15 November 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1

St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton
Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)
St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: Safeguarding is at the heart of who we are as a Catholic community. It is about recognising the dignity of every person, listening with compassion and ensuring that our churches and communities are places where everyone is safe, respected and valued.

This Safeguarding Sunday, we join churches across the country in reflecting on the theme "**Love Protects**", inspired by St Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13. It reminds us that love is not simply something we say; it is something we put into practice through the way we treat one another, particularly those who may be vulnerable or at risk of harm.

Safeguarding is not the responsibility of one person or team. It belongs to all of us; clergy, religious, parish safeguarding representatives, employees, volunteers and parishioners. We each have a part to play in creating a culture where people feel able to speak up, concerns are heard and the right action is taken.

For help, advice or to report any concerns, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs) – **Simon Hardcastle and Gillian Sugrue** in confidence via safeguarding@stjosephs.org.uk. As Parish Priest, **Fr Bob Davies** is the Safeguarding Lead for the parish. He can be contacted via frrobert.davies@northamptondiocese.org.

LOVE PROTECTS. SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

17 November	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious – Memorial
18 November	Commemoration of all the Dead of the Carmelite Order
19 November	St Raphael of St Joseph Kalinowski, Priest of Carmelite Order – Memorial
21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial

There will be **NO ADORATION** at 6:30pm in St Joseph's Church on **Monday 16 November**.



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.



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR is celebrated by the Catholic Church this **Sunday 15 November**. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme of "**The Lord is the refuge of the poor**" (Ps 14:6) and invites Catholics to reflect on how we recognise, accompany and stand alongside those experiencing poverty. In his message, the Holy Father reminds us that the Church must not simply reach out to the poor, but become a place where they find welcome, dignity, friendship and hope. His challenge is clear: we are not simply called to seek refuge in God, but to become a refuge for others.

"The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity." *Pope Leo XIV*

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Michael Dolan** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Thursday 26 November at 11:30am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.



YOUTH MASS (age 11 upwards) **Sunday 15 November at 11am** This will also be the Mass of Enrolment for our Confirmation Candidates. 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.**

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 21 November** from 10:45am until 2:30pm at the Priory when we will spend time together in prayer and discussion.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) is a Catholic charity providing spiritual and practical support for Christians, especially those who are persecuted for their faith. Working through local Church partners, ACN supports priests, Sisters, and catechists; helps build churches; provides transport and training for seminarians; and supplies religious literature and emergency aid to those in need. ACN also advocates on behalf of oppressed Christians worldwide. Through prayer, information, and action, ACN helps to keep the Faith alive in a troubled world. **ACN will visit our parish next weekend 21/22 November to make an appeal.**

WALKING WITH ST FRANCIS THROUGH ADVENT: Four Advent talks exploring different aspects of the life, spirituality and legacy of St Francis of Assisi, as we mark the 800th anniversary of his death. Together, we will discover how the example of St Francis can inspire and guide us on our own journey through Advent. Live on YouTube on Thursday evenings **starting 26 November** at 7.30pm, and at any time afterwards. Sign up here.

SAVE THE DATE – ADVENT RETREAT: An opportunity to pause and reflect as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Join **Fr Eamonn Mulcahy** as he explores "**The Disturbing Freshness of Jesus**" on **Saturday 5 December** at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Great Missenden (HP16 9AA). More information and booking details to follow next week.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF): Christmas cards will be on after all Masses at St Joseph's this weekend **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*

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. You don't need a background in education – just time and willingness to support our schools. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, more details are available here.

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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Rosary: Tuesday at 7:30pm via Zoom and Thursday at 7:30pm in the Oratory
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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 INDIVIDUAL JUICE CARTONS** and welcome any of the following donations – sandwiches (tuna, plain cheese, marmite), small chocolate biscuit bars (such as penguin, rocky, club, two finger kit-kat), individually wrapped cakes, crisps, 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.*

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2026/2027

The 200 Club is now running again for 2026/2027. The **second draw has been held for September** and the lucky winners are:

1st	Ben Blackden (£237.50)
2nd	Ciaran Coakley (£118.75)
3rd	Bridie O'Rourke (£71.25)
4th	Richard Cottle (£47.50)

Congratulations to the winners. There are still spaces available for those who have not yet renewed or wish to join. Membership is now **£90 to enter the 9 remaining monthly draws** for cash prizes. Funds are split 50:50 between parish funds and the lucky winners. The next draw is at the end of November so please join (or rejoin) now. Contact Alastair at 200club@stjosephs.org.uk or pick up a form from the church porch.

A selection of religious **CHRISTMAS CARDS, MASS BOUQUET CARDS, ADVENT CALENDARS, CANDLES AND 2027 DIARIES/CALENDARS** are now in stock in the Repository at very reasonable prices. Please put your payment in the box provided. You can also pay by card using the machine and choosing **Repository**.

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.**



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
Click here for more information and booking form.

AUTUMN RAFFLE: Thank you to all those parishioners who helped to prepare and deliver the raffle envelopes. All parishioners should have received 6 raffle books. Please buy your tickets and return the stubs to the Parish Office in the envelope provided. Thank you if you have already done that. Every raffle book you take and sell brings us closer to securing a hall fit for our growing parish.

NEW HALL APPEAL: This week there will be new displays in the church showing images of the inside and outside of the New Community Hall. Members of the New Hall Team will be there to show you the displays and to answer any questions about our excellent progress on the project. **And it's happening now!** Demolition work is starting next month and construction work will commence in the new year. We do need your help to raise a further £270k to meet our target of £1.85m. This will enable us to complete the project within the planned timescale of Autumn 2027. Donations via the QR code on the flyer or in the red donation envelopes will help to secure that £270k.

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