



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

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6 September 2026 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3

As from Sunday 6 September we return to our normal Sunday Mass schedule.



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.

8 September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast



SEASON OF CREATION

The [Season of Creation](#) runs from 1 September until 4 October. During this time, we

are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Is 2:4) is the theme of [Pope Leo XIV's Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#). The Holy Father explains that "the interaction between armed conflicts and environmental degradation often creates a vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security. This fuels poverty, inequality, and new social tensions that can contribute to the emergence of further conflicts." You will [find a Prayer for Creation here](#).

Welcome Back Sunday

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITURGY resumes on **Sunday 6 September** at the 9am Mass, gathering in different groups from toddlers to teens away from the congregation. Here they share the Gospel, after which the reading is explained to them at a level appropriate to their age. We really look forward to seeing all the children and young people after the summer holidays.

Parishioners of all ages are invited to join us for crafts and/or games after Mass (outside on the front lawn weather permitting), along with coffee, cake and biscuits to celebrate the start of the new school year.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Christine Harmes** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 10 September at 1pm 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 **Alexander (Alex) Lindsay** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Wednesday 16 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 **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. **Funeral details to be confirmed**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

INVITATION TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: As the summer holidays conclude for most, we transition back into our regular weekly routines. We invite you to participate in a brief and peaceful 30-minute prayer session in the presence of Jesus. A wonderful opportunity in our busy working and student lives to experience the quiet strength and joy of Eucharistic Adoration. Join us throughout September on **Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7pm** in St Joseph's Church or 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.

A [PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILL ON ASSISTED SUICIDE](#) will have its **Second Reading and vote on Friday 11 September**. Archbishop Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, is **urging us to write to our MP** expressing our opposition to this legislation. He writes 'this bill is wrong in principle. It is deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives.' [Click here to petition your MP online](#) OR pick up a postcard which can be returned to your MP from the church porch – all you need to do is sign, affix a standard stamp and post.

BAPTISM COURSE: Our next course in September is now FULLY BOOKED. The next one thereafter will be **Sundays 15, 22 and 29 November**. 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. Please go to www.stjosephs.org.uk/sacraments if you would like your child baptised and complete the online baptism registration form.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: There will be an Open Meeting for Holy Communion on **Monday 14 September at 7:30pm in the First Committee Room**. This will be led by our Communion Team who will outline the plans and expectations for our 2027 programme. Sessions will begin mid-November and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-May. *More details will be posted on the parish website shortly.*

CONFIRMATION 2027: There will be an Open Meeting for Confirmation on **Tuesday 15 September at 7:30pm in the First Committee Room**. This will be led by our Confirmation Team who will outline the plans and expectations for our 2027 programme. Sessions will begin mid-October and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-July. *More details will be posted on the parish website shortly.*

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR BOTH SACRAMENTS will open on **Wednesday 16 September and close on Monday 5 October** for those who wish to enrol their child(ren) in either of these programmes. A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate (or Baptism details if baptised in St Joseph's Parish) will be requested at Registration and must be provided by the time the sessions start early November, along with the fee for programme resources.

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.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our September talk was 'Making the Scriptures a Key Part of My Daily Life' (Psalm 119-105, Hebrews 4:12) and the speaker was **Charles Whitehead**. [Click here to watch a recording](#). For a list of forthcoming talks and links to recordings of previous sessions, please [visit the Emmaus webpage](#).

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.

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.

A small number of **SEPTEMBER 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.

TEA IN THE POT, our 'pop-up' café for parents, carers and little ones, has resumed after the summer break. Join us every **Friday morning during term time** from 8:30am in the First Committee Room.

TEA AND A CHAT: Our social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 10 September from 2pm to 4pm** in the First Committee Room. A warm welcome awaits anyone who pops in, please join us if you can. We look forward to seeing you there.

CONGRATULATIONS to six-year-old Sophie, one of our young parishioners, who took on a 1,000 stairs challenge in London to raise money for the New Hall. She climbed stairs at The Monument, St Paul's Cathedral and Tower Bridge. Thank you to Sophie for her wonderful idea and to everyone who has supported her, **raising over £1,400**. [Click here to find out more about her challenge](#).

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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THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues on Mondays throughout September. Please bring your contributions to the First Committee Room by 12 noon. We 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, crisps, 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.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £3,500 in August as follows:

£1,750	Parish
£250	CSP Academy School PTA
£250	CSP Nursery School
£250	First CSP Scouts
£250	CSG Junior School PTA
£250	First Responders
£250	Age Concern CSP
£250	SHOC

The Parish is very grateful for the regular donation it receives which is a valued source of income and helps to cover essential day-to-day running costs. Thank you to all the volunteers who work so hard to make the Furniture Market the success it is.

You can contact us at this **email address:**

stjosephsfurnituremarket@gmail.com

You can also Follow us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/groups/150493297972

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.](#)



Saturday 12 September after 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 13 September after all Masses at St Joseph's Parishioner Richard Walmsley, author of mystery, suspense and crime detection novels all set in Southern Italy, will be selling his books and is kindly donating the proceeds the new Parish Community Hall. [Visit his website here.](#) Payment by cash or card on the day.

ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT FOR OUR GOLF DAY which will take place on **Sunday 27 September** at Oakland Park Golf Club in Chalfont St Giles. 18 Hole Stableford Competition with individual and team prizes. **Tee off times from 11:30am onwards**, with bacon rolls to start and a presentation dinner in the evening. Cost is £68 per head for golf and dinner (£38 if you are an Oakland Park member) and £28 per person for guests attending dinner only. **Booking Forms** [available from our website](#) or church porch. Donations of raffle prizes or auction lots will be greatly appreciated, please drop to the Priory.

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2026/2027

The 200 Club is now running again for 2026/2027. The **first draw was held for August**, so the year will run through to the end of July 2027. The lucky winners are:

1 st	Patrick Moloney (£232.50)
2 nd	Ciaran Coakley (£116.75)
3 rd	Christine Cornwell (£69.75)
4 th	Philip Stephens (£46.50)

Congratulations to the winners. Club memberships are still available so please encourage friends and family to sign up to this fun fundraiser. Membership is now £110 to enter the 11 remaining monthly draws for cash prizes. Funds are split 50:50 between the parish and the prize-fund shared by the lucky winners. The **next draw is on 30 September** so please join (or rejoin) now.

Contact Alastair at 200club@stjosephs.org.uk or pick up a form from the church porch.

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 10 October
in aid of the New Community Hall.

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