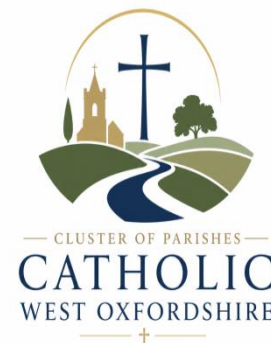




ST JOSEPH'S CARTERTON

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 2026

Sat 12 th	24 th Sunday of OT	5.00pm	Carterton	Phil Bailey RIP
Sun 13 th		9.30am	Burford	Pro Populo
		11.00am	Carterton	Pro Populo
Mon 14 th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.00am	Carterton	Rosary
Tues 15 th	Our Lady Of Sorrows	10.00am	Burford	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 16 th	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian	10.00am	Carterton	Word & Communion
Thur 17 th	Feria	10.00am	Burford	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 18 th	Feria	10.00am	Carterton	Teresa Judd RIP
Sat 19 th	Feria			
	25 th Sunday of OT	5.00pm	Carterton	D'con Bernard Curtin RIP
Sun 20 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, , Benje Shirlaw, Noreen Price, Rodrigo Bantug, Marilyn Enriquez, Miriam James .

Recently Dead. Rev Mr Bernard Curtin RIP, Christopher John Blount RIP, Cynthia Brown RIP.

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 for Lunch at 12.30pm. Venue tbc (Usually The Golden Eagle but other places too!) See Sue Forder for more information.

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!.

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

CLUSTER YOUTH GROUP 2nd Sunday of the Month (For More information please contact Michelle Rose on 07484 880109) **Young Adults Group** follows on after 6.30-8.30.

QUIZ NIGHT on the 24th POSTPONED!!

PARISH VISITATION PROCESS There will be feedback from the last visitation on 6th October so it will be interesting to hear what that has to say! Venue yet to be announced.

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.....

CATHOLIC WEST OXFORDSHIRE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Young Adults Group for anyone aged 18-30.

This is a welcoming and supportive space where young adults can come together to deepen their relationship with Christ and grow in their faith. Our gatherings will include Bible study, prayer, praise and worship, faith discussions, and opportunities to explore and ask questions about our faith.

We will meet every Second Sunday at 6:30pm with Our first session on Sunday, 13th September. We would love for you to join us! Please feel free to bring along your friends or anyone who may be interested, everyone is warmly welcome.

Please keep this new group in your prayers, that it may grow, flourish, and bring more people closer to Christ.

For any questions or queries, please contact Jiya via email jiya.thomas07@gmail.com

CWO YOUTH GROUP As Youth Leaders, we warmly welcome everyone back after a delightful summer break! We're excited to see you all again and continue our monthly gatherings on the second Sunday of every month.

Our first session will be on Sunday, 13th September, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

Our gatherings are a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in their faith, make friends, and have fun together. We're delighted to see such great participation and enthusiasm from everyone.

All children are very welcome, and we encourage them to bring along friends who may be interested.

Please continue to keep us and our leaders in your prayers.

We look forward to seeing you all and sharing another joyful and faith-filled year together!

For any questions, please contact Michelle via message on 07484880109

RIDE N STRIDE Thanks to all who helped with this....

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.

MONTHLY CLUSTER EVENING PRAYER We are aiming to start a monthly gathering in the cluster for Adoration, Evening Prayer, Benediction and a cup of tea and chat afterwards. We are hoping to start this on the First Sunday of the Month to make it easy to remember, and is starting in November in Witney at 5pm.

REV MR BERNARD CURTIN RIP This parish owes Bernard a huge debt of gratitude for his hard work and quiet prayerful presence over so many years. He is fondly remembered by so many people for his kindness, his wit, his smile and of course for his ministry as our Parish Deacon from his Ordination in June 2002 until his retirement 9 years ago. Rest well good and faithful servant, your good deeds most certainly go with you. Bernard's Funeral will take place here on Thursday 24th September at 11.00am. Bernard will be buried at Black Bourton at 12.30, and there will be refreshments in the Parish Hall here following the Funeral. Anyone happy to make a cake for the refreshments please speak to Sue Forder, Pauline, or Antoinette Broad.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25).

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. More often than not, when faced with crosses, we seek a way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.