



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Fifth Sunday of OT</i>	5.00pm	Carterton	Phil Bailey RIP
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	Burford	Pro Populo
		11.00am	Carterton	Moira Lowry RIP
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Carterton	Rosary Prayer Group
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>St Scholastica</i>	10.00am	Burford	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Carterton	Agostinho de Freitas RIP
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am	Burford	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Carterton	Joao de Freitas RIP
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Sts Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>	No Mass		
	<i>Sixth Sunday of OT</i>	5.00pm	Carterton	Pro Populo
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	Burford	Pro Populo
		11.00am	Carterton	Virginia de Freitas RIP

**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:** Lucy Staveley, Susan Phillips, Deacon Bernard Curtin, Justin Family members, His Majesty King Charles, Celeste Giblin, Benje Shirlaw, Noreen Price, Rodrigo Bantug, Marilyn Enriquez .

**Recently Dead.** Richard Lethbridge RIP (Formerly of Burford Parish)

**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! A great chance to meet and chat informally over shared food.

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

**ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026** Next year's Pilgrimage is 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May 2026. I do think going to Lourdes with the Diocese is by far the best way to experience it and commend it to you! Bookings are now being taken. Phone Tangney directly specifying Birmingham Pilgrimage, plus St Joseph's Carterton staying in the Hotel Padoue.

**QUIZ & FISH & CHIP SUPPER** This coming Thursday. Last chance to sign up in the porch. 7.30pm Supper with quiz to follow.....

**PARISH PATRONAL FEAST** to celebrate our patronal Festival on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March we shall have Mass at 7pm followed by a bring and share gathering in the hall afterwards. We welcome Fr Simon Baker to the parish who will be the preacher at this Mass. It will be during Lent but it being a Solemnity I would suggest even those who have given up alcohol for Lent might be allowed a glass or two celebrating our Patronal Feast!

**'RAF Group 187 HCPT Easter Pilgrimage'** - RAF personnel and veterans have the honour of taking serving personnel children and young people with disabilities, additional needs, and social challenges to Lourdes - a life-changing journey of faith and transformation. For the helpers it is an opportunity to live out the Gospel call to serve others. For the RAF families it offers respite and support, they are often balancing the demands of an operational role and the care requirements of their child. All donations will cover the child's pilgrimage, zoo trip, mountain excursion and arts and craft supplies!

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** is underway. If you wish to sign up please speak to Fr Paul or email on the parish email right away or it will be too late for this coming year.

**LENTEN LUNCHESES** every Friday during lent the Morning mass will switch to 12 noon followed by a soup lunch in the hall. A sign up sheet for soup making volunteers will be on the noticeboard.

**NEW ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER** We pray for Right Reverend Richard Moth as he prepares for his installation as the twelfth Archbishop of Westminster. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm, a Solemn Pontifical Vespers will be prayed on the eve of his Installation in Westminster Cathedral. The following day, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, the feast of Ss Cyril and Methodius, the Most Rev Richard Moth will be solemnly Installed as the twelfth Archbishop of Westminster in Westminster Cathedral. Both liturgies are available to watch via Westminster Cathedral livestream on Youtube.

## **KENELM YOUTH TRUST**

### **JOINT YOUTH GROUP with OLSH WITNEY and St J's & St JFTM**

Children from Year 5 upwards in Carterton parish are warmly invited to join the Youth Group gatherings at Our Lady and St Hugh, where we regularly welcome between 15 and 30 young people.

The Youth Group meets **every second Sunday of each month**. We look forward to welcoming the young people of Carterton parish and thank you for your continued prayers and support."

(For More information please contact Michelle Rose on 07484 880109)

## **ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT**

Registration is now open for the next '*Called to Serve*' weekend retreat, organised by the **Diocesan Vocations Office** and **Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT)**.

The retreat will take place at Alton Castle and Soli, the diocesan youth retreat centres in Alton, north Staffordshire.

It is aimed at altar servers in school years 5 to 13 who attend as part of a parish group.

The retreat takes place from the evening of **Friday 27 February** to lunchtime on **Sunday 1 March 2026**.

***What is it?*** A retreat is firstly a time to leave the busyness of our lives to spend time with Jesus and with others. It will be good for altar servers to be with those from other parishes! There will be fun activities and time for reflection on the service we give in our lives. At the heart of our time together will be prayer and liturgical celebrations, including a candlelit Blessed Sacrament procession and culminating in Holy Mass on Sunday celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes.