8 November 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4

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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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is a time to remember all those who have given their lives during the two World Wars, and later conflicts, for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. We pray for all of those affected by war; those in the armed services who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who are innocent victims of war. May their memory prompt us all to pursue peace.

There will be a special **Remembrance Sunday 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.

At St Joseph's Church we will observe two minutes' silence at 11am before the start of Mass.

St Joseph's Parish will be represented at the **Wreath Laying and Act of Remembrance in Gerrards Cross** at the War Memorial at 11am as well as the **Remembrance Day Parade in Chalfont St Peter** starting at 2:40pm from the British Legion with wreath laying at St Peter's Church at 2:50pm and the Last Post at 3pm.

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.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our November talk was **Put on the Mind of Christ** (Philippians 2:5) and the speaker was **Fr Simon Penhalagan**. Click here to watch a recording. For links to recordings of previous talks, visit our Emmaus webpage.

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.

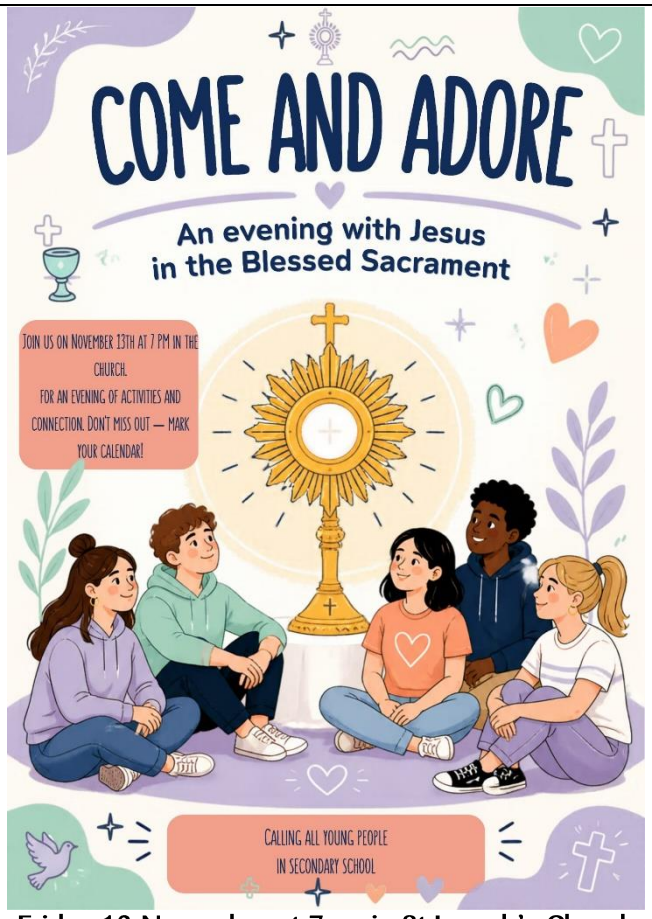


We broadcast all Masses/Services live from St Joseph's Church (not the Oratory) in real time via our live stream at www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live.

9 November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Feast
10 November	St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church – Memorial
11 November	St Martin of Tours, Bishop – Memorial
12 November	St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr – Memorial
14 November	All Saints of the Carmelite Order – Feast

FOR READERS: Explore the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas Year B. **Liz Clark** from the Diocesan Liturgical Formation Team will give an online talk for Readers on **Wednesday 11 November from 7:30pm to 8:30pm**. The session will include prayer, input and the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. A recording will be available. To register and receive Zoom link please email deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org.

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.



Friday 13 November at 7pm in St Joseph's Church
Come with an open heart. Bring a friend. Expect to be inspired.
Parents encourage your children to come and worship God with their peers.

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.



YOUTH MASS (age 11 upwards)
Sunday 15 November 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.**

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 safeguarding@stjosephs.org.uk in confidence. The Priory Safeguarding Lead is Fr Theophilus Nyamali.

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 details to follow.

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.

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.

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.

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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*

Going forward **CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT** will host its **Wednesday Café on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The next one is 11 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 12 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 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.

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.

AUTUMN RAFFLE

Our Autumn Raffle launches this weekend. This year it is a fund raiser for our New Community Hall. Over the next few days parishioners will receive a letter containing 6 raffle books each containing 5 raffle tickets and an information flyer giving you key information about where we currently stand with our new hall developments and plans.

Please sell as many tickets as you can. More books are available from the Parish Office. The top prize is £500 and the draw takes place on Saturday 12 December. Winners will be informed directly and listed in the newsletter and on the parish website.

LIVE MUSIC EVENT: Join us on **Friday 20 November** at St Joseph's School for an evening of live music by artist, singer and songwriter **Laura Masterson**. This is a fundraiser for the New Hall. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are **£10 per person**. Bar (cash and card). BYO Nibbles. Raffle. 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.**

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**.

CONGRATULATIONS to young parishioner **Sophie Alvay who won the Young Hero award** in the inaugural GX Rotary Club Local Hero Awards. Sophie took on a 1,000 stairs challenge in London to raise money for the New Hall and raised over £1,400. *Well done Sophie!*

"War does not solve problems; on the contrary, it amplifies them and inflicts deep wounds on the history of peoples, which take generations to heal."
Pope Leo XIV

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