

24 May 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4



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

Following the Provincial Chapter, appointments to our parish have now been confirmed. The Community serving St Joseph's will be similar to what we have in place today. Fr Bob stays here as Prior and Parish Priest, along with Fr Theo, Fr Deepu and Fr Martin. Fr Jerome and Fr John have been assigned to Kensington so will be moving to London in due course. Fr Tony Parsons will return to the Gerrards Cross Community as Sub-Prior. We will also be joined by Fr Emmanuel Omaba who was ordained in April. Fr Maurice, although retired and now living in London, remains very much part of our Community. Please keep us all in your prayers as we navigate this transition.



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).

25 May	Mary, Mother of the Church – Memorial
26 May	St Philip Neri, Priest – Memorial
27 May	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop – Feast

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



The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is closing the Gerrards Cross Section after serving in the parish for 68 years. We are unable to run a viable section with only six members.

The CWL is an organisation of Catholic women with links to many other countries. Our motto is Charity, Work and Loyalty and we work to support our parishes, our dioceses and our country.

We were co-founders of CAFOD and are members of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations. Being a member of a Catholic women's organisation gives us a voice and opportunities to contribute to a wider society.

If there are any younger ladies who are interested in opening a new section, we would be pleased to offer our help and any further information on how the League works. Please get in touch via the Parish Office.

**BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIMES:** Monday 25 May is a bank holiday. There will only be one morning Mass at 10am in St Joseph's Church.

**CHANGE TO MASS TIMES:** On Thursday 28 May there will only be one morning Mass at 7am in The Oratory. There will be no 9am Mass or Adoration.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Bridgid (Breda) McCarthy** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Friday 29 May at 11am in The Most Holy Name Church**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Maria Rodrigues** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Friday 29 May at 1pm in Greenacres Chiltern Memorial Park**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Peter Lawton** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Tuesday 2 June at 11am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

**EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 3 June at 7:30pm** in St Aidan's Church in Little Chalfont (HP7 9NE). The topic is **Scripture Based Prayer: Praying as Jesus Taught Us** (Matthew 6:9) and the speaker is **Deacon Peter Collins**. I will examine Jesus' teachings on how to pray, the roots and sources of his prayer life and our need for prayer. *Deacon Peter was ordained in 2017, after his formation at Wonnersh Seminary by tutors from St Mary's University. His ordination followed after a career working in the paint industry as a formulation scientist and technologist. He has a bachelor's degree in chemistry and is now a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry. He is married to Michelle, and they are blest with 5 children and 9 grandchildren.*

You can attend in person or [watch live via our YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...), see [www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus) for more details as well as links to recordings of previous talks.

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.



**CARMELITES ON CHANNEL 5 TV:** Our community of Carmelite friars at Boars Hill has been the subject

of a new documentary series for Channel 5. The programme, called **Trading Places**, follows three young men as they spend a week living alongside us, sharing in our daily life of prayer, silence, community and work. It was filmed at the Priory in October 2025, and we are delighted to tell you that it will air on **Channel 5 on Sunday 24 May at 9pm**. Watch the programme if you can and if it moves you, share the news with your family, friends and communities.

**11AM MASS CHOIR – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

New members are welcome to join the 11am Mass Choir. We usually sing on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at the 11am Mass, with a choir practice in the church on the Thursday evening before (7:30pm to 9:00pm). We aim to sing in harmony, but you don't need to read music as you can learn your part alongside other singers in the rehearsals. If you are interested, please come and speak to Patrick Martin (organist) after the 11am Mass.

**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](mailto:enquiries@jcjourneys.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.



**MANY THANKS** to everyone who supported our Youth Group Cake Sale last Sunday – those who bought our delicious treats as well as those who baked and/or donated cakes. The funds raised will be used to help teens from our parish attend the D-SUMMER youth event; to buy tickets and help with transport costs to Buckden Towers.

**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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**DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES:** Northampton Cathedral will host the annual Mass for Marriages and Families on **Saturday 5 September at 12 noon**. All are welcome, and as usual we are looking forward to welcoming couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. More details to follow.

**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.

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.

**FAITH ART PRIZE 2026:** Artists of all background are invited to submit work to **The Faith Art Prize**, where they could share in a total prize fund of £30,000. This international competition, formerly known as the **Laudamus Award**, explores faith, devotion and spirituality. The **deadline is 5pm on 1st October**, and the entry fee is £15 for one piece of work, £25 for two, or £35 for three. Up to 100 shortlisted works will be exhibited at Westminster Cathedral in London from 9 to 13 November. [Click here to find out more and to enter.](#)

**TEA AND A CHAT:** Our fortnightly social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 28 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.

**MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING:** To raise money for the new Community Hall, there will be an evening of choral music in St Joseph's Church on **Sunday 5 July starting at 7pm**. Come and enjoy a selection of choral classics, some with orchestral accompaniment, performed by singers and musicians from within and outside the parish. Please save the date and look out for further details (including how to book your tickets) in next week's newsletter. If there any experienced players of orchestral instruments within the parish that may be interested in taking part, we don't want to overlook you! Please contact Patrick Martin on 07974 976974.

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**ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET** is open on **Saturday mornings from 9am until 12:30pm** in the building behind the Parish Centre/Hall. Furniture donated to the Market is sold and the proceeds are distributed to local charities. The funds donated to St Joseph's are a very important part of our parish finances. 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](mailto:stjosephsfurnituremarket@gmail.com)

You can also **Follow us on Facebook** at:

[www.facebook.com/groups/150493297972](http://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.



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

**CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK** runs from **24 to 30 May**. It is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as [CAFOD](http://cafod.org.uk) celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about by visiting us at [cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek](http://cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek).



## ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2025/2026

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anne Jacobson (£292.50)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Bankhead (£146.25)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Brumby (£87.75)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Patrick Howe (£58.50)

The **May draw** was held this week. The lucky winners of the prize-fund are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Gardiner (£292.50)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Cornwell (£146.25)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Daphne Westlake RIP (£87.75)
- 4<sup>th</sup> David Parkhouse (£58.50)

The **final draw of the year will take place in June** and the New Year for 2026/7 will start again in July. Further details on how to renew or join the 200 Club will be sent out in due course. Please contact Alastair at [200club@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:200club@stjosephs.org.uk) if you have any questions.

**MUSIC CAFÉ:** St Teresa's Beaconsfield (HP9 2PL) invites you to an **organ recital by Oliver Roberts at 2pm on Saturday 6 June**. Tickets are £12 payable at the door (cash and card accepted) and includes nibbles and refreshments after the recital. Please come early to be seated by 2pm. All welcome! All funds raised in aid of St Teresa's Church Centenary Building Renovation Fund.

**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  
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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

*“May the strong wind of the Spirit come upon us and within us, open the borders of our hearts, grant us the grace of encounter with God, enlarge the horizons of our love and sustain our efforts to build a world in which peace reigns.”*

*Pope Leo XIV*

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**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.

**THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN** continues this Bank Holiday Monday 25 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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