

31 May 2026

## The Most Holy Trinity

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** Pope Leo has appealed for peace in the world many times throughout his pontificate. His appeals have always been accompanied with consistent calls for prayer. This **Saturday 30 May at 6pm UK time**, The Holy Father will preside over the recitation of the **Holy Rosary** at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens. **He invites people around the world to join him as he prays the Joyful Mysteries**, with each decade dedicated specifically for those affected by war and violence and entrusting them to the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace.

**PAPAL LETTER – MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS:** In his first Encyclical Letter **Magnifica Humanitas** (“**The Greatness of Humanity**”), Pope Leo reflects on the rapid growth of artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on society. He reminds us that every technological advance must always respect the dignity of the human person, created in the image of God. He encourages a balanced approach to AI: welcoming its potential for good – specially in healthcare, education and communication – while remaining vigilant about risks such as loss of human responsibility, inequality and misuse. He calls on governments, developers and all people of goodwill to ensure that technology serves humanity, rather than replaces or diminishes it, emphasising that true wisdom, compassion and moral decision-making can never be reduced to machines. *“Technology must remain a tool at the service of the human person, never its master.”* You can [read the letter and find supporting materials on the Bishops Conference of England and Wales website.](#)



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).

1 June	St Justin, Martyr – Memorial
3 June	Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs – Memorial
5 June	St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr – Memorial

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** 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.

**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](#) which aired last Sunday. 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. You can **stream it online now** – [click here to watch](#). If it moves you, share the news with your family, friends and communities.

**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](#), see [www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus) for more details as well as links to recordings of previous talks.

### 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.

*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. A monthly pack is delivered to those who do not get out regularly to Mass or are homebound. The June Pack will be printed and delivered this week. If you know someone who would benefit from this please let Joan at the Parish Office know.*



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.

**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](#).

**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.

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

### 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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**CALLED & EQUIPPED 2026-27:** Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. [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](#) from 7:30pm to 8:30pm on **Wednesday 24 June**.

**FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHCS)** – There will be an evening of **REFLECTION** for all those who minister at The Most Holy Name and St Joseph's Churches. This will be **led by Fr Bob** and will take place on **Monday 29 June from 7pm to 8pm** in St Joseph's Church, followed by light refreshments in the First Committee Room. EMHCs are encouraged to attend Adoration at 6:30pm if they can. Please mark this date in your diaries – thank you.

**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.

**CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK** runs from **24 to 30 May**. It is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as [CAFOD](#) 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).

**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 3 June** from 10am until 12 noon.

**CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT** will host its **Wednesday Café on 3 June 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. Contact Sally Blackden on 07932 643949.

**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.



**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.

**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.](#)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** and **CONFIRMATION** cards, mementos and souvenirs are now available from the Repository at the back of the church.

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



**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. [Click here to sign-up as walker/runner or to make a donation.](#)



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