



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

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11 October 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4

THIS SUNDAY, the Church marks [Prisoners' Sunday](#), a day to pray for people in prison, their families and children, victims and survivors of crime, and all those working within the criminal justice system. Matthew's Gospel reminds us: "I was in prison and you came to me". Prisoners' Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on how we can put these words into action, recognising the dignity of every person and the possibility of redemption and a fresh start. [Watch Bishop Richard Moth's message.](#)

God of mercy, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison and for their children and families. Break the bonds of fear and isolation. May your love bring hope and new life.

Lord God, we commend to you all who work and volunteer in courts, prisons and communities. Be with them in their service, and help us to share your love more widely.



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.

15 October	St Teresa of Jesus Virgin, Doctor of the Church – Solemnity
17 October	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr – Memorial

ST JOSEPHS'S ROSARY CIRCLE INVITATION OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

We invite you to join our parish Rosary Circle.

Our group meets twice weekly at 7:30pm.

Tuesday – via Zoom

so that we can include those who are housebound

Thursday – in the Oratory at St Joseph's Church

If you would like to join either/both of these groups then please email stjosephsministriescoord@gmail.com.

Our **OCTOBER ROSARY INTENTION** is based on the address given by Pope Leo to European Leaders in Metz, France – We pray for the commitment of European leaders to patient dialogue, to show courage in negotiation and to be willing to give up positions for the greater good of peace and the cessation of war.

ADOREMUS: On **Saturday 10 October**, Catholics from across England and Wales will unite in prayer, worship and witness for the [Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress](#). Taking place at Southwark Cathedral and Westminster Cathedral, Adoremus is the Bishops' invitation to the whole Church to renew and deepen our devotion to Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. At the centre of the day will be the celebration of Holy Mass, inspiring catechesis, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction and a public Eucharistic Procession through central London. These moments of prayer and encounter will gather bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful in a visible expression of the Church's faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Two pilgrims will represent our Pastoral Area at this event. [Click here to watch all the key events via live stream.](#) This will enable you to participate from wherever you are.



THE FEAST OF ST TERESA OF ÁVILA

Thursday 15 October

Come and celebrate the feast of St Teresa of Ávila, one of the great teachers of prayer and spirituality.

Holy Hour | 6pm–7pm | St Joseph's Church

A time of Eucharistic Adoration, prayer and quiet reflection, inspired by the wisdom of St Teresa.

Meet the Community

7pm onwards | First Committee Room

Afterwards, join us for Cheese & Wine to meet the new members of the Carmelite Community. Come along, introduce yourself and enjoy some fellowship.

Come for the prayer. Stay for the welcome.

***"The closer one approaches to God,
the simpler one becomes."***

St Teresa of Ávila

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.



On Sunday 11 October, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION continues throughout October 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: [Registration for First Communion and Confirmation 2027 is now CLOSED.](#)

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our October talk held last Wednesday was **Faith in the Middle of Doubt – Meeting God in Our Questions** (John 20:24-29) and the speaker was **Fr Theophilus Nyamali OCD**. [Click here to watch a recording.](#) For details of more talks and links to previous recordings, [visit our webpage](#).

A branch of the **LONDON REGION OF SECULAR CARMELITES** meets at St Joseph's each month. If you are interested in growing in your commitment as a Catholic and in learning more about Carmelite spirituality you would be welcome to meet with us and find out more. Our next meeting is **Saturday 17 October** from 10:45am until 2:30pm at the Priory when we will spend time together in prayer and discussion.



YOUTH MASS (age 11 upwards) **Sunday 18 October at 11am**. 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE: On **Saturday 31 October at 3pm** there will be an additional Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing with refreshments served afterwards. This Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation.

REMEMBERING THOSE WE'VE LOST: **Monday 2 November** is the Feast 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.

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for **OCTOBER** is **FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY** – Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD: Thank you for putting your faith into action by responding to our appeal last week. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents. [To find out more about the work that your generosity makes possible click here.](#) It's not too late to contribute to our appeal, you can [donate online](#) or call 0303 303 3030.



Going forward **CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT** will host its **Wednesday Café on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. All sessions will take place in Chalfont St Peter Church Hall** (Church Lane) from 10am until 12noon. **The next one will take place on 14 October.** 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.

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 October. 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.

WAITROSE GREEN TOKENS: Shoppers at Waitrose in Gerrards Cross can support [Slough Homeless Our Concern](#) (SHOC) by popping their green tokens into their section of the 'Community Matters' box.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £3,000 in October as follows:

£1,500	Parish
£500	The Hub Christmas Fund
£300	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal CSP
£250	Chiltern Open Air Museum
£250	King's Church, High Wycombe
£200	Slough Refugee Support

The Parish greatly appreciates the regular donation it receives which helps to cover essential day-to-day running costs. We are so grateful to all the volunteers who give of their time and energy to make the Furniture Market the success it is.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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 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](#)".



MUSIC NIGHT

Live music by Laura Masterson
Friday 20 November

7pm to 10pm at St Joseph's School
Proceeds in aid of the New Hall

THANK YOU to everyone joined us for **AFTERNOON TEA** last Friday. There was a convivial atmosphere in the First Committee Room and the food was just fabulous. **£1,046** was raised for the New Hall. Special thanks to all the ladies who served the delicious sandwiches and cakes enjoyed by our guests and everyone who baked or donated raffle prizes.

THANK YOU: The **Bridgettine Sisters** are grateful to all those who supported their **Curry Night**. It was a fabulous evening of food, fun and fellowship, much enjoyed by everyone who attended. So far **over £1,000** has been raised to go towards a new car for the nuns. Thank you.

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.

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](#).

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC LIFE: Our local Catholic schools in the **St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust**, which includes *St Joseph's Catholic Primary School*, have produced a newsletter highlighting the ways in which they have been living out their mission over the last year. Rooted in the Gospel values of Faith, Hope and Love, our schools work together to nurture the spiritual, moral and personal development of every child, helping them to become confident, compassionate and faith-filled young people. [Read our newsletter here](#) or take a copy from the back of the church.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection at all Masses for Missio.

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