



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

Our Journey Through



Acts of Kindness our parish-wide initiative to reflect the heart of Jesus through simple, everyday acts of kindness. As we follow the path from Ash Wednesday to Calvary,

we have a different theme each week; this week it is **Growing in Gratitude and Faith**. You'll find suggestions for Acts of Kindness, each with a bible reference and a short prayer, in the church and [on our website](#). We have set up a path in the alcove of the church to represent our parish journey. **People are invited to place a pebble on a stepping stone represent any act(s) that they have been able to do.** St Thérèse said "kindness is my only guiding star." Join us as we "walk the Lenten path with courage and tenderness", as Pope Leo urges us to do.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: Please read and keep the Easter booklet (available from the church porch) which gives times of all the services across the parishes in our Pastoral Area over Easter. This includes details of **St Joseph's on page 12, The Most Holy Name on page 13** and the **Bridgettine Convent on page 14**. *Please take one booklet per family/household.*



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.

25 March	Annunciation of the Lord – Solemnity
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OUT OF THE DEEP – Sunday 22 March at 6pm at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church. An hour of music and readings for Passion Sunday, directed by Dominic McGonigal and sung by the **St Giles Consort** run by parishioners Peter and Cathy Langdale. Includes choral works by Gibbons, Lassus, John Milton Snr, Taverner, Bruckner, Stainer and hymns for all to sing. Retiring collection in aid of music in the church.

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 concludes on **Thursday 26 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Winifred (Chris) Meyers** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Friday 27 March at 10:45am 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 **Patricia Fox** who died recently. **Funeral details to be confirmed**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

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

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH
Patron Saint of Our Parish
A Parish Celebration for All

SUNDAY, 22 MARCH 2026

Mass 11:00 AM
St Joseph's Priory

Parish Get-Together 12:00 NOON
St Joseph's Primary School Hall

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ST JOSEPH'S GOT TALENT
Talent Show Registration:
www.stjosephs.org.uk

An afternoon of faith, culture, and community – All Are Welcome!

All parishioners are invited to join us this Sunday. This special event is a wonderful opportunity to embrace the rich diversity of our parish, bringing together different cultures and nationalities. We look forward to celebrating together and making this a joyful occasion for all!

FOR SINGERS – 11AM MASS AND EASTER VIGIL

CHOIR: We are keen to recruit more singers to sing at the **11am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.** Rehearsals will take place on each Thursday evening immediately preceding those Sundays from 7:30pm to 9pm, usually in the church. We will also be rehearsing for the Easter Vigil Mass over the next few weeks. The aim is to build up a choir which can regularly sing in four-part harmony. If you would like to be involved in this valuable music ministry (whether for the 11am Mass, the Easter Vigil, or both), please contact our organist Patrick Martin via the Parish Office or directly by emailing patrick.martin@cantab.net. You do not need to be able to read music: enthusiasm and a commitment to attend regularly are far more important!

INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: ‘Walk with Christ’ next **Sunday 29 March** by taking a self-guided journey around our Interactive Stations of the Cross which will be outside on the grass (in the Hall if wet) **after 9am Mass until 5:30pm.** Follow the events of Jesus’ last day on earth, from His arrest to His crucifixion to being buried in the tomb. There are 14 stations depicting his final journey of love, all in a format that is easy to follow, offering simple meditations and actions that people of all ages can participate in. Parishioners are invited to come along at any time during the day and take a tour around the stations using the child/adult prayer leaflet provided.

‘COME BACK TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART’ and go to confession in preparation for Easter. Lent Services of Reconciliation across our Pastoral Area are:

- **Monday 23 March** at 7pm at [St Aidan’s](#), Little Chalfont
- **Monday 30 March** at 7:30pm at [Immaculate Heart of Mary](#), Great Missenden
- **Tuesday 31 March** at 7pm at [St Augustine’s](#), High Wycombe
- **Tuesday 31 March** at 7:30pm at [St Teresa’s](#), Beaconsfield

“With God, nothing is impossible; life triumphs over death and grace over sin: let us live the Sacrament of Reconciliation intensely so that our relationship with Him may be alive beyond our betrayals.” Pope Leo XIV

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: There will be **NO TALK IN APRIL** as it is Holy Week. For a list of forthcoming talks and links to recordings of previous sessions, please [visit the Emmaus webpage](#).

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*There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for **EASTER FLOWERS**. Your generous contributions, together with the work of our flower ladies, always ensure our churches look lovely.*

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Final Week – No Devotions During Holy Week

ADORATION: Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration draws us closer to Jesus and helps us deepen our faith. This Lent you are invited to spend some time resting and praying in the presence of the Lord on **Mondays from 6:30pm to 7pm** in St Joseph’s Church and on **Thursdays after the 9am Mass until 10am.**

ROSARY CIRCLE: We are called to be more fervent in prayer during Lent. The Rosary is the perfect prayer to pray communally for the needs and intentions of our parish and the wider world, especially at this time. You are invited to join our parish Rosary Circle this Lent. **Pray with us via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30pm** ([contact Christine Cornwell](#) for Zoom joining details) and/or **join us in person in The Oratory on Thursdays at 7:30pm.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During the season of Lent, we take a journey with Jesus. The Stations of the Cross follow His path from the time He was condemned to His burial in the tomb. It is a way to pray and meditate on His sacrifice for us and it helps us examine our life in light of the cross. Journey together with us throughout Lent on **Tuesdays and Fridays after the 9am Mass** in St Joseph’s Church.

EASTER CONFESSIONS: You are invited to experience the gift of God’s mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Saturdays 21 and 28 March from 10:30am to 11am.** If you are nervous about coming to confession or if it has been a long time since your last confession, please be reassured that what awaits you is the joy and peace of God’s loving mercy.



Our next **BAPTISM COURSE** will take place on **Sundays 12, 19 and 26 April.** 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](#).

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The **CHRISM MASS** will take place on **Wednesday 1 April** at **Northampton Cathedral**. It will begin at **12 noon** and will be followed by lunch in the St Thomas Centre. This beautiful and solemn celebration brings together clergy and laity from across the diocese. The sacred oils to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments in our parishes throughout the year ahead will be blessed and our priests will renew their vows. It is a powerful moment of unity, prayer and thanksgiving for our Church. You are invited to be part of this special occasion as we prepare our hearts for the Easter Triduum.

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for **MARCH** is **FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE** – Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

ROSARY CIRCLE MARCH INTENTION: Lent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord at the Resurrection. During this period our Rosary intention is to **pray especially for those in our parishes who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter Time**. We pray that their journey in faith will be a joyful time enriched by the support of prayer in our parish community.

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 26 March** 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.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues on **Mondays throughout March**. 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.

NB: We cannot take anything else other than food donations at present due to limited space.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated by our beneficiaries.

There will be NO REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9am or 11am MASSES this Sunday 22 March.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET is open on **Saturday mornings from 9am until 12:30pm**. Please arrive by 12 noon to view, buy or donate. Payment by cash or card. We can deliver items locally for a small charge.

You can contact us at this **email address:**
stjosephsfurnituremarket@gmail.com

You can also **Follow us on Facebook** at:
www.facebook.com/groups/150493297972

If you have furniture to donate, please bring it, or at least a photograph, to the market on a Saturday morning. You can also make contact with us by email – let us know what you have to donate (include a picture if you have one) and we will get back to you. We can collect from Gerrards Cross, Chalfont St Peter and Chalfont St Giles subject to volunteer availability.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: The last newsletter before Easter will be next **Sunday 29 March** – deadline for content is lunchtime on Thursday 26 March. The next one thereafter will be **Sunday 19 April**; any articles to be included that week should be sent to the [Parish Office](#) by lunchtime on Thursday 16 April.

A selection of **EASTER CARDS** is now on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices. You can pay cash using the box provided OR use the machine by the door.



THANK YOU to everyone joined us for the Soup Lunch on St Patrick's Day. It was a wonderful gathering, with a great atmosphere in the First Committee Room. **£1,095** was raised for the New Hall. Special thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who made and served the delicious soups enjoyed by our guests.

We are grateful to all who responded to the **NEW HALL GIVING SUNDAY APPEAL** by returning the Giving Envelope or by direct donation to the New Hall account. In the second week of returns we can report that, so far, over **£27,000** has been donated and we look forward to further support for this vital parish project.



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