



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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4 October 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY: This autumn [CAFOD](#) tells us about its work in northern Zimbabwe, where drought has left communities facing severe food and water shortages. Twelve-year-old Tayla told us she often arrived at school hungry and tired after fetching water for her family. Without enough to eat and drink, she struggled to concentrate and feared she would fall behind in her studies. Our local Caritas partners worked with Tayla's school and community to build a solar-powered water system. Now the school has safe water for drinking and for growing vegetables, meaning they can provide nutritious meals to the children all year round, helping them to stay in education and develop their God-given talents. [Watch our appeal video here.](#)

Please support the **second collection this weekend**. Use the CAFOD envelope available from the church porch, [donate online](#) or call 0303 303 3030. *Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water.*



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.

7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary – Memorial
9 October	Saint John Henry Newman, Priest – Feast

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: 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.*

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.

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: [Online Registration closes at 6pm on 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: [Online Registration closes at 6pm on 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.](#)



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.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS to Gabriel Perestrelo Correia who was awarded his wooden cross in September in recognition of his one-year service to altar serving in the parish.
Well done and thank you!

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.

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 AND A CHAT: Our fortnightly social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 8 October** 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.



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

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.

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.

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 Joseph's Catholic Primary School is our local Catholic state primary school for children aged 2.5+ 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.](#)

CELEBRATING THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR

SCHOOLS: 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. Our mission extends far beyond academic success. 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. You can [read our Celebrating Catholic Life Newsletter here](#) or take a copy from the back of the church.

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.

THANK YOU: Children's Liturgy would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts last Friday – those who came to Tea in the Pot for our Coffee Morning, those who bought sweet or savoury bakes at our Cake Sale and those who dusted off their aprons and baked. Altogether we **raised £616.11 for Macmillan Cancer Support**, a fabulous total!

A small number of **OCTOBER DAY BY DAY** booklets which feature daily readings and inspirational quotes are now available from the bookshop priced at just **£2** each.



There is **only one and a half tables left for our QUIZ NIGHT** so sign up quick if you want to join us.

It takes place on **Saturday 10 October** in Chalfont St Peter

Community Centre. Get your thinking caps on and a table of 8 and join us! Tables of 8 at £10 per person, with proceeds in aid of the New Hall. 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.



MUSIC NIGHT

Live music by Laura Masterson
Friday 6 November
7pm to 10pm at St Joseph's School
Proceeds in aid of the New Hall

The **200 CLUB** is now running again for 2026/2027. There are **still places available** so please encourage friends and family to sign up to this fun fundraiser. Membership is now £100 to enter 10 remaining monthly draws for cash prizes. Funds are split 50:50 between parish funds and the lucky winners. Contact Alastair at 200club@stjosephs.org.uk or pick up a form from the church porch.

"As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world."

Pope Leo XIV

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