# 22 November 2026
# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2**

**St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton**
Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)
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Today is **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY**. The Feast of Christ the King is designated as the day the Church celebrates God's gift of youth and young adults. It is a time to give thanks for the gifts, faith and energy of young people, and to recognise their place in the life and mission of the Church. This year has a special focus on St Francis of Assisi, marking the 800th anniversary of his death. He responded to God's call with humility, joy and courage, dedicating his life to prayer, service, peace and care for creation. His example continues to inspire Christians around the world to live simply, love generously and place Christ at the centre of their lives.

Dear Lord, help our young people
to find faith in the midst of the chaos.
Give them the desire and ability to see you,
hear you, talk to you and give thanks to you.
We pray that they will draw nearer and nearer
to you all their lives. *Amen*.

**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 this weekend 21/22 November to make an appeal.**

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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| 24 November | Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs – Memorial |

**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.

**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.*

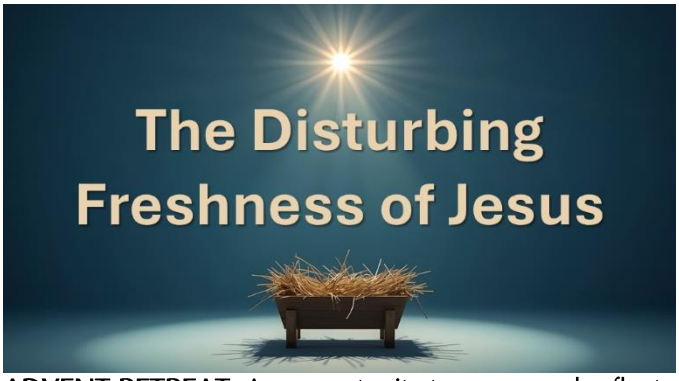
**HOLY SOULS:** During November we pray especially for all the Holy Souls: those who have died in the past year, past members of our parish, our own departed relatives and friends and those who have no one to pray for them. As in recent years, we will have the golden Holy Souls box on the altar throughout 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.

**EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 2 December** at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church. The topic is **The Hope of Emmanuel – God With Us: The Gift That Changes Everything** (Isaiah 7:14) and the speaker is **Deacon Peter Collins**. He will speak on God's constant presence since the beginning of time and the life-affirming hope offered to all who open themselves to God.
*Deacon Peter was ordained in 2017, after his formation at Wonnersh Seminary by tutors from St Mary's University. His ordination followed after a career working in the paint industry as a formulation scientist and technologist. He has a bachelor's degree in chemistry and is now a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry. He is married to Michelle, and they are blessed with five children and nine grandchildren.*
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.

**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. The first talk is by **Brian Purfield** and the topic is "**Francis, Rebuild My Church**": A Call to Conversion and Renewal.

**PRAYER FOR ADVENT**: Join us for morning prayer using resources from the Jesuit Advent Prayer Calendar on **weekdays throughout Advent** from 7:40am (for 7:45am start) to 8:15am on Zoom. If you would like to join these sessions please contact Joanna Hale.

**ADVENT STUDY GROUP**: Parishioners are invited to come together to read and discuss '**The First Christmas**' by **Borg and Crossan**. Led by **Scott Albrecht BA, MA Theol**, this will take place during Advent on Thursday evenings – **3, 10 and 17 December** – at 7pm in the First Committee Room. Study books will be available at the first meeting and participants are encourage to read sections of the book between the weekly sessions. Please call Scott on 07983 477819 for more details.




**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** from 10:30am to 3:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Great Missenden (HP16 9AA). £10 per person. Refreshments provided. Bring your own lunch. Click here to book your place. *If need a lift or are happy to car-share please get in touch with Joan at the Parish Office.*

**BRIDGETTINE CAROL SERVICE**: The Bridgettine Sisters invite parishioners to join them for their Carol Service in the Convent Chapel on **Thursday 10 December** at 6:30pm. You will be assured of a warm welcome and the service will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Tessa Evans, Thomas Kuo, Dominic Martin and Noah Vedanayagam** who were awarded their Guild of St Stephens medal for two years of regular serving at the 9am Sunday Mass. *Well done and thank you all!*

*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 **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.*

Going forward **CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT** will host its **Wednesday Café on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month**. **The next one is 25 November in Chalfont St Peter Church Hall** (Church Lane) from **10am until 12noon**. 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.

**TEA AND A CHAT**: Our fortnightly social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 26 November** 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.

**THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF)**: Christmas cards are on sale from the back of church. The cost is **£5 for a pack** of six. This year's lovely card was drawn by Juliet Edwards aged 9. Please drop your payment into the Parish Office. 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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**DO YOU REMEMBER SISTER WENDY BECKETT?** The recently published book "**The Spiritual Vision of Sister Wendy Beckett**" by **Michelle Jones** uncovers how she isn't just the "art nun" but also one of the most luminous and helpful spiritual figures of our times. The book is beautifully presented and would make a great Christmas gift! You can purchase in bookstores or on Amazon.

**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.*




**AUTUMN RAFFLE:** The **Grand Draw** will take place on **Saturday 12 December**. Please support us if you are able. All **proceeds will go towards the New Hall.** Send your completed counterfoils to the Priory by post or drop through the letterbox. You can pay for your raffle tickets by cash, **cheque made payable to "St Joseph's Events"** or online via this link **and choose Raffle.** *If you're not in, you can't win!*




**IT'S HAPPENING**

Demolition work on the old hall will start next month, with demolition and asbestos removal complete by February. The response to the New Hall Autumn campaign has been positive, so thank you to all parishioners who have bought raffle tickets and made donations. The campaign continues this weekend with the new hall images and plans on display in the church and First Committee Room. Members of the team will be there to answer any questions so please go and see them after Mass.

**STORAGE SPACE URGENTLY REQUIRED:** The New Hall Team is looking for a facility **to store 150 stackable chairs and 10 banqueting tables** whilst the new hall is being built. If you can help please contact the team at newhall.stjosephgerrardscross@northamptondiocese.org.

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.**

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 Clement of Rome | Feast 25 November**
*(third successor of St Peter)*

Every Member of the Church is Important. The great cannot exist without the small, nor the small without the great. There is a certain combination among all, and usefulness lies in this.
*(I Clement 37:4)*
*Letter to the Corinthians*

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