

5 July 2026

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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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, including children, teenagers and young adults, 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 up to and including **this 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.

*Fr Bob and the Pastoral Leadership Team thank all parishioners who have completed the Parish Vision Engagement Survey.*

**Parishioners are now invited** to one of two sessions for deeper prayerful reflection as we continue our conversation on the Parish Vision. These sessions will take place on **Tuesday 14 July at 10am and 7:30pm** in the First Committee Room. Refreshments will be available from 9:30am and 7pm respectively. **Everyone is welcome.**



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

**Pope Leo XIV has APPOINTED ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH AS APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON.** This is a temporary appointment made by the Holy See to ensure the Diocese continues to be led and cared for while the diocesan Bishop is unable to carry out his duties. During this time, Archbishop Moth will remain resident in Westminster whilst he is responsible for the pastoral leadership and governance of our Diocese.



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).

11 July St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe – Feast

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Anne (Nancy) Roberts** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Friday 17 July at 11am 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 **John Mills** who died recently. May he rest in peace. **Funeral details to be confirmed.** We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for **JULY** is **FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE** – Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

The **ROSARY CIRCLE PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY** is for those who have drifted from their Faith. We pray that our Blessed Mother, Mary Queen of Carmel will reignite their passion for Jesus.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** continues throughout July 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.



**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL:** The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is **Wednesday 16 July**. It celebrates when Mary appeared at Mount Carmel to St Simon Stock. Praying to Our Lady of Mount Carmel dates back all the way to the Old Testament. Most notable about Our Lady of Mount Carmel is

the institution of the scapular. From **Tuesday 7 July to Wednesday 15 July** inclusive you are invited to pray the **Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, patroness of the Carmelite Order. Praying to Jesus through Mary has always been part of the prayer life of our Church. Carmelite Spirituality teaches us to relate to God in prayer as a friend and protector. **You can pray the Novena for any intention; [click here for details](#).**



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. An opportunity to come together to **explore and discuss this encyclical** continues on **Thursdays 9, 16, 23 and 30 July** at 7:30pm in the First Committee Room. Fr **John** leads and facilitates 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](#).



On **Sunday 12 July**, there will be a **CHILDREN'S MASS** at 9am. Only the very youngest children will go out to hear the Gospel message at a level appropriate to their age. All the other children will stay in the church. The Mass will be all inclusive with as many as are able/wish to join in, having the opportunity to do so, whatever their age.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** On **Saturday 25 July**, there will be a special additional **Sunday Vigil Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing** at 3pm in St Joseph's Church.



As in previous years, Masses and activities will be reduced during the holiday season.

#### MASS TIMES

As from the weekend of **Saturday 25/Sunday 26 July:**

Mass times in **St Joseph's**, Chalfont St Peter  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm  
Sunday Masses at 7:45am and 11am only

Mass times in **Holy Name**, Denham  
Sunday Mass at 9:30am.

Mass times in the **Bridgettine Convent**, Iver Heath  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm  
Sunday Mass at 9am

Normal Mass times resume as from the weekend of Saturday 5/Sunday 6 September.

**Weekday Masses stay the same** as usual except Bank Holiday Monday 31 August; one Mass at 10am only.

#### ROSARY CIRCLE

The last Rosary before the summer break will take place on Thursday 30 July. Rosary Circle will resume again on Tuesday 8 September.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This will continue every Monday evening from 6:30pm to 7pm and Thursday morning after 9am Mass until 10am throughout the summer.

#### NEWSLETTER

Once we move to the Summer Mass Schedule, we will not be publishing weekly newsletters as it is a quiet time in the parish. Any important news will be included in the Announcements at Sunday Mass, put on church notice boards and posted on the parish website. The next one thereafter will be Sunday 6 September. Any items to be included in our weekly email during the summer should be sent to the Parish Office by lunchtime on Thursdays.

#### PARISH OFFICE

During the summer schedule, the Parish Office will be manned on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings as far as possible, subject to staff/volunteer holidays.

#### 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

**The following take place at St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter**

**Weekday Mass:** Monday to Friday at 7am (in the Oratory) and 9am\*, Saturday and Bank Holidays at 10am\*

**Rosary:** Tuesday at 7:30pm via Zoom and Thursday at 7:30pm in the Oratory

\*BROADCAST VIA LIVE STREAM

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

*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.*

## 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 **this 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. **Audience tickets are £10 each**, which are available by [following this link](#).

**TEA AND A CHAT:** Our fortnightly social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 9 July** 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.



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 JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB – RENEWAL TIME

**THANK YOU** to all those who have participated in St Joseph's 200 Club throughout the past year. It is **NOW TIME TO RENEW OR JOIN FOR 2026/27**. New members are very welcome and existing members are encouraged to renew.

Membership remains at **£120 a year** for entry to twelve monthly draws for cash prizes. Funds are split 50:50 between parish funds and the lucky winners each month.

We are also **seeking an additional volunteer to assist with administration of the 200 Club** in the coming year.

Full details are [available on the parish website](#) or by contacting Alastair at [200club@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:200club@stjosephs.org.uk).

The **NEW HALL COMMITTEE** would welcome help from parishioners, especially those with any experience of construction work, project management or finance. Also, one source of funds not fully explored as yet is local business. Do you work for or know of a local business that might sponsor this community project? [Email us](#).



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.

The fête will also include a **book event** to celebrate a recently published novel, **The Nun of Ravensbrück** by **Cathi Fleming**. The book is based on the incredible life of a parishioner's aunt, **Sister Kate McCarthy**, an Irish nun and French Resistance leader.

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

**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](#)".

**VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:** **CAFOD** has launched an appeal to help provide emergency water, food and hygiene kits to people affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela. [Click here to donate](#).

**Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and there will be a second collection at all Masses for Stella Maris.**

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