwiches (tuna, plain cheese, marmite), individual juice cartons, small chocolate biscuit bars, individually wrapped cakes, satsumas, bananas, crisps, green/UHT milk, coffee, sugar, peanut butter, jam, and tinned fish.
Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated by our beneficiaries.

WE CANNOT TAKE ANYTHING OTHER THAN FOOD at present due to limited space. Our new premises in Langley is eight times smaller than Dukes House.

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OFFERING ENVELOPES for the next twelve months are now

available for collection from the back of the church. Many thanks for your continued support of the parish using this scheme. Parishioners who wish to join the scheme may do so by completing a **Gift Aid Declaration Form** which is available from [the website](#), Parish Office or in the porch at the back of the church.

LOST CONTACT: We are trying to find a lady called **Mari Boynton** who lives (or used to live) in Chalfont St Giles. She went to Warwick University and had two children called **Hal** and **Jessica**. If you know the family, or where they are now, please [contact Joan](#) in the Parish Office.

NO FOOD OR STICKY DRINKS IN CHURCH: Help us to keep our church clean and looking beautiful. Please do not take food or sticky drinks into the church. Thank you.

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VACANCIES

The Diocese is recruiting **three PROPERTY AREA COORDINATORS**, responsible for the maintenance, compliance and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy and diocesan stakeholders. This is a **full time, 12-month fixed term contract**, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent. As each role covers a different part of the Diocese (Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, Luton) three area specific Job Descriptions are available, and candidates should review the one relevant to their preferred location. [Click here for more information about the positions and/or download an application form.](#) Closing date for applications is **Friday 7 March**. Interview dates to be confirmed in due course; however, we reserve the right to close the advert early should we receive a sufficient number of applications.

St John Henry Newman and St Augustine's Parishes in High Wycombe are recruiting for a **CLEANER**. The role is **2.5 hours per week at each parish**, cleaning the parish office and presbytery. There is the option for one person to work at both parishes. [Click here for more information about the position and/or download an application form.](#) Closing date for applications is **Friday 13 March**.

St John Henry Newman and St Augustine's Parishes in High Wycombe are recruiting for a **PARISH SECRETARY**. The role is to provide administrative support to **St John Henry Newman Parish 10 hours per week** (Tuesdays and Fridays) and **St Augustine's Parish 10 hours per week** (two additional days, to be agreed). There is the option for one person to undertake both roles. [Click here for more information about the position and/or download an application form.](#) Closing date for applications is **Friday 13 March**.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TEACHER AND EDUCATED TO DEGREE LEVEL? [St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust](#) (which includes St Joseph's Catholic Primary School) offer placements within our schools for you to fulfil your dream and train to teach. [Click here to find out more](#) and/or book a space at one of our Train to Teach Open Events – **Wednesday 25 February** at 4:15pm in High Wycombe or **Wednesday 11 March** at 4:15pm in Aylesbury.

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