



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Sat 20 th	16 th Sunday of OT	5.00pm	Carterton	Ann Owen RIP
Sun 21 st		9.30am	Burford	Pro Populo
		11.00am	Carterton	Pro Populo
Mon 22 nd	St Mary Magdalene	6.45pm	Carterton	Rosary Prayer Group
Tues 23 rd	St Bridget	10.00am	Burford	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 24 th	Feria	9.30am	Carterton	Shawn Thornton RIP
Thur 25 th	St James	10.00am	Burford	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 26 th	Sts Joachim & Anne	9.30am	Carterton	Pro Populo
Sat 27 th	Feria			No Mass
	17 th Sunday of OT	5.00pm	Carterton	Pro Populo
Sun 28 th		9.30am	Burford	Pro Populo
		11.00am	Carterton	Donal Lowry 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 introduce yourself and join us for coffee/tea 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: Deacon Bernard Curtin, Justin Family members His Majesty King Charles and Princess Catherine at this time.

Recently deceased. Fr Brendan Carrick RIP

Confessions are available during exposition at St Joseph's on Friday mornings, before weekday masses at Burford, before the Saturday evening Mass, and of course on request.

The parish website is now back up and running FYI Anything you would find helpful to be added to the website please take a look and let us know!

Livestream We have the possibility of livestreaming masses. This can be accessed via search on YouTube or via the link on the Website. This will eventually require the written permission of all those who would be seen on camera i.e. Readers, Ministers of Communion and Altar Servers.

Year of Prayer

Running up to next year's Jubilee Year the Holy Father has asked this year be a year of prayer in preparation for next year's Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope celebrations. In this Deanery we shall be holding talks on

Prayer each month to help this take some focus.

Tuesday September 24th Fr. Damian Howard SJ

(Corpus Christi, Headington – live-streaming available)

Wednesday October 23rd Fr. Joe Evans (Opus Dei)

(Holy Rood, Abingdon Road)

These are the dates and Venue's as I am currently aware. All times are 7-8pm unless otherwise stated.

The Angelus Prayer

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary,...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary,...

V. And the Word was made flesh

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary,...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray: **Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts;**

that, we to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rosary Prayer Group 6.45pm every Monday evening at St Joseph's. All welcome!

Solo's Friendship Group This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the alternating between coffee at 11.15am and Lunch at 12.30pm.month

Church Choir Rehearsals 7-8pm on Tuesday evenings. New members MOST WELCOME!

Faith Sharing Group Meeting 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month Next meeting 24th July.

Parish Fun Day on Sunday August 11th with a few games on the Rec after Mass with a Game of Rounders or the likes (which some of us enjoyed last year!) weather permitting for an hour or so followed by a BBQ and or shared lunch back at the Church Hall. Please put. Please sign up.

Saints Joachim (sometimes spelled "Joaquin," pronounced "wal-keem") **and Anne**, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the second century AD. We do know from scholarship that the Gospel of James was not written by James, the Brother of Jesus, despite its claim to be so authored.

Even the early Church fathers expressed scepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings. There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life.

Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents. Likewise, we can agree that Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God.

Bridget of Sweden, OSsS (c. 1303 – 23 July 1373) born as *Birgitta Birgersdotter*, also *Birgitta of Vadstena* (Swedish: *heliga Birgitta*), was a Swedish widow, mystic, saint, and the founder of the Bridgettines. Outside Sweden, she was also known as the Princess of Nericia and was the mother of Catherine of Vadstena.

Bridget is one of the six patron saints of Europe, together with Benedict of Nursia, Cyril and Methodius, Catherine of Siena and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.