

17 May 2026

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton  
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This Sunday is **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**. It was established by Pope Paul VI to encourage us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication afford the Church to communicate the gospel message. This year's theme is 'Preserving Human Voices and Faces'. In [Pope Leo's message](#), he highlights the importance of ensuring that technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, serves the human person rather than replacing or diminishing human dignity. Face and voice are unique traits of every person and form the foundation of human identity and relationships. Human beings, the Pope recalls, are created in the image and likeness of God and called into relationship through the Word. Preserving human faces and voices, therefore, means preserving the divine imprint present in each person and upholding the irreplaceable vocation of every human life.

Today we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication – through websites, publications and social media channels. The **second collection at all Masses this weekend** supports the work of the Communications Directorate of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.



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).

24 May	Pentecost – Solemnity
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**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 **which started on Friday 15 May continues until 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.

*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.*



This 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.



**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.**

### RECENTLY DECEASED

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.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Bridgid McCarthy** who died recently. May she rest in peace. **Funeral details to be confirmed**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

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.

**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** 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.

**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.

**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@jcyjournays.com](mailto:enquiries@jcyjournays.com).

**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THE BIBLE:** Hosted by Caritas ([CSAN](#)) Domestic Abuse Alliance. What does a biblical understanding of violence against women look like? And how might this understanding inform our responses as catholic communities to violence against women in our churches and in wider society? Join us via Zoom on **Tuesday 26 May from 10am until 12 noon** to hear from our panel of theologians and practitioners, and to discuss next steps for our communities in addressing violence against women. [Click here to register](#).

**LET'S TALK ABOUT STUDY GROUP 5:** Join the National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW) on **Wednesday 10 June from 7pm to 8pm** as they reflect on and explore the recently published report of **Study Group 5: On Women's Participation in the Life and Leadership of the Church**. This is a great opportunity to informally break open the most recent Vatican report on the position of women in the Catholic Church. We have a panel of experts led by Helen Burgess who will share their perspectives and answer questions. Do join us via Zoom for an inspiring and illuminating evening. No question too small! [Click here to register](#).

**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](#).

**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.



### 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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**Rosary:** Tuesday at 7:30pm via Zoom and Thursday at 7:30pm in the Oratory

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**EXAM SEASON:** We think of and pray for all our young parishioners who are sitting exams at this time. May God grant each student confidence, peace and perseverance and a sound mind as they sit their examinations.

### Short Prayer Before an Exam

Lord, as I take this exam, I ask for Your peace and clarity of mind. Calm my nerves, help me to focus, and guide my memory to recall what I have studied. Give me the wisdom to understand the questions and the ability to express my answers clearly. I trust in You. Amen.

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

**CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT** will host its **Wednesday Café on 20 May in Chalfont St Peter Church Hall (Church Lane) 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.



Come along to the **Furniture Market between 9am and 12:30pm next Saturday 23 May** where there will be a selection of perennial plants on sale.

**NEW HALL:** [Visit our webpage](#) for latest updates. [Click here to watch our project video.](#) 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.

**SAVE  
the  
DATE**

**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

**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.

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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.*

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\*DOGS WELCOME\*  
\*FREE PARKING\*

Walk or Run 5K with us on Sunday 5 July to help us raise funds. Your participation can make a real difference in the lives of the homeless and local people in need.

*'We need faces and voices to speak for people again. We need to cherish the gift of communication as the deepest truth of humanity, to which all technological innovation should also be oriented.'*  
*Pope Leo Message for World Communications Day*