



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Parish is part of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham (Charity No. 234216)

Fifth Sunday of Easter 2026

Sat 2 nd	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	5.00pm	Carterton	Anthony McDonnell RIP
Sun 3 rd		9.30am	Burford	Pro Populo
		11.00am	Carterton	Anthony J Winstanley RIP
Mon 4 th	<i>English Martyrs</i>	9.30am	Carterton	Rosary
Tues 5 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	10.00am	Burford	Celebrant's Intentions
Wed 6 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Carterton	Teresa Judd RIP
Thur 7 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	10.00am	Burford	Celebrant's Intentions
Fri 8 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am	Carterton	Ken & Joan Whieldon RIP
Sat 9 th	<i>Easter Feria</i>			
	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	5.00pm	Carterton	Phil Bailey RIP
Sun 10 th		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, Celeste Giblin, Benje Shirlaw, Noreen Price, Rodrigo Bantug, Marilyn Enriquez .

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 alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ 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 1st and 3rd 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 1st Thursday of the Month.

Parish Bring and Share Lunches 1st Sunday of the Month,. All welcome! A great chance to meet and chat informally over shared food.

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

JOINT YOUTH GROUP with St Joseph's, OLSH WITNEY, and 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)

MISSIO Fr. Anthony Chantry, Missio National Director, has asked me to thank the parish for their donations in 2025. The total from Red Boxes Holders, including individuals giving directly, amounted to £2,420.44!!

On the poster I have placed at the back of the church you can see three Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who are missionaries in Myanmar. In 2025 you provided essential support to enable missionaries like Benedetta, Francesca and Elizabeth as they serve Christ through helping the many people and families facing urgent needs including medicines, food, clothing and skills training. Thank you for your continued support for our global church, through prayer and generous giving, despite the challenging times we live in. Eileen Wojciechowska

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

We are delighted to share that we currently have vacancies for Foundation Governors at our amazing school.

This is an exciting time to become involved. Our school continues to go from strength to strength, with clear improvements, growing aspirations, and a strong sense of purpose across our community. We are proud of the progress we are making and the positive direction in which we are heading.

As a Foundation Governor, you must be a practising Catholic and will play a vital role in shaping the strategic vision of the school, ensuring our Catholic ethos remains central while supporting continued improvement and excellence for all our pupils. It is a deeply rewarding opportunity to make a meaningful difference.

If you feel called to serve our school community in this way, we warmly encourage you to apply using the link below:

<https://www.pfmac.org.uk/appointing-new-governors>

If you would like to find out more or have an informal conversation about the role, please do come and speak with Mr Morton or Mrs Carder at the school, who would be very happy to talk further.

MAY DEVOTIONS Mary, Queen of May

Pope Pius XII, recognizing traditional precedents, proclaimed the "Queenship of Mary" through his encyclical, *Ad Caeli Reginam*.

While May devotions may differ in various countries, the Marian title "Queen of May" exists in several countries as manifested in Marian songs. In English speaking countries such as England, Ireland and the United States a Marian hymn uses the following text:

Hail Virgin, dearest Mary! Our lovely Queen of May! O spotless, blessed Lady, Our lovely Queen of May. Your children, humbly bending, Surround your shrine...



In German-speaking countries, the equivalent term is *Maienkönigin* ("May-Queen"): *Maria Maienkönigin, wir kommen dich zu grüßen. O holde Freudenspenderin, sieh uns zu deinen Füßen.*

(Mary, Queen of May, we come to greet you. O dear donor of joy, look at us at your feet.)

Another similar song greets Mary, the queen of May, who is greeted by the month of May.

Another well-known Marian "Queen of May" song ends with the words:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*