The Catholic Parish of Saint Joseph
St Neots

ALL SAINTS
SOLEMNITY

Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 2
Sunday 1st November 2026



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Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

'Behold, a great multitude that no one could number,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.'

Commentary

The Book of Revelation, from which this reading is taken, was written during the first persecutions of the Christians. It is built on the promise that, after persecution, those who are faithful to God and to Christ will be delivered and gathered into the peace of God's presence. At the time of writing, the persecuting force from which they were to be delivered was the might of the Roman Empire, with its immorality, its materialism, its consumerism, and above all its demand that all its subjects should worship the Emperor as Lord. For Christians at that time, the late first century, the great test was whether they would accept the standards of the Empire or remain faithful to the demanding standards of Christianity. The same decision stands before Christians in today's world. Who is my Lord, Christ or the standards for which the Emperor stood, carelessness about sexual morality, materialism, consumerism, putting myself first in

everything without regard for the cost to others? Do I connive at and approve standards of behaviour which are built on a morality far from that of Christ? More pressingly, do I accept those standards for myself? HW

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6

R:/ Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

R:/ Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

R:/ Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R:/ Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

'We shall see God as he is.'

Commentary

This reading contains hints of an opposition from a godless world, but concentrates much more on union of God's children to God himself. We are already God's children, because we have been adopted in Christ and can cry 'Abba, Father!' What are the implications of this adoption to sonship? Sometimes a son is almost absurdly like his father in looks, gestures, mannerisms and ways of approaching any task. For

ourselves we cannot yet fully know what this likeness will consist in, but we are promised that in the fullness of revelation we will be assimilated to God. Not only must we be close to our Father in prayer, but we must also show the qualities of God in our actions, God's generosity, his forgiveness, his openness. Part of this must be that we will find that God has developed in us all the qualities we most love and admire in others, sons assimilated to their father. It will be a world of universal joy and appreciation, as all is suffused with the generosity and love of the Father. 'We shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is', and this means that the vision of God will be so overwhelming that we cannot but become like him. HW

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

'Blessed are the poor in spirit.'

Commentary

These eight blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing. The first and the last knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Luke also begins his Sermon on the Plain with four such blessings – only his blessings are more on those who are materially poor and in need, whereas Matthew's concentrate on the spiritual attitudes required of the Christian, 'poor in spirit, hunger and thirst for justice'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living it. For each of them, do you know someone who exemplifies the attitude? Which is your own favourite? For most of them there are gospel incidents in which Jesus sums them up, like the entry into Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king, or the love he shows in his welcome to sinners, or his bringing peace to those tortured by disease or contempt, or his purity of heart in his single-minded preoccupation with his Father's will, and finally his acceptance of persecution for what he knew to be right. *HW*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 5: 8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord.



Parish Events & Meetings

November Mass for the Recently Deceased: During the 5.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 31st October, we will be lighting candles for those who have passed in the past year in this parish and in your families.

Prayers for the Dead in the Cemetery: Please join us for prayers for the dead at St Neots New Cemetery on Monday 2nd November at 5.00pm. Please bring a candle with you to light.

UCM Meeting: The Union of Catholic Mothers will meet on Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm in the presbytery. Newcomers welcome

Parish Office Closed on Wednesday 4th November.

Parish Retreat Day St. Joseph's Parish in St Neots is pleased to announce a Parish Retreat Day **on Saturday, November 21st**, led by the Capuchin friar Fr. Jinson. The program begins at 10:00 am and will include three talks, Adoration with Benediction, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a concluding Holy Mass at 5:30 pm. All details will be displayed next Sunday.
We invite you all to join us for this special day of personal sanctification—through the Word of God, Reflections, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, quiet reflection, and the celebration of the Eucharist—for the glory of God and the good of our souls and lives. Please mark this date in your calendars and set this day aside for yourselves, your souls, and your minds.

First Communion preparation resumes on Wednesday 4th November, 5.00pm in the presbytery/Upper Room.

Confirmation/RCIA: - The next meeting is on Thursday 5th November at 6.30pm in the Upper Room (entry at side door of church). Anyone interested in either Confirmation (youth) or RCIA (adults) is invited to attend.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next baptism preparation session will be on **Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm**, in the presbytery. All those planning to baptise a child in the next few months should attend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in the Upper Room during the 10.00am Sunday Mass. It is aimed at children over the age of 4.

Coffee and tea in the presbytery after the 10.00am Sunday Mass. All welcome!

PARISH RETREAT DAY

Overall Theme: "The second Christ 800 Years Alive" The Three Hands of Francis

10.00 - 10.45am
LECTURE 1:
The Empty Hands - Francis and the Freedom of Poverty
Sub-title: What Francis Lost to Find Everything
Bible: Matthew 19:21 "If you want to be perfect, go sell your possessions" and Luke 9:3

10.45 - 11.00 break

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LECTURE 2:
The Wounded Hands - Francis and the Seal of Love
Sub-title: The Stigmata - When Love Leaves a Mark
Bible: Galatians 6:17 "I bear on my body the marks of Jesus" and Galatians 2:20 "It is no longer I who live"

11.45 - 12.30 exposition of the sacrament for adoration and moderated adoration

12.30 - 14.30 lunch break

14.30 - 15.30
LECTURE 3:
The Open Hands - Francis as Brother to All
Sub-title: From Brotherhood to Sister Mother Earth
Bible: Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world" and Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peace-makers"

15.30 - 17.00 adoration + confession + blessing at the end of the spiritual renewal

17.30 Holy Mass

18.15 Agape



Parish Information

Please pray for the sick and housebound: Sarah Keys, Cynthia Brown, Beryl Wordsworth, John and Jean Dunn, John Fernandes, Alex and Kerry Golding, Sal Jola, Mick Ellis, Maureen Palmer, Bob Lloyd, Jenny Savage, Sandra Clayton, Kit Touhy, Carl Wordsworth, Maureen Heffer, Bernie Dobson, Joyce Perkins, Karen Sayers, Allan Palmer, Trevor Simkins, Mrs Anderson, Anne Tubridy, Nuala Robinson, Joan Jones, Sam and Mina, Margaret Rose, Anne Hawks.
Please pray for the recently deceased: Mrs Anne Courtenay. May God grant her rest and consolation to her family and friends.

Weekly Collection: £241.42 plus ~£820 in standing orders/Dona donations. Thank you for your contributions!

100 Club Winners for this month: 1st prize, Maggie Teale; 2nd prize, Michael McLoughlin. *Congratulations to the winners!*

Harvest Food Collection: We would like to thank everyone who helped or contributed to the successful food collection for St Neots Food Bank. We were able to take the donated food plus £67.50 (from the sale of the fresh fruit and vegetables) to the Food Bank warehouse. The Food Bank organisers sent their grateful thanks – *The Flower Group.*

Altar Servers Needed! Training for new altar servers will be held at 4.00pm on Friday 23rd October in the church. Children who have made their First communion are eligible to serve. If interested, please contact Fr Tibor or John Fernandes.

The Music Group needs you! We are looking for a keyboard player to join our Music Group for the 10.00am Sunday Mass and additional celebrations. If interested, please contact Richard: richard.tubridy@talk21.com / mob. 07955 662105.

Red Mission Boxes: There's still time to bring your Red Box to the church for emptying. Please make sure your name is on the label. The boxes will be emptied and returned within a couple of weeks. *With many thanks for your generosity!*

Parish Offer

We are looking for .....
We are offering .....

The Upper Room (Church Hall): Our parish offers its parishioners the use of the Hall above the sacristy, equipped for family celebrations, birthday parties, carols, and

interest groups. The room has 9 beautiful mahogany tables and 29 upholstered chairs. Please contact secretary Theresa with your request. If you need a larger covered open space for your family or interest activities, the Upper Room is available to you. We also offer for rent: porcelain service for 40 people - plates, cups etc.; garden furniture - plastic tables and chairs; gazebos; 2 child car seats

Deanery & Diocesan & UK & World Events, Meetings and Information

Diocesan Retreat Day For Men Saturday 7th November 2026

'The Fatherhood of God'
'One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.'
-Ephesians 4:6 (NIV)
The Community of our Lady of Walsingham invite you to their home in Dereham, Norfolk as we explore ways of growing in our vocation as Fathers – whether physical and/or spiritual. The day will explore some of CS Lewis's ideas on how our Heavenly Father desires to be in relationship with us. We learn that he always has the best intentions for his children and he always has the ability to carry them out.
For me information and for booking please email:
mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Final chance to sign up for the East Anglia Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea
Young Catholics (18+ by July 2027) are encouraged to take up this exciting opportunity to deepen their faith, build lasting friendships , see the Pope, and experience the world-wide Church at World Youth Day! Although it's called World Youth *Day,* it's actually a two week pilgrimage. Applications for places opened back in the Spring but the final deadline is 5th November 2026. Please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for details.

Italian Medical Charity Commission: This charity has inherited the work of the former Italian Hospital in London. After it was sold to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, the proceeds are being used to help those of Italian origin who are in need of funds for medical treatment that the NHS has difficulty in providing, or for their carers. For further details, please visit the website www.italianmedicalcharity.co.uk or write to them at IMC, Kings Lodge, Kingsway, N12 0EW. For independent verification, please visit the Charity Commission website and search either using Italian Medical Charity or the Charity's number 218259.

TAIZÉ EVENING

An evening of readings, meditation and music

Sunday 15th November
4.30 pm

St Joseph's Church
East Street, St Neots

All are welcome



PARKING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH

I would like to ask all drivers parking on Sundays in the lot behind the rectory, around the rectory, and in adjacent areas to take note of the following:

- Given the limited number of parking spaces near the rectory, I ask that you return to your cars promptly after Mass to allow those wishing to leave earlier than you to do so, and to avoid blocking others.
- Please be mindful of where you park on the street and do not block neighbours' driveways.

U8minutes to walk from that lot to the church. There is plenty of space available, and you will not be blocked in by anyone there.

- The area in front of the church may only be used for dropping off or picking up passengers - **NOT FOR PARKING**. For safety reasons, this area must remain clear!!!!





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for a magnificent symphonic performance.

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Have a lovely evening and invite your friends as well.

In doing so, you will also be supporting Westminster Cathedral.

Sacraments

Baptism: If you wish to have a child baptised, please take an application form from the church porch. Completed forms can be handed in to the parish priest or the parish office. **Baptism Preparation Session:** Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Confession: Fr Tibor will be available for confession on weekdays from Tuesday to Friday a half hour before Mass.

Holy Communion: To prepare for Holy Communion each year, children must be registered no later than the end of July and must be 8 years old and year 4 in school at the time of admission. Application forms will be available in early summer.

Confirmation: The current preparation class has started.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the sick can be arranged at any time through the office and secretary Theresa.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please register for an interview with the Parish priest at least 6-12 months before the planned wedding date in order to have time to complete all the necessary paperwork (especially for weddings abroad and mixed marriages).



Mass Times, Intentions and Liturgical Events for the coming week

Saturday 31st October	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	10.00am	*Holy hour - Exposition and Adoration*
	Vigil of All Saints ***solemnity***	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish RIP
Sunday 1st November	**All Saints** ***solemnity***	
	8.00am 10.00am	Ann Anderson Rosemary Gunning †
Monday 2nd November	**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** **All Souls** ***memorial***	
	10.00am 10.30am	All Holy Souls † *Rosary Prayer group in the presbytery*
Tuesday 3rd November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
		No Mass
Wednesday 4th November	**St Charles Borromeo, Bishop** ***memorial***	
	10.00am	Sheila and Terry Smyth ints.
Thursday 5th November	**St Faustina Kowalska** ***optional memorial***	
	9.30am 10.00am	*Rosary for Vocations* Leigh Davis †
Friday 6th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9.30am 10.00am	*Exposition and Adoration* Nora and Noel Digges †
Saturday 7th November	**St Willibrord, Bishop** ***optional memorial***	
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	Vigil of the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	5.30pm	Priyani Fernando RIP
Sunday 8th November	**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
	8.00am 10.00am	Sarah Keys' intentions People of the Parish

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Representative has special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults in risk.

Your Safeguarding Representative is:

Noreen Sinclair

Email: sinclana7@gmail.com

Find out more: www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk
www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding



For safety reasons,
ALL CHILDREN MUST
be accompanied
to the restroom by a parent or adult.

Thank you for understanding.

We respectfully request
that you turn off the sound on your mobile devices
when entering the church
(or better still, turn off your mobiles completely)
and maintain this status
while you are in the church.

Thank you for understanding.



!!! PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE CHURCH !!!



Photography in the church is not permitted
without the consent of a priest or a sacristan during public gathering.

We are obliged to comply with the regulations of the Diocese of East Anglia and the GDPR regulations on the protection of minors and vulnerable persons in particular.

PLEASE **respect and protect** all members of our community, especially the young and the vulnerable to avoid any possible sanctions or criminal charges against individuals or the Parish.

THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING.







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Everyone would be delighted and honoured
to welcome you at any of our services

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
my great protector, Saint Joseph,
that no one ever had recourse to your protection,
or implored your aid without obtaining relief.
Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, I come before you.
Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer,
but graciously receive them.

Amen.



Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Newsletter deadline
The deadline for submitting announcements or events for the Sunday newsletter is Thursday morning by 10:00am.

