



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

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

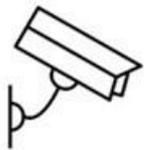
Fr Robert (Bob) Davies OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Jerome Ituah OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD (Retired),  
Fr John McGowan OCD, Fr Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Theophilus (Theo) Nyamali OCD and Fr Deepu Daniel OCD

**8 February 2026**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING:** This Sunday we are asked pray for the victims of trafficking and modern slavery. It coincides with the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese woman canonised by Pope St John Paul II in 2000. This day is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the conditions that make extreme exploitation endemic in our society, and the radical thinking and action demanded of us if we are to “break every yoke” of oppression (Isaiah 58:6).



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).

10 February	St Scholastica, Virgin – Memorial
11 February	Our Lady of Lourdes – Optional Memorial
14 February	Ss Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe – Feast

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.

**EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Our February talk was **Trauma and Healing - Learning from the Prophet Elijah** (1 Kings 19:1-18) and the speaker was Fr Jerome Ituah OCD. [Click here to watch a recording](#). For a list of forthcoming talks and links to recordings of previous sessions, please [visit the Emmaus webpage](#).

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** continues throughout February 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.

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

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK** takes place from 7 to 14 February. It is an annual celebration that supports and promotes marriage and family life. **Bishop Bosco MacDonald**, Lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life for the Bishops' Conference, has praised the “ordinary heroism of married love, and the strength of family life” in a [special message to mark Marriage Week](#). Some prayers, reflections and resources can be [found here](#).



This Sunday 8 February, there will be a **CHILDREN'S MASS** at 9am. Only the very youngest children will go out to hear the Gospel message at a level appropriate to their age. All the other children will stay in the church. The Mass will be all inclusive with as many as are able/wish to join in, having the opportunity to do so, whatever their age.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** is **Wednesday 11 February**, an observation started by St John Paul II to encourage us all to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. It coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day.

Hear our prayer, Oh God, and heal the many illnesses that afflict us in body, mind and soul. Bring comfort to those who suffer. Bring consolation to those who despair. Bring strength to those of us who walk with the sick. Bring hope to all for whom the path to healing is long or may not end. Let us never forget your special care for the sick, that they may also know they are precious and loved. *Amen.*

**JOURNEY WITH JESUS THROUGH LENT:** During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering the opportunity for online small group sessions once a week for **six weeks beginning 16 February**. During each small group session, facilitators will be using St Beuno's Outreach Prego resources, allowing you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. Within the session, there will also be time for silent reflection and sharing what spoke to you from Scripture. Sessions will be available on various days and times. [Watch the taster session video](#). For more details and to register [click here](#).

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.](#)

**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.

**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 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.](#)

**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.](#)

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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

**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.*

**TEA AND A CHAT:** Our fortnightly social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on Thursday 12 February 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.

**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.

**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 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.*

**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.**

**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.

**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.

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. 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.

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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.

**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.



**GIFT AID** enables the parish to increase your donations under the government's Gift Aid scheme. The government tops up your offering by 25p for every £1 at no extra cost to you, the giver.

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.

**GIFT AIDERS** Please collect your boxes of envelopes for the next twelve months from the back of the Church. Many thanks for your continued support of the Parish using this scheme.

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

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

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Tracey Winterson (£290) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Emma Lane (£145)        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Patti Garrett (£87)     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Peter Freeman (£58)     |

Congratulations to the winners. We are grateful to all members for their support of this 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.

**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.

***Next weekend there will be a second collection at all Masses for Xaverian Missionaries.***