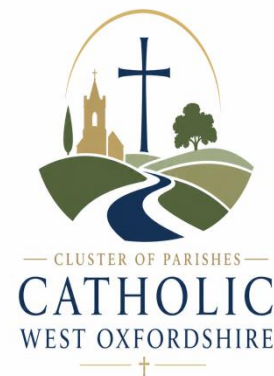




# ST JOSEPH'S CARTERTON

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 2026

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of OT | 5.00pm  | Carterton | Justo Anaquita RIP Anni |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> |                               | 9.30am  | Burford   | Pro Populo              |
|                      |                               | 11.00am | Carterton | Pro Populo              |
| Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> | Feria                         | 9.00am  | Carterton | Mass & Rosary           |
| Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> | St Giles                      | 10.00am | Burford   | Celebrant's Intention   |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Feria                         | 10.00am | Carterton |                         |
| Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> | St Gregory the Great          | 10.00am | Burford   | Celebrant's Intention   |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Feria                         | 10.00am | Carterton | Jeff Dixon RIP          |
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Feria                         |         |           |                         |
|                      | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of OT | 5.00pm  | Carterton | Ruby Phillips RIP       |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>  |                               | 9.30am  | Burford   | Pro Populo              |
|                      |                               | 11.00am | Carterton | Pro Populo              |

**Welcome to the celebration of Holy Mass.** If you are visiting our parish for this weekend you are most welcome, do feel free to join us for refreshments in the church hall after mass.

**Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Susan Phillips, Deacon Bernard Curtin, Justin Family members, His Majesty King Charles, , Benje Shirlaw, Noreen Price, Rodrigo Bantug, Marilyn Enriquez, Miriam James .

### Recently Dead.

**Confessions** are available during exposition at St Joseph's on Friday mornings, before weekday masses at Burford, 4.15-4.45 on Saturday evenings, and of course on request.

**Safeguarding.** This Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Francesca and can be contacted at: [sgstjoseph.carterton@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sgstjoseph.carterton@rcaob.org.uk) alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Livestream** This can be accessed via a search on YouTube or via the link on the Parish Website. Please encourage those who can't get to church to join us at Mass via the livestream.

### Regular Parish Activities;

**Rosary Prayer Group** 9.30am every Monday morning.

**Solo's Friendship Group** This group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the alternating between coffee at 11.15am and Lunch at 12.30pm each month

**Church Choir** Rehearsals 7-8pm on Tuesday evenings. **New members always welcome!**

**Faith Sharing Group** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month

**Parish Bring and Share Lunches** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month,. All welcome!.

**SVP** Meets 7pm St Joseph's on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month or as announced....

**CLUSTER YOUTH GROUP** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month (For More information please contact Michelle Rose on 07484 880109)

**PARISH CLUSTERS** Lots of wonderful ideas are emerging. Do keep the flourishing of the parishes and people of our cluster in your prayers.....

There will be feedback from the last visitation on 6<sup>th</sup> October so it will be interesting to hear what that has to say!

**HARVINGTON PILGRIMAGE** Details on a poster in the porch Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Mass at 3pm..

**MENS GROUP** a couple of people have mentioned the possibility of starting a men's group in the parish. Possibly an evening Mass once a month with the chance for a cuppa in the hall or even pub trip afterwards....?! Drop me an email if you could be interested and we can take it from there..... Perhaps suggestions as to what evening might suit too would be helpful.....

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** Across the cluster there has been an appetite shown for a Young Adults Group. There is already one at Headington, and one at the Oxford Oratory. Time will tell if it's worth having a Cluster Group or whether or not we somehow join an already established group.

**POPE ST GREGORY THE GREAT** Gregory was born around 540 in Rome. The exact date of his birth is unknown. Although the Western Roman Empire had collapsed long before his birth, many ancient Roman families still commanded great wealth and influence in the city. Gregory was born into one such family.

Because of his great respect for the poor, it was Pope Gregory and the Church that became the most respected and obeyed force in Rome and across Italy. From the time of Gregory onwards, the people looked to the Church for government rather than the distant and indifferent emperors in Constantinople.

Pope Gregory suffered from arthritis in his last years. He died on March 12, 604 AD. He was immediately proclaimed a saint by means of popular acclaim. Saint Gregory's relics remain in St Peter's Basilica to this day.

In 1969, the Second Vatican Council moved Saint Gregory's feast day from March 12 to September 3 so it would not fall during Lent. During Lent, there are no obligatory memorials. The Eastern Orthodox Church also venerates Saint Gregory, honoring him on March 12.

Both Anglican and Lutheran Christians also venerate Pope Saint Gregory. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

**ST GILES** Giles is the subject of an elaborate and largely unhistorical anonymous Latin legend first attested in the 10th century. He was a Greek, and, according to the *Legendae Aurea*, he was the son of King Theodore and Queen Pelagia of Athens. Although born in Athens, Giles lived in retreats near the mouth of the Rhône and by the River Gard in Septimania in the Visigothic Kingdom. The *Legenda Aurea* links him with Arles, but finally he withdrew deep into the forest near Nîmes, where in the greatest solitude he spent many years, his sole companion being his beloved deer, or red deer, who in some stories sustained him on her milk. Giles ate a Christian vegetarian diet. This retreat was finally discovered by the king's hunters, who had pursued the deer to its place of refuge. An arrow shot at the deer wounded the saint instead, who afterwards became a patron of the physically disabled. The king, by legend, was Wamba, an anachronistic Visigoth, but must have been a Frank in the original story due to the historical setting. He held the hermit in high esteem for his humility in rejecting all honours save having some disciples. Wamba built him a monastery in his valley, Saint-Gilles-du-Gard, which Giles placed under the Benedictine rule. He died there in the early part of the 8th century, with the highest repute for sanctity and miracles.

A 10th-century *Vita sancti Aegidii* recounts that, as Giles was celebrating Mass to pardon Emperor Charlemagne's sins, an angel deposited upon the altar a letter outlining a sin so terrible Charlemagne had never dared confess it. Several Latin and French texts, including the *Legenda Aurea* refer to this hidden "sin of Charlemagne". This legend, however, contradicts the well-established later dates for the life of Charlemagne (c. 742 – 28 January 814).

A later text, the *Liber miraculorum sancti Aegidii* ("The Book of Miracles of Saint Giles") served to reinforce the flow of pilgrims to the abbey.

**RIDE N STRIDE** Pauline and Chris are doing this, and you can sponsor them via the sheet on the noticeboard. Another way you can help is by volunteering to 'man' the desk in the parish hall so those who are doing the riding and striding can access the loos and perhaps have a drink and have their cards marked to say they've been here! The sign up sheet for volunteers is also on the noticeboard.

**PARISH REGISTER GDPR AUDIT** During the second half of September we will be undertaking a General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) review of the Parish database. Firstly individuals already on the register will be sent an e-mail or post detailing the information held by the parish for confirmation and/or updating. Second action will be to ask those not already registered (i.e. not receiving the newsletter weekly) to fill out a registration form for the parish so that they can be included. This can be done anytime from now on so that your details can be added.

**NOTA BENE** Mass at 9am Monday before we head off to Walsingham. Usual rosary will follow Mass.

**QUIZ & FISH n CHIP SUPPER** 7.30pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September Sign up sheet in the porch.