

8 March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



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

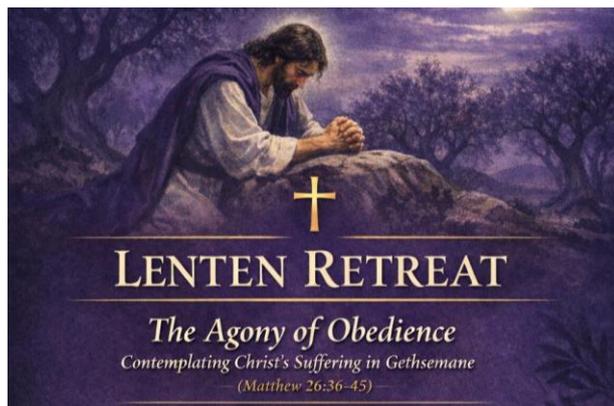


Acts of Kindness our parish-wide initiative to reflect the heart of Jesus through simple, everyday acts of kindness. As we follow the path from Ash Wednesday to Calvary,

we have a different theme each week; this week it is **Loving Our Neighbours**. 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.



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).



**LENTEN RETREAT: Saturday 14 March** in St Joseph's Church. Led by Fr Jerome, the theme is 'The Agony of Obedience: Contemplating Christ's Suffering in Gethsemane'. It starts with Holy Mass at 10am, followed by a Lenten Reflection and time for silent prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our parish **Lent Service of Reconciliation, with individual confessions, takes place at 12 noon**. Lent is a time to deepen our faith, reconnect with God, and prepare for Easter, so why not take this opportunity to spend some time in prayer and reflection away from the distractions of daily life.

**CAFOD**

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**LENT APPEAL:** This Lent, you can help families grow enough food to eat. When crops fail, families go hungry because the land they depend on can no longer sustain them. Too much rain. Too little rain. Nothing can grow. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens in Bangladesh and South Sudan or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought in places like Zimbabwe. [Click here to watch our Lent Appeal video](#). **This weekend there will be an appeal and second collection at all Masses on behalf of CAFOD.** If you are a tax payer, please use one of the envelopes you'll find at the back of church for your donation so that the gift aid can be claimed. Alternatively, you can make an online donation at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. **Let's make an act of kindness and show love to our neighbours** by giving generously so another family can put food on the table.

This Sunday we celebrate **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**. We ask the Lord to bless all women, so that their important role in our society be recognised and rewarded. We pray particularly for mothers who daily strive to nurture their children and bring peace to their families, their homes and their communities.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Sr Halloge from the Holy Cross Convent** who died recently. May she rest in peace. **Funeral details to be confirmed**. We extend our sympathy to all her family, friends and the Holy Cross Sisters.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Winifred 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.

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

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

**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.

**EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Our March was **Spiritual Warfare - The Battle You Can't See But Must Fight** (Ephesians 6:10-18) and the speaker was **Dr Maria Heath**. [Click here to watch a recording](#). For a list of forthcoming talks and links to recordings of previous sessions, please [visit the Emmaus webpage](#).

**FOR READERS** – All those who read at The Most Holy Name and St Joseph's Churches are asked to **join Fr John** for an afternoon of **REFLECTION AND TRAINING** **this Sunday 8 March** from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the First Committee Room.

**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 continues during Lent on Thursday evenings – **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.

### 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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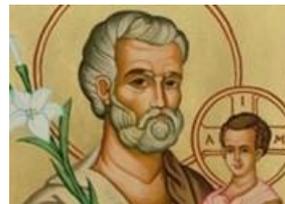


**DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK** runs annually from **12-19 March** with the aim to raise awareness and a deeper understanding of the spiritual needs of people living with dementia. We pray for all those experiencing dementia and those who care for them. May the peace of Christ be with those who have a diagnosis and their loved ones, providing strength and resilience, and may the Holy Spirit bless and protect them on their difficult journeys.



**YOUTH MASS** (age 11 upwards) **Sunday 15 March 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.**

**MUSIC PRACTICE** for the next Youth Mass will be on **Thursday 12 March** at 7pm in the Priory with Fr Theo. We invite anyone interested to come and join us.



**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH:** **Thursday 19 March** is the feast of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Protector of the Discalced Carmelite Order and Patron of our Parish. There will be **Mass at 7am** in the Oratory and **at 9am** in St Joseph's Church. Our **parish celebration will take place on Sunday 22 March** (details overleaf).

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 12 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.



Come and join us in the First Committee Room on **Tuesday 17 March** for a soup lunch to mark St Patrick's Day. We will be serving home-made soup from **12 noon to 2pm**. No

need to book, just turn up. £10 per person (cash and card accepted). There will also be a raffle. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to the New Hall.



We invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating the [Feast of St Joseph](#) on **Sunday 22 March**. The celebration will begin with 11am Mass, followed by a get-together in the School Hall from 12 noon. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of fun and community, celebrating the diverse international cultures within our parish.

There will be food to share, great raffle prizes to be won, and a showcase of talents at the St Joseph's Got Talent show. If you wish to participate in the talent show, please [click here to register](#). Note that we have a maximum of 10-15 entries due to time constraints, so register quickly.

If you plan to bring food, kindly inform the organising team via WhatsApp or text. However, please do not feel obligated to bring food if you can't. Contact Karolina on 07731 943197 or Shailesh on 07510 684039. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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.*

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

The **February draw** was held at the end of the month. The lucky winners of the prize-fund are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aimee Nagle (£290)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Teresa Bradley (£145)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Rayner (£87)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Coleman (£58)

The club continues to grow and memberships are still available for the rest of the year. Please contact Alastair at [200club@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:200club@stjosephs.org.uk) to join, or pick up a form from the church porch. Proceeds from the club are urgently needed to continue to support the administrative costs of the new Parish Community Hall project.

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 you can pay by Google/Apple Pay or Debit/Credit Card using the machine by the door.

**St John Henry Newman and St Augustine's Parishes** in High Wycombe are **recruiting for two positions** in each parish – a **PARISH SECRETARY** and a **CLEANER**. There is the option for one person to undertake the respective role at both parishes. [Click here for details of the Parish Secretary Role](#). [Click here for details of the Cleaner role](#). Closing date for applications is **Friday 13 March**.

**FOR CASHIERS** – A copy of the **2026 Cashiers Rota** was sent to all cashiers using the email addresses on record at the start of the year. If you are a cashier and have not received this important communication, please [contact Anne at the Parish Office](#). A paper copy can be found in the drawer under the Coin Counting Machine.

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