

21 July 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – 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

Fr Robert (Bob) Davies OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Jerome Ituah OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD,
Fr John McGowan OCD, Fr Martin McDonald OCD and Fr Theophilus (Theo) Nyamali OCD



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.

22 July	St Mary Magdalene – Feast
23 July	St Bridget, Religious, Patroness of Europe – Feast
25 July	St James, Apostle – Feast
26 July	Ss Joachim and Ann, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Bob Dyer** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Wednesday 31 July in St Joseph's Church at 11am**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

The **DIOCESAN CHARISMATIC RENEWAL TEAM** is organising a Day of Renewal under the theme **"Walk the Walk"** and is very pleased and excited to welcome **Sue and Charles Whitehead**, who will be leading us on the day in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, St Paul's School Campus in Milton Keynes (MK6 5NA) on **Saturday 27 July from 10:30am until 3pm**. For more details email cdscnorthampton@gmail.com or text 07725200866.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for July is FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK – We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

A **NEW CATHOLIC PODCAST** has been launched which aims to showcase guests who not in the public eye and discovers more about the reality of sharing their faith through their life. [Click here to listen to the podcast.](#)

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.



As in previous years, Masses and activities will be reduced during the holiday season.

MASS TIMES

As from the weekend of Saturday 27/Sunday 28 July:

Mass times in **St Joseph's**, Chalfont St Peter
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm
Sunday Masses at 7:45am and 11am only

Mass times in **Holy Name**, Denham
Sunday Mass at 9:30am.

Mass times in the **Bridgettine Convent**, Iver Heath
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm
Sunday Mass at 9am

Normal Mass times resume as from the weekend of Saturday 7/Sunday 8 September.

ROSARY CIRCLE

The last Rosary before the summer break will take place on Thursday 25 July. Rosary Circle will resume again on Tuesday 10 September.

NEWSLETTER

Once we move to the Summer Mass Schedule, we will not be publishing weekly newsletters as it is a quiet time in the parish. Any important news will be included in the Announcements at Sunday Mass, put on church notice boards and posted on the parish website. The next one thereafter will be Sunday 8 September. Any items to be included in our weekly email during the summer should be sent to the Parish Office by lunchtime on Thursdays.

Our **EMMAUS OPENING THE SCRIPTURES** series of talks takes a **break in August for the summer holidays**. Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 4 September** at St Joseph's Church at 7:30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Zara Saleh who was awarded a wooden cross for one year of regular serving at Mass. Well done and thank you!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Thank you to all those who've attended our Children's Liturgy sessions throughout the year at 9am Mass. We have been privileged to share the Word of God with your children and young people. Thank you also to those of you who completed our survey. We will be using the findings to help us plan next year.

Whilst 9am Mass is 'on holiday' during the summer, we will be offering one session as a trial at the 9:30am Mass in Denham (probably on Sunday 25 August but do check the Friday Email or website for details) so do please join us with your family that day. Weather permitting, we will have sessions outside during the service and some drinks/cake after Mass.

We are also hoping to offer some **Bible Storytime** sessions for pre-school children during the holidays. More details will be sent out by email to families with young children who may like to attend.

TEA AND A CHAT: Our social group will meet together for a chat over a cuppa on **Thursday 25 July** from 2pm to 4pm in the First Committee Room. We look forward to seeing you there. Everyone is most welcome.

CALLED & EQUIPPED 2024: What is God calling you to do next? Our year-long formation course covers the foundations of Catholic teaching alongside developing a personal spirituality, which might just be right for you. [Click here for more details](#) or [contact Christine Cornwell](#) from our parish who has just completed the course. There will be a final introductory webinar on **Monday 5 August** at 7:30pm or you can [watch a recording of a previous webinar here](#). Applications close shortly after.

The **ANNUAL MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE** will be celebrated by Bishop David on **7 September** at Northampton Cathedral. Gathering will be from 11:30am followed by Mass at 12 noon. Bishop David will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years etc. If this is a special anniversary year for you please contact Sam Canning via email mfl@northamptondiocese.org by 25 August. Everyone is very welcome to attend and there will be refreshments after Mass in the Cathedral Centre.

BAPTISM COURSE: The dates for our next Baptism course are **Sundays 15, 22 and 29 September**. 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. Email teambaptismcoord@gmail.com if you wish to find out more or enrol on the course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025: There will be an Open Meeting for **Holy Communion on Monday 7 October** and for **Confirmation on Tuesday 8 October**; both at **7:30pm in the First Committee Room**. These will be led by Fr Jerome who will outline the plans and expectations for our 2025 programmes. Sessions will begin mid-November and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-June (Communion) or early-July (Confirmation). Online registration for both sacraments will open on Wednesday 9 October and close on Wednesday 23 October for those who wish to enrol their child in either of these programmes. More details will be published on the website over the summer.

THE [LONDON & SLOUGH RUN](#) continues this **Monday 22 July**. Please bring your donations to the **First Committee Room by 12 noon**. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF INDIVIDUAL CARTONS OF JUICE, SMALL CHOCOLATE BARS (eg Penguins) and CRISPS. WE ALSO NEED FRESH GREEN MILK, UHT GREEN MILK, TEA, COFFEE, SUGAR, TINNED FISH and TINNED MEAT.** Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated.

DRIVERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you could spare one evening a month then please let us know. We need drivers who have a C1 licence to drive our van on the Monday night run up to London. Please contact Eugene Walsh on 07583 822752 for more information.



Walk with us on Saturday 7 September to help us raise funds. [The Dawn Walk](#) starts at 5:45am at **Dorney Lake**. Whether you choose 5K or 10K, your participation can make a real difference in the lives of the homeless and local people/families in need. By registering, you not only stay active, get to watch the sun come up over the lake but also contribute to a very meaningful cause. Café will be open for breakfast too!

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UPDATE – PARISH COMMUNITY HALL

The programme is progressing along to plan. So far:

- a) The Land Transference of the garages to the parish is with the solicitors.
- b) The plans for the priests' new garages and store have been passed by the Council.
- c) Construction of the new garages and store will start soon.
- d) Then we can progress the planning application for the hall once we own the land and once
- e) The BAT report has been submitted. The final survey will be completed in a few weeks.
- f) We have a hold up with the planning department for the hall because of lack of staff there, but we are pushing it forward.
- g) It is now crucial that we start fundraising, so once the outline plans are accepted and passed, and we have enough funds, we can start the demolition and build.
- h) We will have a day for an update to the parish and then final plans can be approved in September.

In the meantime, donations can be made directly into the Community Hall Bank Account (details below) or put in an envelope (clearly marked 'Community Hall') and handed into the Priory.

Bank: NatWest

Account Name: THE NORTHAMPTON ROMAN CATHOLIC TRUST RCDN ST JOSEPH NEW HALL ACC REGD CHARITY 234091

Account Sort Code: 60-06-11

Account Number: 36303518

You can get in touch with via our **email address** below:
newhall.stjosephgerrardscross@northamptondiocese.org

YOUTH WORKER VACANCY: The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Youth Worker to join the Youth Ministry Office. The role will be for 35 hours per week and will include evening and weekend work. Full information for the positions, including how to apply, can be [found here](#). The closing date for applications is **10 August**.



ST JOSEPH'S GOLF DAY: Our annual St Joseph's Golf Society Day takes place on **Sunday 1 September** at Oakland Park Golf Club in Chalfont St Giles. 18 Hole Stableford Competition with individual and team prizes. Tee off times from 12 noon onwards, with bacon rolls to start and a presentation dinner in the evening. Cost is £67 per head for golf and dinner (£37 if you are an Oakland Park member) and £27 per person for guests attending dinner only. Places are limited so early booking is advised. **Booking forms** can be [found on our website](#) or in the church porch.

200 Club

RENEWAL TIME!

Thank you to all those who participated in **St Joseph's 200 Club** in the last year. It's now time to renew or join for 2024/25. New members are very welcome and existing members are encouraged to re-subscribe.

The Club brings members together to take part in a parish fundraiser through a monthly prize draw. Annual membership remains at **£120** for entry into all **twelve monthly draws** for the year (July 2024 to June 2025). All proceeds are split 50:50 between parish funds and monthly member prizes and this year the money will go to support the administrative costs of the **new Parish Community Hall project**. When the full subscription of 200 members is reached, the Club will raise £12,000 for parish funds with monthly prizes of 1st £500, 2nd £250, 3rd £150 and 4th £100 in each draw. Prizes are pro-rated if there are fewer than 200 members. [More details can be found on the parish website](#).

Please **contact Alastair** at 200club@stjosephs.org.uk to register your interest and/or ask any questions or pick up and complete a form from the church porch and drop it to the Priory or send it to the Parish Office.

Thank you to all members for your support. The 200 Club has been one of the main fundraisers for our parish and your membership will make a significant contribution to parish funds.

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