

10 May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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PROVINCIAL CHAPTER: Every three years, a delegation of the Carmelite friars in our province gather together to reflect on the life and mission of our Order in England and Ireland. Usually, at the end of that reflection, decisions are made that determine the mission focus of the Order for the next three years. One such decision is the reconstitution of the members of our communities. The delegates, which include Fr Bob and Fr Jerome representing the Gerrards Cross Community, are currently in Derry for that meeting. During this time, let us all join in prayer for the friars – that the Holy Spirit will inspire them and guide them to make the right decisions that will lead to the continued sustenance of the Discalced Carmelite Order in England and Ireland.



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.

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE DIOCESAN BISHOP'S FUND** at all Masses this weekend. This financial support for Bishop's House helps to meet the costs of the central administration of the diocese. It also enables the Bishop to support the life and ministry of parishes, schools and chaplaincies across the diocese, especially those that are disadvantaged.

13 May	Our Lady of Fatima – Optional Memorial
14 May	The Ascension of the Lord – Solemnity
16 May	St Simon Stock, Carmelite – Feast

THURSDAY 14 MAY is the **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass in the Oratory at 7am and in St Joseph's Church at 9am and at 7:30pm.

PENTECOST NOVENA: The novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas, since it was Jesus himself who sent his apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. We are all encouraged to join the nine days of prayer in preparation for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our world. The novena **starts** on **Friday 15 May** and **ends** on the eve of Pentecost, **Saturday 23 May**. Pick up a prayer card from the church porch or [click here](#) for the novena prayer and daily intentions.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Teresa Charmant** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Tuesday 12 May 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 **Molly Bohan** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Wednesday 20 May at 11:45am 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 **Anne Murphy-O'Connor** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 21 May at 11am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our May talk held last Wednesday at St Aidan's was **Gratitude and Contentment - The Secret of a Thankful Heart** (1 Thessalonians 5:12-22) and the speaker was **Mgr Seán Healy**. [Click here to watch a recording](#). For a list of forthcoming talks and links to recordings of previous sessions, please [visit the Emmaus webpage](#).

MAY IS KNOWN AS "MARY'S MONTH", a special time of the year when devotions are performed in honour of Our Lady. Our parish **ROSARY CIRCLE** meets twice a week to pray for peace in the world and the needs of our parish. Join us via Zoom on **Tuesdays at 7:30pm** ([contact Christine Cornwell](#) for Zoom details) or in person in The Oratory on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**. Everyone is most welcome.

ROSARY CIRCLE PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: We pray for the Carmelite Chapter taking place in Ireland. We pray that this will be a time of fellowship and prayer for the Community and that the Holy Spirit will guide their discussions as they discern their vocation for the greater good of the Carmelite Community and those that they serve.

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for **MAY** is **THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD** – Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION continues throughout May 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.

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



Next **Sunday 17 May**, 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.

PATMOS PILGRIMAGE – 2 SPACES AVAILABLE: JC Journeys are organising a pilgrimage to Patmos, led by Fr Jerome. Known as the site where St John the Theologian received the Book of Revelation, Patmos is a place where faith and history intertwine. Dates are **Monday 1 June to Sunday 7 June 2026**. The cost is £1,595 (based on two people sharing). [See the poster](#) for more details. You'll find the [booking form here](#). For more information, speak to Fr Jerome or contact JC Journeys by phone on 01886 812862 or via email at enquiries@jcjourneys.com.

CALLED & EQUIPPED is our diocesan year-long discipleship programme, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and the opportunity to journey in faith with a like-minded community. This programme is suitable for anyone active in parish life, coming into ministry or seeking to deepen their faith. Could this be for you, or do you know someone who would benefit from it? [Watch our promotion video](#) to give you a taste of what our Called & Equipped discipleship course is all about. [Click here for more information](#).

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.

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

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath: Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm, Sunday at 9am

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YOUTH MASS (age 11 upwards) **Sunday 17 May 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.



D-SUMMER is a weekend residential for young people in school years 7–13, taking place 17 to 19 July at Buckden Towers (St Neots). This year's theme is **Courage**, an opportunity for young people to explore what it means to live boldly in their faith and grow as disciples of Jesus. It promises to be an unforgettable weekend filled with inspiring talks, worship, fun activities, and time to build strong friendships, all in a supportive and faith-filled environment. The cost of the weekend is £96. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. The **deadline for registration is 22 June**. For more information [click here](#) or speak to Fr Jerome.

EASY EVANGELISATION: www.lsltrue.net is a new website designed to encourage people to consider joining the Catholic faith. Please consider sharing it with family and friends.

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

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

TEA AND A CHAT: Our fortnightly social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 14 May** 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.



Chalfont Dementia Support

DEMENTIA AWARENESS TALK

Do you want to know more about memory loss and dementia?

Are you caring for someone living with dementia?

Venue: Garden Room at the Memorial Centre in East Common, Gerrards Cross (SL9 7AD)

Date and Time: **Friday 15 May** from 7pm to 8pm
Come along for the talk by Sally Blackden who is a specialist in supporting those living with dementia. There will be a Q&A session. No charge for attending.

A **MUSIC CAFÉ** with talented pianist **Andrew Gallacher** will take place this **Sunday 10 May** at 2pm in St Teresa's Church in Beaconsfield (HP9 2PL). Join us for a musical delight including music from Chopin, Schubert and Poulenc. Tickets are **£12** which includes tea, coffee and a selection of cakes and nibbles. All funds raised in aid of St Teresa's Church Centenary Building Renovation Fund.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and **CONFIRMATION** cards, mementos and souvenirs are now available from the Repository at the back of the church. Pay by cash using the box provided OR you can pay by Google/Apple Pay or Debit/Credit Card using the machine by the door.

Next Sunday is World Communications Day and there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Catholic Communications Network.

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



SAVE THE DATE: Walk or Run 5K with us on Sunday 5 July to help us raise funds. The Dawn Walk starts at 9am at Harmondsworth Moor (UB7 0AP). Your participation can make a real difference in the lives of the homeless and local people/families in need.

A **NEW HALL UPDATE** was sent to parishioners this week outlining the progress made, the overall current situation and the challenges we face going forward. A **project video** has been created – [click here to take a look](#). We need volunteers to help us remove all of the **garage contents** so as to be ready for the demolition of these buildings. Please [get in touch with the Project Team](#) if you can help.

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Forthcoming New Hall Fundraisers
Sunday 5 July – 7pm to 9pm
Choral Evening in St Joseph's Church

Saturday 18 July – 7pm to 9pm
Wine & Cheese Evening

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 45 COMMUNICANTS who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. Please pray for them, that they may develop a true love for the Eucharist and stay with us as regular members of our church congregation.

THANK YOU to everyone involved in preparing the children for this important milestone in their spiritual life and supporting their families throughout the programme. Special thanks to those who helped out in any way on the celebration day and to those who worked behind the scenes to prepare the church for this special parish occasion. May God bless you all.