

21 June 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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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** (this method is the most helpful for us in collating the data)

- [Link to the Parish Vision Engagement Survey](#)
- [Link to the Children & Youth Parish Vision Survey](#)

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 until Sunday 5 July. **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.

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| 22 June | Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs – Feast |
| 24 June | The Nativity of St John the Baptist – Solemnity |

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.

DAY FOR LIFE falls this **Sunday 21 June**. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The theme this year is **'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'**. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. On [this year's Day for Life](#), we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity.

The **Day for Life Fund** provides financial assistance to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death. The money donated at the **second collection** is dispersed to these organisations to assist them in undertaking specific projects relating to life issues. These can range from educational workshops to advocacy campaigns, practical support services to commissioning research.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: This **Sunday 21 June**, we pray for fathers. We give thanks to all fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, relationships and children, mindful to both the joys and sacrifices. We praise those men who have 'fathered' us in any capacity as mentors and guides.

"Fathers are so necessary as examples and guides for our children in wisdom and virtue. Without father figures, young people often feel orphaned; left adrift at a critical moment in their growth and development." Pope Francis



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.**

The **BAPTISM COURSE** which starts next **Sunday 28 June** for three weeks is **now FULLY BOOKED.**

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to **CANCEL THE JULY TALK.** The next one will be on 2 September.



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. There will be an opportunity 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. You can [read the letter and find supporting materials on the Bishops Conference of England and Wales website](#).

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. [Find out more here](#) or [sign-up to our introductory webinar](#) (no obligation) from 7:30pm to 8:30pm this coming **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 [click here to RSVP](#) by Sunday 21 June– thank you.

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.

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.

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.

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.

NINETY YEARS OF THE RED BOX: This year marks 90 years of a special partnership between [Missio](#) and the [Mill Hill Missionaries](#), united through the Red Box. It is a powerful reminder that God is at work through hundreds of thousands of missionaries living within communities from Malawi to Myanmar, and Pakistan to Peru. The Red Box is a familiar presence in Catholic homes across England and Wales. More than a collection box, it is a symbol of faith, hope and love – uniting the vision of Blessed Pauline Jaricot and the missionary initiative of Fr Thomas Jackson. By having a Red Box in your home, offering prayers for missionaries around the world, or [making a donation online](#), you are fulfilling your personal call to mission. As individuals we can only achieve so much. Together, we can achieve so much more.

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.*

TEA AND A CHAT: Our fortnightly social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 25 June** 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.

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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ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET 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](#). Some of our Children's Liturgy Group are walking again this year in memory of our dear friend Suzana Zekic RIP. Helping others was very close to her heart and she was a big supporter of the London & Slough Charitable Trust.

Congratulations to Nuala Fox who was awarded an MBE in the King's birthday honours for services to the London & Slough Charitable Trust for her work with, and on behalf of, the homeless.



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](#).

ST TERESA'S SUMMER FÊTE takes place next Saturday 27 June from 10:30am until 3pm at 40 Warwick Road in Beaconsfield. There will be lots of food, crafts for the children, stalls, tombolas, games, etc as well as a Dog Show. The funds raised are in aid of the Leonard Cheshire Children's Home in Mongu, Zambia.

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

The Sisters welcome donations of bottles, books, games/toys, plants, religious items, bric-a-brac or raffle prizes to the Convent by Wednesday 22 July.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection at all Masses for Peter's Pence.

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