



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton
Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

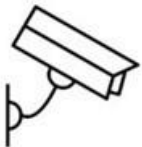
Fr Robert (Bob) Davies OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Anthony (Tony) Parsons OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD (Retired),
Fr Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Theophilus (Theo) Nyamali OCD, Fr Deepu Daniel OCD and Fr Emmanuel Omaba OCD

20 September 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1

Today is **HOME MISSION SUNDAY**. A few years ago, this day was re-named **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** after Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation the 'Joy of the Gospel'. Now, in 2026, we revert to using the original name – Home Mission Sunday. The bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ. When we speak of 'Home Mission' we are not neglecting our sisters and brothers around the world (World Mission Sunday gives due attention to this important work), but we recognise that we are called to witness to Christ in our homes, at work, in our friendships and in every aspect of our daily life. Being part of the family of God means we should feel 'at home' but this also challenges us to be missionary disciples in England and Wales so that we can make a home for all who hunger and thirst for the God who loves them and wants them to come home to him. A **Second Collection** will be taken to support the work of the **Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate**. Please hold this important work in your prayers.



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.

21 September	St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist – Feast
23 September	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest – Memorial
24 September	Our Lady of Walsingham – Feast

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 23 CONFIRMANDI who were confirmed by Monsignor Seán Healy last Thursday. Please pray for them, that the Holy Spirit may guide and protect them in their continuing journey as young Christians.

THANK YOU to everyone involved in preparing the children and young people for these important milestones in their spiritual lives. Special thanks to those who helped out in any way on the celebration day and to those who worked behind the scenes to prepare the church for these celebrations. May God bless you all.



YOUTH MASS (age 11 upwards)
Sunday 20 September at 11am
Our newly confirmed young people will be attending this Mass, during which they will be presented with their Confirmation Certificates. 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.**

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Doreen Sampson** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 24 September at 11:30am 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 Bates** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Monday 28 September at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends. *The family has asked that if you plan to attend the reception following the funeral to please let Peter Freeman [pofreeman@googlemail.com] know by Monday 21 September. Thank you.*

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **John Quille** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Tuesday 29 September at 11am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Paul Gosling** 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 **SEPTEMBER** is **FOR THE CARE OF WATER** – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: Registration is open until Monday 5 October for our 2027 programme. Sessions will begin mid-November and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-May. [Click here for information about COMMUNION 2027.](#)

CONFIRMATION 2027: Registration is open until Monday 5 October for our 2027 programme. Sessions will begin mid-October and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-July. [Click here for information about CONFIRMATION 2027.](#)

RCIA PROGRAMME FOR 2026/2027: We invite applications for those interested in learning more about Catholic Faith. You may have a child in school you want to support; are married to or about to be married to a Catholic; were baptised but never received Confirmation; are wanting to return to the Church; come from another Christian denomination of another faith or have not had a faith or you might be interested in sharing your faith with those who are enquiring about theirs. The programme is open to all. Please come and join in the conversation. We will start the weekly meetings (during term time) on **Monday 12 October** at 7pm in the Priory. Speak with Fr Tony or Roseleen in the Parish Office to find out more.



Novena to Saint Thérèse
22 September to 1 October

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus
Please pick for me a rose
from the heavenly garden
and send it to me
as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus,
ask God to grant the favours

I now place with confidence in your hands
(mention your special prayer request here)

St Therese, help me to always believe
as you did, in God's great love for me,
so that I may imitate your "Little Way" each day.



What are you going to do with that left over foreign currency sitting in your drawer? The SVP'S CASH FOR COINS bottle will be at Refreshments after the 9am and 11am Masses next Sunday 27

September. Simply drop in any notes and coins (sterling accepted too) to have it converted into funds to support the work that the SVP does in our parish.

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT: Join us for "Jesus and Me" Women's Day Retreat on **Saturday 26 September** at St Augustine's in High Wycombe (HP13 6NZ). Starting at 9:30am and finishing with Mass at 4:30pm. Theme is "Pray without ceasing" (Thess 5:17). A day to put aside your usual routine, come and worship, relax and explore different types of prayer together. Tickets **£15** (lunch provided). Booking necessary as spaces are limited. For more information, please contact Marian on 07910 467588 or email marian_dunsire@outlook.com.

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 September. Please bring your contributions to the **First Committee Room by 12 noon.**

We are **in urgent need of CRISPS** and welcome any of the following donations – boiled eggs, sandwiches (tuna, plain cheese, marmite), individual juice cartons, small chocolate biscuit bars (such as penguin, rocky, club, two finger kit-kat), individually wrapped cakes, satsumas, bananas, green/UHT milk, coffee, sugar, peanut butter, jam, tinned fish and toilet roll.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated by our beneficiaries.

DRIVER(S) NEEDED FOR LONDON & SLOUGH

CHARITABLE TRUST: If you could spare some time during the day (Monday to Friday) and would like to be involved with a good cause then please get in touch. We need drivers who have a B1 Licence with practical van driving experience to drive our long wheelbase van. This would be on a rota basis for collections and deliveries in the local area. If you, or someone you know, can offer their time please call Malcolm on 07508 733503.

VACANCY – Exciting New Catholic Youth Ministry Job

Opportunity: The British Province of Carmelites is seeking to employ a **Programme & Community Lead** to help establish an exciting new project at The Friars, Aylesford, Kent. This is a unique opportunity to live in community, accompany young adults and develop retreats, programmes and outreach initiatives. The role combines community leadership, youth and young adult ministry, and programme development and delivery. The deadline for applications is Friday 9 October. [Click here for the Recruitment Pack and Application Form.](#)

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 JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL warmly invites prospective students and their families to view the school at our **Open Evening on Thursday 1 October** from 5pm to 8pm or our **Open Morning on Friday 2 October** from 9am to 11:30am. [Click here](#) for further information and admissions process.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: If you need your child's secondary school application form signed, Fr Bob will be available on **Wednesday 21 October at 6:30pm** and **Thursday 22 October at 9:30am**. Please come to the front door of the Priory (entrance via Bull Lane). **NB: Fr Bob will not be available outside of these dates to do this as he is away and won't return until end of October.**

COPIES OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: Requests should be made by contacting the Parish Office. Parents should include details of the child for whom the certificate is required, their date of birth, date of baptism and names of their parents and godparents when asking for a Baptism Certificate. Please allow a minimum of five working days to turn around requests.

Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

The **WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING** is one of **MACMILLAN's** main fundraising events.

Our Children's Liturgy group has decided to show its support and do some fundraising by organising **COFFEE MORNING** and a **CAKE SALE** on **Friday 25 September**. Come along to Tea in the Pot in the First Committee Room from **8:30am to 10am** AND/OR pop along to our stall in the church car park from **3pm to 4pm**. Donations of sweet or savoury bakes (cakes, tarts, pies, scones, buns, biscuits, bread, etc – no cream) can be left in the First Committee Room on Friday morning. If you can't make it, you can still [donate via our fundraising page](#).

CURRY NIGHT: The Bridgettine Sisters are hosting a Curry Night on **Saturday 26 September at 6pm**. The price is £25 per person for two courses and there will also be a raffle with lots of prizes at £5 for a strip of tickets. All the **proceeds will go towards a new car for the sisters**. Contact Ann Saunders on 07554 400028 to book. Payment by cash on the night OR [click here to reserve and pay for meal and raffle tickets online](#).

NO REFRESHMENTS after 11am Mass this Sunday 20 September as post-Confirmation celebration for young people and their families in the First Committee Room.

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AFTERNOON TEA will be served from **2pm to 4pm** in the First Committee Room on **Friday 2 October**, with the proceeds going towards the New Hall. The cost is **£10**, payable on the door. Please invite some friends along for a lovely afternoon. There will also be two raffles!



You are invited to join us for a **QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of the New Hall on **Saturday 10 October** in Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Get your thinking caps on and a table of

8 and join us! Please [see the website](#) or poster for further information.

If you don't particularly enjoy quizzes and are able to help us out on the bar for the Quiz Night, please leave a message with the Parish Office get in touch with Mary at newhall.stjosephgerrardscross@northamptondiocese.org.

TEA AND A CHAT: Our social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 24 September** from 2pm to 4pm in the First Committee Room. A warm welcome awaits anyone who pops in for refreshments and a natter, pop in a join us if you can.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the **Book Sale** at St Joseph's last weekend. We are very grateful to **Richard Walmsley** who kindly donated his books and signed copies for those who wished him to, **raising £400 for the New Hall**.

St Joseph's is one of ten parishes in the **South Bucks Pastoral Area**. The Pastoral Area Council (PAC) will meet on **Monday 21 September**. Our parish lay representative is Christine Cornwell who also serves as the Secretary.