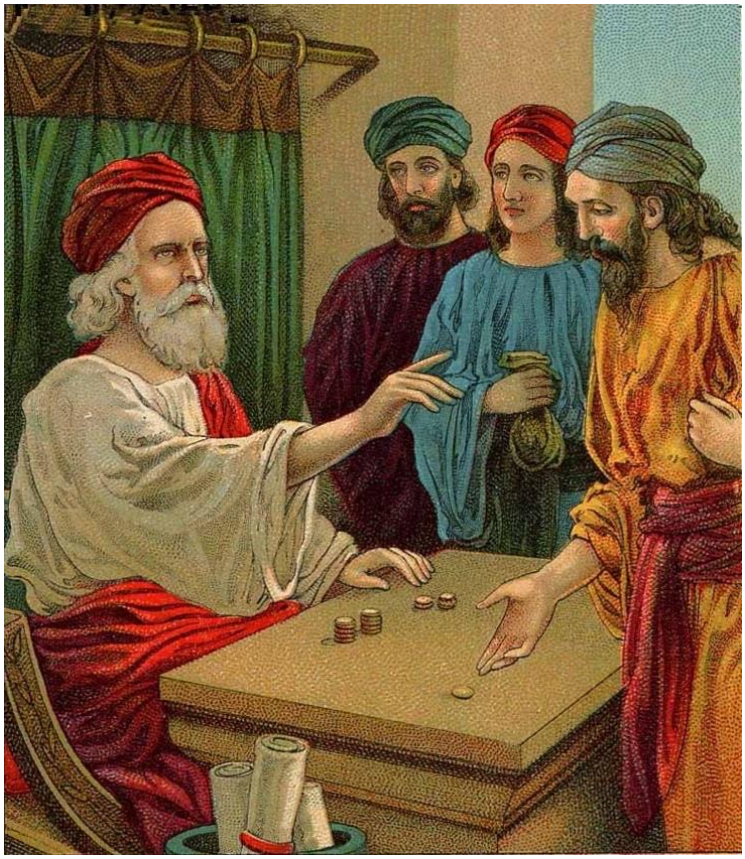
The Catholic Parish of Saint Joseph
St Neots

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 1
Sunday 15th November 2026



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Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

'She works with willing hands.'

Commentary

A succession of remarkable women moves through the pages of the Old Testament, real partners to their husbands, and often providing the motive force in pursuit of God's promises. In the New Testament, too, besides Mary and Jesus' female followers in the gospels, we see Jesus valuing women. Particularly the playful scenes between Jesus and the Samaritan woman and the Canaanite (or Syro-Phoenician) woman spring to mind. Especially in Paul's letters and apostolate women play important roles, even leadership roles, working with Paul to establish his communities, Chloe, Phoebe, Junia. The first convert to Christianity in Europe was a woman, Lydia.

HW

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. ℟1a

R:/ Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

R:/ Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

R:/ Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

R:/ Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

'Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.'

Commentary

Paul had obviously taught the new Christians at Thessalonica that Christ had conquered death, so that death had no more grasp on Christians. So they were puzzled that Christians nevertheless died. Paul explains in the letter that Christians who have died will be the first to rise up and join the returning Christ in his triumphant procession. Only after them will come those who are still alive. However, Paul's principal stress is on the unpredictability of the Day of the Lord, that final day when the Lord will set right all injustices. It makes little difference whether I meet the Lord in some sort of imagined vast Judgement Day, or whether my meeting with the Lord is merely personal at my own death. I know that I will not be ready – if only I had just a little more time to prepare! – and that I will not be in a fit state to face the glorious, pure

wonder of divine love. The Day will come as unexpectedly as a thief in the night or the pains of childbirth, with that same finality and inescapability.

HW

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:4a, 5b

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

'You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.'

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." '

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 72: 28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.



Parish Events & Meetings

This Sunday is World Day of the Poor.
Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King. There will be a second collection for the Diocesan Youth Service.

Taize Prayer Evening: All are invited to an evening of quiet prayer/music on Sunday 14 November, 4.30pm in the church.

Parish Retreat Day: St. Joseph's Parish 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 5:30pm. 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: Next session is Wednesday 18th November at 5.00pm in the Upper Room/ presbytery.

Confirmation/RCIA: - The next meeting is on Thursday 19th 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.

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 Information

Weekly Collection: £303.84 plus ~£820 in standing orders/Dona donations. Thank you for your contributions!

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, Liam Taggart, John Lumley.

The Requiem Mass for Anne Courtenay † will be at 12.00pm on Tuesday 17th November. *May God grant rest to her soul and consolation to her family and friends.*

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.

Prayer Sponsors Our First Communion children would like prayer sponsors as they prepare for their First Communion on May 23rd. If you're interested, please contact Anne Tubridy on 07749585368.

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

Italian Medical Charity Commission: This charity has inherited the work of the former Italian Hospital in London. Funds are available for those of Italian origin who need medical treatment that the NHS has difficulty in providing, or for their carers. For further details, please visit www.italianmedicalcharity.co.uk or write to 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



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
Subtitle: 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

11.00 - 11.45
LECTURE 2:
The Wounded Hands - Francis and the Seal of Love
Subtitle: 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. Goulash will be provided; please bring anything else.

14.30 - 15.30
LECTURE 3:
The Open Hands - Francis as Brother to All
Subtitle: 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

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2026

Nativity Painting
AND
Christmas Photography
COMPETITION



Nativity Painting Competition



Christmas Photography Competition

Four age Groups
Primary 4-7, and 7-11
Secondary 11-14 and 14 -18

A Crib or Nativity Scene
Three age Groups
Primary 7-11
Secondary 11-14 and 14 -18

* IMPORTANT, All submissions must include an appropiate bible verse *

Submission Deadline

Painting ~ FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER

Photograph ~ TUESDAY 29th DECEMBER

Send your submission to:

BRO. CHRISTOPHER BROOKS
356 LONDON ROAD SOUTH,
LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, NR33 0BB

email christopherbrooks631@gmail.com

Share this information with your Friends!

Let your creativity and faith shine this Christmas!

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SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS



ENTER OUR 2026/27 NATIVITY SCENE PAINTING COMPETITION

The 2026/27 competition is open to four age groups:

School Year Group KS1 School Year Group KS3
School Year Group KS2 School Year Group KS4

Please note, the school year grouping classification will be the prime age factor.

Two Theme Guides to be undertaken:

1. **Scene from the biblical Nativity Story of Our Lord Jesus.**
2. **Write an appropriate Bible verse relating to the scene on the painting or on the back.**

The painting must be in freehand, (the use of tracings is not permitted) of A4 or A3 size and painted using water paint.

The following detail must be shown legibly in full on the reverse of each entry:
Name of entrant - Age of entrant - School Year Group.
Name and full address of School.

Entries will, in the first instance, be judged at Local or Provincial Council level. We would prefer a maximum of three entries per KS Group category to be entered.

Entries must be posted before the end of term Friday 18th December 2026 to me:
Chris. Brooks: 356 London Road South, Lowestoft, NR33 0BQ (Tel. 01502 563208)
Email: christopherbrooks631@gmail.com It would assist planning if you would advise me of your participation at the time of posting.

The awards after Charter Council judging will be:
Copy of Entries and Certificates signed by the Grand Knight with Cash Prizes of £10, £5 & £3 for the best 3 entries in each KS group.

The awards after Provincial Council judging will be:
Copy of Entries and Certificates signed by the Provincial Grand Knight with Cash Prizes of £20, £15 & £10 for the best 3 entries in each KS group.

The three best Provincial entries in each group will be submitted to the National Round where awards are as listed as below:
National certificates signed by the Supreme Knight, A trophy and £30 for the National Winner, £20 & £15 for 2nd and 3rd, and £100 to the winning school.

Winning schools will be notified and arrangements made for presentations.

Bro. C. J. Brooks, District Deputy, East Anglia & Brentwood Province 10, Knights of St. Columba.



Advent begins on Sunday 29th November.

Parishioners are encouraged to prepare for Christmas by welcoming the Posada into their homes this Advent.

This is an informal parish friendship and prayer circle based on the Mexican tradition of a young couple visiting all the houses in a parish, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey.

We have a statue of Joseph and Mary travelling to Bethlehem (Posada statue). This statue travels around the parish and stays overnight in different homes throughout Advent.

The Posada statue will start its journey on Sunday 29th November, with a blessing at Mass as the first family on the rota takes the statue home.

Each day or two, the statue is taken by one family on to the next home on the rota. This offers an opportunity for prayer and fellowship as the statue is handed over. A prayer sheet is provided.

As not everyone can have the statue, it's a good idea for hosts to invite parishioners living locally or neighbours. This is lovely way to share our faith.

The Posada will return to the church on Christmas Eve.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church porch.

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:** will be announced at the beginning of the new year 2027.

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 course for this year has started and will complete next year.

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 14th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	10.00am	*Holy hour*
	Vigil of the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	5.30pm	Antonio Migliaccio, Giovanni Migliaccio †
Sunday 15th November	**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
	8.00am 10.00am	Brendan Jackson † People of the Parish
Monday 16th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
		No Mass
Tuesday 17th November	**St Elizabeth of Hungary, married woman, Religious** ***memorial***	
	12.00pm	Requiem Mass - Anne Courtenay † RIP
Wednesday 18th November	**The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles** ***optional memorial***	
	10.00am 10.30am	John Rowley RIP *Rosary Prayer group in the presbytery*
Thursday 19th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	10.00am	George Rowley †
Friday 20th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	10.00am	Marie O'Riordan †
Saturday 21st November	**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** ***memorial***	
	10.00am - 5.30pm	*Parish Retreat* *The event program is on a separate poster.*
	Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ***solemnity***	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd November	**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe** ***solemnity***	
	8.00am 10.00am	Joan Cronin † Padraig Moran †

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.

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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.



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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.

