1 November 2026
All Saints
Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3

**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

*Thank you to everyone who completed our Parish Vision Engagement Survey or attended a Prayerful Reflection meeting. The Pastoral Leadership Team has been carefully considering your feedback. We are now sharing the main themes emerging from your responses as we continue to develop a pastoral vision for St Joseph's Parish. Read the full letter here.*



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.

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| 2 November | The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) |
| 4 November | St Charles Borromeo, Bishop – Memorial |

***There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for Carmelite Sick & Retired Priests.***

**MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:** On **Saturday 31 October**, there will be an additional Sunday Vigil Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing **at 3pm in St Joseph's Church**. All of us could do with a little healing at this special service, which fulfils the Sunday obligation. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the First Committee Room.

The **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES IN ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY** will take place next **Sunday 1 November** after the 11am Mass.

**REMEMBERING THOSE WE'VE LOST: Monday 2 November is the Feast of All Souls**. There will be a **special Mass to remember all our departed family, friends and parishioners** in St Joseph's Church at 7:30pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the First Committee Room. All are welcome to attend and pray for those whose passing we mourn.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** continues throughout November on **Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7pm** in St Joseph's Church (including on the Feast of All Souls) 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.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Rosemarie Stallard** who died earlier this year. May she rest in peace. Her Memorial Service will take place on **Friday 6 November at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

**EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 4 November** at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church. The topic is **Put on the Mind of Christ** (Philippians 2:5) and the speaker is **Fr Simon Penhalagan**. *Fr Simon was born and brought up in Hayes in West London. He has been a priest of Northampton Diocese for 17 years and a member of Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism for 33 years. He is currently the Dean of Northampton Cathedral and the Episcopal Vicar for Mission within the diocese.*
You can attend in person or watch live via our YouTube channel, see the Emmaus webpage for more details as well as links to recordings of previous talks.

**IN NOVEMEMBER WE REMEMBER**

*The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. It is a time to remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel.*

**HOLY SOULS:** During November we pray especially for all the Holy Souls: those who have died in the past year, past members of our parish, our own departed relatives and friends and those who have no one to pray for them. As in recent years, we will have the golden Holy Souls box on the altar throughout November. Parishioners are invited to place names of loved ones in the golden box so we can remember them in our prayers. If you are unable to visit the church, you can send a note to the Parish Office or phone the Priory with names of family or friends you would like to be included.

**FOR ALL ADULTS WHO ARE NOT YET CONFIRMED** - Did you miss the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in your youth? Fr Tony invites you to come along on Monday evenings from 7:30pm to 9pm to the Priory, where we will meet to explore our Catholic Faith together. If you know someone else who has not been Confirmed, then please invite and bring them along.

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

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for **NOVEMBER** is **FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH** – Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

The **ROSARY CIRCLE** would like to thank everyone who responded to our invitation to join our Rosary Group. We now have several new members for which we are very grateful. Thank you too to everyone who took Rosaries and prayer cards to pray the rosary at home. We hope you will continue the pray the rosary in your families.

**ROSARY CIRCLE NOVEMBER INTENTION:** In this month of remembrance, we pray for the Holy Souls. We remember especially deceased members of our families, former parishioners of St Joseph's and deceased members of the Carmelite Community all of whom served to establish and build up a thriving community in St Joseph's. May they all rest in peace.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is 8 November**. There will be a special **Mass at The Most Holy Name in Denham at 9:30am**, with a procession and readings from our local squadron of air cadets. We will be joined by trumpeter Joe Atkins for the last post. It is always a most beautiful and moving tribute to those brave soldiers.

On **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** we will **observe two minutes' silence at 11am** before the start of Mass.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** Our next course will take place on **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 click here if you would like your child baptised and complete the online baptism registration form.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY:** At all Masses on **14 and 15 November** we will keep Safeguarding Sunday with churches across the country, under the title **Love in the Heart of the Church**. We will pray for all who have been harmed and give thanks for those who keep our community safe. If you have any concerns, please contact Simon Hardcastle or Gillian Sugrue who are our Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs) via safebuarding@stjosephs.org.uk in confidence. The Priory Safeguarding Lead is Fr Theophilus Nyamali.

**YOUTH PROGRAMME ANNOUNCEMENT**
**Theme – It is Time to Worship!**

Following our recent parish survey and the need for young people's participation in St Joseph's Parish, **Fr Emmanuel**, with the support of the parish priest, Fr Bob, and zealous parishioners, is inviting all young people of St Joseph's Parish to an evening of **Adoration with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament** on **Friday 13 November** at **7pm** in St Joseph's Church.

Young people, this is your moment to connect with God, build meaningful friendships with one another, have fun and grow in faith as a parish. Get ready for powerful worship, expect uplifting music, inspiring messages, engaging discussions, and exciting games and activities in a welcoming and safeguarded atmosphere.

*Come with an open heart. Bring a friend.*
*Expect to be inspired.*

Parents encourage your children to come and worship God with their peers.

**HYMN BOOK AMNESTY:** It's so easy to walk out of the church and find you're still clutching a hymn book! If you have a **Hymns Old & New (pale blue cover)** lurking in your car, handbag, manbag, or sitting on the side at home, please bring it back to St Joseph's Church for use at Sunday Masses – so many seem to have disappeared. Many thanks.

A small number of **NOVEMBER 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.*

**THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF):** Christmas cards will be on after all Masses at St Joseph's on the weekend of **14/15 November**. The cost is **£5 for a pack** of six. This year's lovely card was drawn by Juliet Edwards aged 9. All monies raised will support young people between the ages of 18 and 30 who wish to go to Lourdes to help the sick but do not have the financial means to afford the trip. We deeply appreciate your continued support. *Jane & Kim Roberts*

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**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
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**THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues on Mondays throughout November.** Please bring your contributions to the **First Committee Room by 12 noon.**
We are in urgent need of **HARD-BOILED EGGS and CRISPS** and welcome any of the following donations – 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.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET:** There is a great need for more helpers and van drivers. It would help enormously if more volunteers came forward to work with us at the market on Saturday mornings moving furniture. We also really need van drivers for collections and deliveries. To find out more contact us via email or drop in to see us at the Hut.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is our local Catholic state primary school for children aged 2.5+ to 11 years. 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. There will be an **OPEN MORNING for prospective parents on Tuesdays 3 November, 1 December and 12 January, all starting at 9:15am.** Click here to book.

**ST THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST** (STCAT), which is responsible for most of our Catholic schools in the southern half of the Diocese (including St Joseph's Catholic Primary School), is currently **looking for a Chair and new Directors** to join its Board. These are voluntary roles, and you don't need a background in education – just time and willingness to support our schools; professional experience from all disciplines is also welcome. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, more details are available here.

**RAFFLE TICKET DELIVERIES:** Calling all helpers! The annual raffle ticket mailing is being assembled on **Thursday 5 November at 9am** in the First Committee Room and we are seeking volunteers to help deliver the letters in the 10 days following. Please reply here if you are able to help hand-deliver the letters. This saves the parish nearly £1,700 in postage and your help is greatly appreciated.



Click here for more information and booking form.

**ITALIAN EVENING:** The Bridgettine Sisters are hosting an Italian Evening on **Saturday 21 November at 6pm** in the Bridgettine Convent (SL0 0NR). It consists of a three-course meal all prepared by the sisters. The price is £30 per person. There will also be a raffle with lots of prizes at £5 for a strip of tickets. CASH ONLY. If you would like to join us, please call Ann Saunders on 07554 400028 or email ann21lwa@gmail.com. All the **proceeds will go towards a new car for the sisters.**

**GOLF DAY:** Thanks to all those who joined us for **St Joseph's Golf Society Day** at Oakland Park Golf Club in September. The weather held, the staff at the club looked after us all very well and much enjoyment was had both on and off the golf course. People who took part in the tournament, joined us for dinner, donated prizes, bought raffle tickets, supported the auction or made a donation helped **raise the terrific sum of £7,023** for the New Hall. Thank you all so very much.

**POPPY APPEAL:** Poppies from the Royal British Legion are now available now from the church porch, please put your donation into the red box provided.

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