

3 May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1

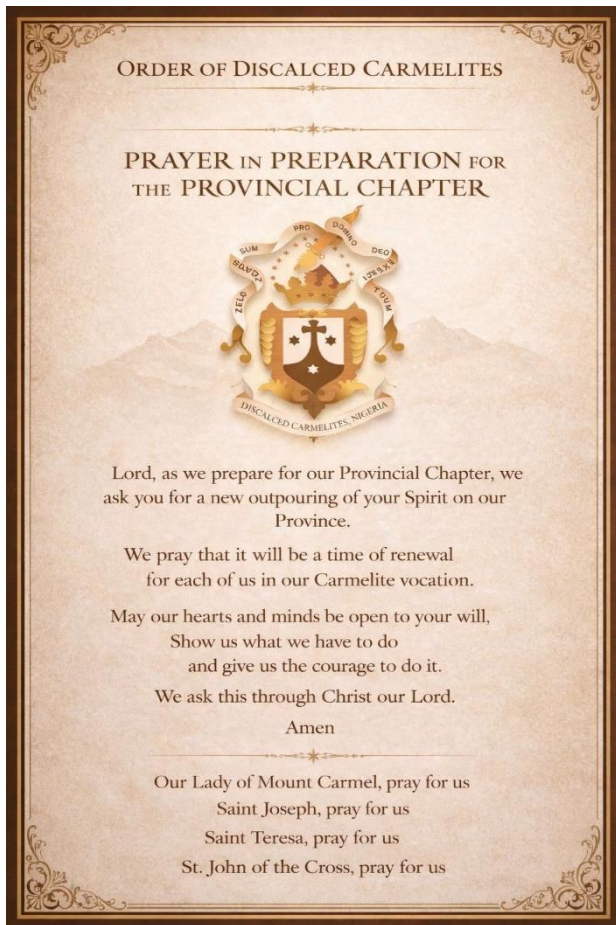


St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton  
Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

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Fr John McGowan OCD, Fr Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Theophilus (Theo) Nyamali OCD and Fr Deepu Daniel OCD

The triennial **PROVINCIAL CHAPTER** takes place in Derry during the **first two weeks of May**. Please pray with us, and for us, as we prepare to gather together.



**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.



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).

**BANK HOLIDAY MASS TIMES:** **Monday 4 May** is a bank holiday. There will only be **one morning Mass at 10am** in St Joseph's Church.

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.



The **DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE** falls on **Tuesday 5 May**. It is an important day of prayer for survivors of abuse. This year's theme is 'Standing Together', which is vital as victims of abuse often feel isolated and indeed alienated from the church, whether the abuse arose within the church or in the wider community.

**Our Pastoral Area** will have a **special Mass** dedicated to praying for victims and survivors of abuse on **Tuesday 5 May at 7:30pm** in St Teresa's in Beaconsfield (HP9 2PL).

We pray for all the victims and survivors of abuse within the Church, that they may find justice, healing and the compassionate support they deserve. May their courage be honoured, their voices heard and their dignity restored.

**EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 6 May at 7:30pm** in St Aidan's Church in Little Chalfont (HP7 9NE). The topic is **Gratitude and Contentment - The Secret of a Thankful Heart** (1 Thessalonians 5:12-22) and the speaker is **Mgr Seán Healy**.

How do we maintain an attitude of thanksgiving in our spiritual lives, drawing on the inspiration of the saints and spiritual writers.

*Monsignor Seán has been a priest of the Diocese of Northampton for almost 46 years. He is Provost of the Cathedral Chapter, parish priest of St Teresa's in Beaconsfield and St Dunstan's in Bourne End.*

You can attend in person or [watch live via our YouTube channel](https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus), 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.*

## 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. **Funeral details to be confirmed**. 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.

**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.

**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 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.

**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. You can [find out more here](#) or [sign-up to our introductory webinar](#) next **Thursday 7 May**.

## Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm\*, Sunday at 7:45am\*, 9am\*, 11am\* and 5:30pm\*

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**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.

**FUNDRAISING FOR D-SUMMER:** Our Youth Group will be having a **Cake Sale on Sunday 17 May after 9am and 11am Masses** to raise money to help teens from the parish attend D-SUMMER. The money raised will be used for buy tickets and pay for transport to Buckden Towers.

**RESPONSE TO FALL OF ASSISTED DYING BILL:** After the proposed law to legalise assisted dying in England and Wales fell in the House of Lords this week, Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues an Archbishop of Liverpool, has issued a statement.

"I wish to express gratitude to all those Parliamentarians who have worked tirelessly to preserve the dignity of every human life and ensure that end-of-life care remains rooted in compassion and respect until the natural end of life.

These debates have once again drawn attention to the profound needs of vulnerable people at the end of life. True compassion is never about hastening death but about accompanying one another with care, love and hope until their natural end."

**EASY EVANGELISATION:** [www.lsltTrue.net](http://www.lsltTrue.net) is a new website designed to encourage people to consider joining the Catholic faith. Please consider sharing it with family and friends.

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

**FAIRTRADE/TRAIDCRAFT:** You can buy fairtrade goods from Margaret Dykes at the monthly Coffee Morning at the Village Hall in Church Road. The next one takes place on **Wednesday 6 May** from 10am until 12 noon.



South Bucks Pastoral Area is organising a **Community of Communities Day**, which will be a celebration of culture and diversity amongst

our ten neighbouring parishes. It will take place **this Saturday 2 May** at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield. It starts at **9:30am** with coffee, music and sharing of testimonials, poems and stories. There will be a **Service of Celebration at 12:30pm**, followed by sharing of food from across the world until **3:30pm**. All are welcome.

**CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT** will host its **Wednesday Café on 6 May** in the **First Committee Room** 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.



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 on **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.

**THANK YOU** to parishioners for their contribution to the **EASTER FLOWERS** collection. We really do appreciate your support in helping us to give our churches an Easter feel. We felt the yellow and white theme gave a hopeful setting for the future. We are grateful for your generosity.

The **BRIDGETTINE SISTERS THANK PARISHIONERS** for supporting their recent **CURRY NIGHT**, especially as it was organised at short notice. It was a great opportunity for people to gather socially. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The funds will go towards purchasing a new Community car and a new organ for the chapel. They will let us know how much was raised when all the monies have been received.

**THANK YOU** to everyone joined us for **AFTERNOON TEA** on Wednesday. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and friendship, with a great atmosphere in the First Committee Room. **£1,400** was raised for the New Hall. Special thanks to all the ladies who served the delicious sandwiches and cakes enjoyed by our guests and everyone who baked or donated raffle prizes.

**THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN** continues on **Mondays throughout May (including both Bank Holidays)**. 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.

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