



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

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

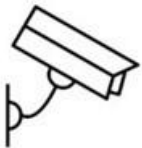
Fr Robert (Bob) Davies OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Anthony (Tony) Parsons OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD (Retired),
Fr Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Theophilus (Theo) Nyamali OCD, Fr Deepu Daniel OCD and Fr Emmanuel Omaba OCD

27 September 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: To raise awareness of the plight of refugees around the world and to celebrate the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home countries, the Church observes [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) this Sunday 27 September. Pope Leo has chosen the theme 'Even just one of these children', a reference to Matthew 18:5, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." He draws attention to the particular challenges faced by children and adolescents affected by migration and displacement, whose safety, dignity and fundamental rights are often at risk. [Read his message here](#). Please pray that God will protect every young heart forced to flee violence, poverty, or displacement and lead them to safety, warmth and hope.



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.

29 September	Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels – Feast
30 September	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church – Memorial
1 October	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church – Feast
2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels – Memorial

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 monthly pack is delivered to those who do not get out regularly to Mass or are homebound. The October Pack will be printed and delivered this week. If you know someone who would benefit from this please let Joan at the Parish Office know.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 7 October** at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church. The topic is **Faith in the Middle of Doubt – Meeting God in Our Questions** (John 20:24-29) and the speaker is **Fr Theophilus Nyamali OCD**. You can attend in person or [watch live via our YouTube channel](#), see www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus for more details as well as links to recordings of previous talks.

RECENTLY DECEASED

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.

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. His funeral will take place on **Thursday 8 October at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

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

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.



The **SVP'S CASH FOR COINS BOTTLE** will be at Refreshments after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday. Please drop in all your unwanted or left-over foreign currency and it will be converted into sterling to help fund the SVP's work in our parish.

CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT will host its **Wednesday Café on 30 September in the First Committee Room 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. For more information, please contact Sally Blackden on 07932 643949.

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.

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](#).



[St Joseph's Catholic Primary School](#) is our local Catholic state primary school for children aged 4+ to 11 years. Located at the end of Priory Road, the school aims to nurture children in a sound spiritual, moral and academic environment, to foster their love of God, other people and themselves, and to ensure that every child's potential is fulfilled. Fr Tony is the Chaplain and our priests celebrate school Masses, offer confession and nurture links between school, children, parents and parish. The school received a highly positive report following their Ofsted inspection last year. The inspector praised the school, stating: *"The school has gone from strength to strength."* – Ofsted 2025 There will be an **OPEN MORNING** for prospective parents on **Tuesdays 6 October, 3 November, 1 December and 12 January**, all starting at 9:15am. [Click here to book](#).

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. Please allow a minimum of five working days to turn around requests.

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.

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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