

14 June 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



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



The [PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM](#) (PLT) supports the life of St Joseph's Parish and wants to hear your hopes and needs for our community. **We invite every parishioner to complete a short anonymous parish survey.** Your feedback will help us shape a vision for the future of our parish. You can [complete it online by clicking here](#) (this method is the most helpful for us in collating the data) or **pick up a paper copy from the church porch** and return it next time you visit. A post-box will be available in both churches from next week. Please also look out for an email from Fr Bob on Monday 15 June with more information. **Please take part in this important process.** Your voice matters as we prayerfully discern how St Joseph's Parish is called to grow and serve in the years ahead.



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.

HOLY HOUR: The annual Holy Hour to celebrate lay Eucharistic Ministry across our diocese will take place at Northampton Cathedral at 3pm this **Sunday 14 June**, the Sunday following Corpus Christi. **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited** to attend in person or [join via livestream](#) to renew their commitment as lay ministers. [Click here for the Order of Service.](#)

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for **JUNE** is **FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS** – Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

ROSARY CIRCLE PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: We pray for our young people doing examinations, that the Holy Spirit will guide them through their studies and during their examinations.

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.](#)

There will be an opportunity for parishioners to come together to **explore and discuss this encyclical** on **Thursday 25 June and Thursdays 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 July** at 7:30pm in the First Committee Room. **Fr John** will lead and facilitate these sessions, helping us to unpack the content and guide us to a deeper understanding of this significant document, as well as reflecting on the human impact of new technologies in our daily lives.

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.



Our next **BAPTISM COURSE** will take place on **Sundays 28 June, 5 and 12 July**. Parents are invited to attend the 9am Family Mass, followed by a preparation session in The Library. Each session lasts about 45 minutes and is led by facilitators from the Baptism Team. If you would like your child baptised, please [click here and complete the online baptism registration form.](#)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION continues throughout June on Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7pm in St Joseph's Church and on Thursday mornings after the 9am Mass until 10am.

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



YOUTH MASS (age 11 upwards) **Sunday 21 June 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**. [Click here](#) for more information and to book. The **deadline for registration is Monday 22 June**. **If you're interested, please speak to Fr Jerome this weekend.**

CALLED & EQUIPPED 2026-27: In September, our year-long discipleship course – Called and Equipped – begins for those active in parish life or coming into ministry. It offers a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation with a like-minded community. [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 you can [sign-up to our introductory webinar](#) (no obligation) from 7:30pm to 8:30pm on **Wednesday 24 June**.

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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.

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED UK is recruiting. Can you make a difference to persecuted and suffering Christians? Are you an inspiring public speaker? Could you deliver parish appeals for [ACN](#) as one of our team of national self-employed parish appealers, for the diocese of Northampton? If this is you, we'd love to hear from you! Contact [Teresa Kehoe](#) for an informal chat or visit [Work at ACN UK](#).

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.*

MISSIO RED BOX SUPPORTERS are advised that the Summer Edition of Mission Today, together with a prayer card, has been placed in the back of your church for you to collect.

NO FOOD OR STICKY DRINKS IN CHURCH: Help us to keep our church clean and looking beautiful. Please do not take food or sticky drinks into the church. Thank you.

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 **17 June** 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. Contact Sally Blackden on 07932 643949.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed **£2,000** in June as follows:

£1,000 Parish
 £250 Chalfont St Peter Feast Day
 £250 Alzheimers Society
 £250 Bone Cancer Research
 £250 MacMillan Cancer Research

The Parish greatly appreciates its donation which is used to cover essential day-to-day running costs. Many thanks to the helpers who faithfully turn up week in, week out, and work hard to make the Market the success that it is.

We would welcome some more volunteers for Saturday mornings and to help us with collections/deliveries. We really need more van drivers to work on a rota basis. To find out more please [contact us via email](#) or drop in at the Hut behind the church on any Saturday morning. You can see us on Facebook at "[St Josephs Furniture Market](#)".

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.



The **DAWN 5K: 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.](#)



Join us for a fun afternoon of Bingo on **Wednesday 24 June** from **2pm to 4:30pm** in the **First Committee Room**. **£10 per person** (payment by cash or card) which includes

your bingo cards and refreshments. Prizes will be given for **1-Line** and **Full House**. There will also be a **Raffle**. This is a fundraiser for **St Joseph's Community Hall**.

Schubert's *Mass in G*

and other choral classics

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 **Schubert's beautiful Mass in G** and a selection of other **choral classics**, performed by singers and musicians from within and outside the parish. Experienced choral singers are invited to participate in the **Schubert Mass in G** with string orchestra accompaniment on a "come and sing" basis. [Click here for more information](#), including rehearsal details, a downloadable choral score and learning tracks for each voice part. **Audience tickets are £10 each**, which are available by [following this link](#).



Join us for a **CHEESE & WINE EVENING** on **Saturday 18 July** from **6pm to 9pm**. Enjoy good food, good wine and great company in

a beautiful garden setting. Tickets are **£15 per person** payable in advance – [click here to book your place](#).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 25 July

SUMMER FÊTE

11am to 1:30pm

at The Bridgettine Convent

Entry £1 (Under 11s Free)

Stalls, Tombolas, Food & Raffle

Next Sunday there will be a second collection at all Masses for Day for Life.

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