

ST JOSEPH'S CARTERTON

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CLUSTER OF PARISHES
CATHOLIC
WEST OXFORDSHIRE

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

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 2026

Sat 14th	*33rd Sunday OT*	**5.00pm**	Carterton	**Pro Populo**
Sun 15th		**9.30am**	Burford	**Pro Populo**
		11.00am	Carterton	**Mary, Frances, & Gerry McGeough**
Mon 16th	*St Edmund of Abingdon*	**10.00am**	Carterton	**Rosary Prayer Group**
Tues 17th	*Feria*	**10.00am**	Burford	**Celebrant's Intention**
Wed 18th	*Feria*	**10.00am**	Carterton	**Holy Souls**
Thur 19th	*Feria*	**10.00am**	Burford	**Celebrant's Intention**
Fri 20th	*Feria*	**10.00am**	Carterton	**Holy Souls**
Sat 21st	*Presentation of the BVM*			
	Our Lord Jesus Christ,	**5.00pm**	Carterton	**Pro Populo**
Sun 22nd	*King of the Universe*	**9.30am**	Burford	**Pro Populo**
		11.00am	Carterton	**Bernard Curtin 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: Susan Phillips, Justin Family members, His Majesty King Charles, , Benje Shirlaw, Rodrigo Bantug, Marilyn Enriquez, Miriam James .

Recently Dead. Cynthia Brick 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 10am 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.

CATHOLIC WEST OXFORDSHIRE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP 2nd Sunday of Month 6.30pm

MONTHLY CLUSTER EVENING PRAYER We are hosting it next month so please try and come along if you're able. 5pm on Sunday December 6th

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Those due to make their first Communion or Confirmation next year please make contact Fr Paul via an email to the parish email address to register for classes, both of which tend to start in the new year.

BLESSING OF GRAVES This year I propose to bless the graves at Black Bourton Cemetery after Mass and coffee so say 12.45pm on Sunday 15th November. If we meet there, although I can offer a lift to 3 or so if that helps?!

ADVENT RETREAT DAY As usual we are holding an Advent Retreat Day. This year it will be on Saturday November 28th starting with Mass at 10am. It will be led by Fr Martin Flatman and is entitled "The glory of imperfect prayer". As usual the day will incorporate a couple of talks and a soup lunch. A donation of £10 a head to cover costs would be appreciated. Sign up sheet in the porch. Invite friends. Suitable for all not just your Catholic friends.

LOURDES 2027 The dates for next year are 29th May until 4th June. Those wishing to go please look on the Diocesan Website for more details. There is also a sign up sheet to express interest on the noticeboard. Anyone coming for the first time we can have a meeting to discuss what usually happens etc. I do commend the Diocesan Pilgrimage to you, it's wonderful to be together as a Diocesan Family in this special place. Those wishing to book please follow the advice on the Diocesan Website saying you are from St Joseph's Carterton and wish to book for the Hotel Padoue.

AN ADVENT CELEBRATION SERVICE which will be led by our Cluster Youth Group. 'Reflections for Advent' followed by refreshments in the Hall. Do come along to help prepare your heart for the coming feasts but also to support our youngsters. Service will begin at 4pm on 13th December.

CAR PARKING Just a reminder to please be considerate to our neighbours when parking for Mass and other events at Church. I realise that even with the Car Park extended there isn't room for everyone, but do please park safely and with consideration.

ASSISTANT CLERGY SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISOR JOB Job title: Part-time Assistant Clergy Social Welfare Advisor**/**Employer: Birmingham Diocesan Trust**/**Based: Diocesan Offices, with regular travel as required across the Archdiocese/Hybrid remote working**/**Responsible to: Vicar General**/**Accountable to: Care of the Clergy Sub-committee **/**Reporting to: Lead Clergy Social Welfare Advisor **/**Contract tenure: Permanent/Part-time (21 hours per week)**/**Salary: £25,000 - £30,000 (fte) p.a. dependant upon experience.

HALL CLEANING Anyone interested in keeping our parish hall clean please speak to Fr Paul. £12.75 an hour. It usually takes about 2 hours a week to keep on top of things. Speak wit Fr Paul or drop an email to the parish email address if interested.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY This weekend we join churches across the country in marking Safeguarding Sunday. The theme this year is "Love Protects", reminding us that safeguarding is a practical expression of our Christian faith. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Representative or the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility…..

A PRAYER FOR SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

God of love and protection, help us to reflect your care for every person. Give us the courage to speak when something is wrong, the wisdom to listen well, and the compassion to support those who have been harmed. May our parishes be places of welcome, dignity and safety, where your love is made visible in all we do. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OTHER PROVISION FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS as well as our own cluster meeting for young Adults there are monthly meetings organised by the Oratory on the Woodstock Rd, one Friday a month at 8pm Program on the poster in the porch plus flyers available. Plus The Dominicans are also starting a Young Adults group at Blackfriars on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning with Mass at 6pm followed by Vespers at 6.45 and then Dinner and Discussion at 7pm with Compline at 9pm. Both of these groups are aimed at 18-35yrs.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is known in the East as **The Entry of the Most Holy *Theotokos* into the Temple**, is a liturgical feast celebrated on November 21 by the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and some Anglo-Catholic Churches.

The feast is associated with an event recounted not in the New Testament, but in the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James. According to that text, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, who had been childless, received a heavenly message that they would have a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they brought her, when still a child, to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God. Later versions of the story (such as the Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew and the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary) indicate that Mary was taken to the Temple at around the age of three in fulfillment of a vow. Tradition held that she was to remain there to be educated in preparation for her role as Mother of God. Mary remained in the Temple until her twelfth year, at which point Joseph was assigned to be her guardian. According to Coptic tradition, her father Joachim died when Mary was six years old and her mother when Mary was eight.