

29 March 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2



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

🕒 **Clocks go forward 1 hour** 🕒
at 1am on Palm Sunday 29th March

Our Journey Through



Acts of Kindness, our parish-wide initiative to reflect the heart of Jesus through simple, everyday acts of kindness **concludes this weekend** as we reach Holy Week.

Don't forget to place a pebble on the church display to represent all kindness you've shown to others this Lent. May our efforts to actively choose kindness over the past five weeks transform our lives so that we embrace what St Thérèse said "kindness is my only guiding star."

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Easter is the highlight of the Church's year when we recall and represent the great mysteries of the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. This Holy Week, let our participation in the Easter Services be an expression of our commitment as disciples of Jesus in the modern world. Together let us listen again to the story of how one man's love and fidelity to the truth changed the world and continues to change millions of lives today. Let us see how his cross and resurrection are well-springs of hope for all humanity and speak to every life in need of hope and healing.

We very much look forward to celebrating these special liturgies with full congregations. Please do join us if you are able to, you will be warmly welcomed.

[CLICK HERE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES](#) across the ten parishes in our Pastoral Area. The booklet has details of St Joseph's on page 12, The Most Holy Name on page 13 and the Bridgettine Convent on page 14. Our Mass schedule returns to normal as from Monday 13 April.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED FOR FLOOR POLISHING FROM 11AM ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL UNTIL 5PM ON THURSDAY 2 APRIL.

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



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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Daphne Westlake** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Tuesday 14 April at 11am 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. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 16 April 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 **Tommy Glynn** who died recently. May he rest in peace. **Funeral details to be confirmed**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 'Walk with Christ' this 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.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: There will be **NO TALK ON 1 APRIL** as it is Holy Week. For a list of forthcoming talks and links to recordings of previous sessions, please [visit the Emmaus webpage](#).

EASTER CONFESSIONS: You are invited to experience the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Saturdays 28 March and 4 April 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.

'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 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

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. [Watch online here](#).

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Good Friday is the day when Jesus died on the cross for us. Join the Children's Choir on **Friday 3 April** at **11am** as they follow Jesus on the road to Calvary.



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](#).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION resumes as from **13 April** on **Monday evenings** from **6:30pm to 7pm** in St Joseph's Church and on **Thursday mornings** after the **9am Mass until 10am**.

ROSARY CIRCLE resumes its normal schedule as from **14 April**; online via Zoom on Tuesdays and in person in the Oratory on Thursdays. Both at 7:30pm.

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DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (**12 April** this year). It is an occasion for us to remember the tremendous love and mercy that Jesus Christ has for us. The message of Divine Mercy was given by Jesus to St Faustina. She was one of ten children in a poor family. She joined the

Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and experienced several visions of Jesus. She is known for her diary and for promoting devotion to Jesus as the King of Mercy which is particularly done by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

We shall be celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy at St Joseph's on **Sunday 12 April** with **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from **2:30pm to 3:30pm**, during which we shall pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**.

In preparation for the Feast, you are invited to **pray the Divine Mercy Novena** which runs from **Good Friday 3 April to Saturday 11 April**, the day before the Feast. [Please click here to read/download the Novena](#) or pick up a paper copy from the church porch.

"On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls, no-one have I excluded". Diary 1182



YOUTH MASS (age 11 upwards)

Sunday 19 April at 11am

Teenagers 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.**

FOR SINGERS – 11AM MASS 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. 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, 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!

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for **APRIL** is **FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS** – Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

ROSARY CIRCLE APRIL INTENTION: We pray especially this month for the children who are making their **First Holy Communion** in early May. May this time of preparation be fruitful and joyful and may they experience the love of Jesus as they receive Him in this sacrament for the first time.

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

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.

A selection of **EASTER CARDS** is now on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices. You can pay for these, or any other items on sale at the Bookshop or 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.

EASTER COLLECTIONS

The **GOOD FRIDAY** collection is for the Holy Places of **Palestine**. This is an annual collection to support Christians in the Holy Land and the Church's mission to care for the places linked to Jesus' earthly life.

The **EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY** collections are for the **Carmelite Community, the priests who serve our parish**. If you want to give on the day with a Debit/Credit Card or use Google/Apple Pay, you can use the machine by the door; choose Offertory. If you wish to make your Easter Offering via cheque then please make it payable to "Disalced Carmelites UK CIO (GX)" and mark it 'Easter Offering' on the reverse. If you normally use offertory envelopes then you will find an **EASTER** one in your box. If you wish to make an offering but are not at church in person over Easter then you can either post it to the Parish Office or drop it through the Priory letterbox; make sure its marked 'Easter Offering'.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER will take place **this Monday 30 March at 10am**. If you can spare an hour or so to help our volunteer Cleaning Team prepare the church, they would be delighted to see you – many hands make light work!

TEA AND CHAT will take a break over the Easter period. Our next get-together will take place on **Thursday 23 April** from 2pm to 4pm in the First Committee Room at St Joseph's Priory. We look forward to seeing you then.

CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT will host its **Wednesday Café on 1 April in the First Committee Room and on 15 April in Chalfont St Peter Church Hall** (Church Lane). Both sessions are 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.



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There will be NO REFRESHMENTS after 9am or 11am Masses ON EASTER SUNDAY 5 April.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues on Mondays throughout April (including the Bank Holiday). 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.

Our February/March 2026 Newsletter is now [available online here](#) or pick up a copy from the church porch.

The **PARISH OFFICE** will close as from Maundy Thursday 2 April and it will not re-open until Monday 13 April at 9am. If you need a priest during this time, please call 01753 886581 and follow the message prompt. The **PRIORY** will also be **CLOSED** during this time, except for some pre-booked activities such as the London Run.

The **NEXT PARISH NEWSLETTER** will be published on **Sunday 26 April**. If you have articles to be included that week please [email them to our Pastoral Co-ordinator](#) by lunchtime on Thursday 23 April.



The Furniture Market is open from 9am until 12:30pm every Saturday, including over the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend. Please arrive by 12 noon to view, buy or donate. Payment by cash or card. Contact us by email at stjosephsfurnituremarket@gmail.com.

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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 third week of returns we can report that, so far, £28,293 has been donated and we look forward to further support for this vital parish project.

CLOSE CHURCH DOORS: Please help keep the building warm and costs down by closing the door behind you when you enter or leave the church. Thank you.

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who joined us in celebrating the Feast of St Joseph. Your presence made this celebration truly special, and we are so thankful for the vibrant community we have here at St Joseph's.

A special thank you to those who shared food from different parts of the world. Your contributions were a beautiful reflection of the diverse cultures that make up our parish family. It was truly a feast for the senses, and we appreciate the effort and love that went into every dish.

We also want to thank everyone who participated in the talent show. Your performances added so much joy to the day and showcased the incredible talents within our community. And to those who organised the events of the day, assisted with the set-up and stayed behind to help with the clean-up – your efforts were greatly appreciated and helped ensure the event was a smooth success. A special thanks to Doreen and Preethi for all of the wonderful gift baskets.

Last but not the least a special thanks to Fr Jerome for initiating and leading us to organise this event.

It was a joy to see our parish come together in such a meaningful way. Thank you all for making this year's St Joseph's Feast one to remember.

with sincere appreciation
Organising Committee, St Joseph's Parish

"True reverence for the Lord's passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognizing in him our own humanity."

Pope St Leo the Great.