

7 June 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

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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.



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.

11 June	St Barnabas, Apostle – Memorial
12 June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Solemnity
13 June	Immaculate Heart of Mary – Memorial

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES: On **Friday 12 June** there will be **NO 7AM OR 9AM MASS**.

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.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our June talk held last Wednesday at St Aidan's was **Scripture Based Prayer: Praying as Jesus Taught Us** (Matthew 6:9) and the speaker was **Deacon Peter Collins**. [Click here to watch a recording](#). For a list of forthcoming talks and links to recordings of previous sessions, please [visit the Emmaus webpage](#).

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

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.

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. Whether you are available for a few minutes or the full duration, your attendance is valued and offers an opportunity for spiritual renewal.



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.](#)

The **RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA** will visit St Augustine's in High Wycombe on Thursday 11 June, as part of the celebrations marking the 300th anniversary of his birth. **Mass at 6pm.** The church will be open from 5pm for personal prayer before the relics, with individual and family blessings available after Mass. St Gerard is the patron saint of expectant mothers, unborn children and families. Many also seek his intercession for protection while travelling. The visit of a saint's relics is a profound reminder of the communion of saints and an invitation to deepen our faith through prayer and devotion.

[Click here for more details.](#)

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.

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.

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](#).

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.

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.](#)

The **CATHOLIC WORKER FARM IS HAVING ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY** on **Saturday 13 June** from 3pm until late. Join us at Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Road, West Hyde (WD3 9XJ). Over the past 20 years they've served over 800 destitute women and children. There's going to be an international buffet and plenty of entertainment and fun for the kids; and it's all FREE. Call 07983 477819 or visit www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org for more information.



JOIN US FOR A
CHEESE & WINE EVENING
IN AID OF OUR NEW CHURCH HALL

DATE: 18th JULY
TIME: 6.00pm – 9.00pm
TICKETS: £15 – payable in advance via the QR code
TOMBOLA PRIZES gratefully received

Hosted by Lin Bates
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Good food, good wine, great company
ALL FOR A WONDERFUL CAUSE
IN THE EVENT OF POOR WEATHER, THE EVENING WILL BE HELD INDOORS.

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](#).



Bridgettine Convent
SUMMER FÊTE
Saturday 25th July
11am noon to 1:30pm
ENTRY £1 (Under 11s Free)

"It seems to me that nothing expresses the love in God's heart more than the Eucharist; it is union, consummation, he is in us, we in him and isn't that heaven on earth?"

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Letter 165

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