

2 September 2018

Twenty-second Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

Fr Michael Spain OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Robert Davies OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD, Fr Matt Blake OCD

3 September	St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church – Feast
8 September	The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast

MASS TIMES will return to normal next weekend 8/9 September.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £1,657. Your continued support is appreciated.

ADOREMUS: This Sunday at the 11am Mass, there will be a short commissioning liturgy for the delegates who will be representing our parish at the National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage in Liverpool next weekend. Please pray for them – Fr Michael Spain, Malcolm Johnstone, Christine Cornwell, Sally Taylor, Maureen Connell and Anne Dade.

www.catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY TOUR takes place on Friday

7 September at 6:15 to 7:45pm at the British Museum. Tour the ancient world of the Old Testament; learn the exciting history behind the exhibits. To book please call 01753 887173. Invitations are in the Church porch.

ALPHA COURSE – Alpha is a chance to question the meaning of life. All are invited to attend. Alpha meets at the Breadhouse in Chalfont St Peter every Monday evening. The first introductory evening is on Monday 17 September starting with dinner and a talk. So join us then and see if you would like to join the course. Pamphlets are available in the Church porch.

APF MILL HILL MISSION: Supporters are asked collect the Autumn edition of Mission Today from the back of the Church.

RCIA – Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults/ Sharing our Faith: Becoming a catholic is one of the most profound and joyous experiences of life. Life is a journey and all are welcome on this journey to discover more deeply God in their lives. RCIA is a process of conversion by studying the Gospel, professing faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Baptism,

Confirmation and Eucharist, with help and support from sponsors and the whole community. Do you wish to join the Catholic Church? Also were you baptised in the Catholic Church but never Confirmed or received the Eucharist? Do you know anyone who is interested in the Church and would like to know more or would you yourself like to know more about your faith and the Church – perhaps it will help you answer some of your children's questions? The RCIA Group/ Sharing your Faith meet on a Tuesday evening starting on 18 September at 7:30 for 8pm, for sessions of teaching and discussion - all are welcome. Please speak to Fr Bob.

LET IT BE – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: This course is an inspiring DVD exploration of Mary, past and present.

Produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration), this five week course will be running at St Joseph's parish in October on both Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings (starting **3 and 4 October**). It shows how Mary helps us to be filled with God. *"Mary once gave us the Saviour of the world, today she helps us to be filled with the Spirit of God."*

WORK STARTS SOON ON MEMORIAL WALL: On **Monday 10 September**, building works begin to erect a Memorial Wall in St Joseph's Cemetery, replacing the hedge that runs adjacent to the Furniture Market. This wall will provide space for commemorative plaques and will be constructed so as to accommodate vaults for the interment of ashes. Construction will be completed by Christmas. Application Forms for plaques/vaults will be available from the Parish Office late September.



ADOREMUS

The aim of the Adoremus Congress is for us to be encouraged into a greater love for the mystery of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar -

Jesus in the bread and wine,
His body and blood.

Adoration of the Eucharist deepens our relationship with Christ. Therefore, it enables us to be more effective disciples who will be better able to lead others to the life of the Church that has the Eucharist at its heart.

Pope Francis declared, "a people who adore are a people who walk!" We don't stand still.

May each of us grow in our love and understanding of the Blessed Sacrament as our source of holiness, strength and peace.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity." St Vincent de Paul



Founded in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the St Vincent de Paul Society is a Christ-centred organisation made up of almost 10,000 volunteers across England and Wales. While every Conference is unique, our mission is the same; to seek and find those in need, to help them in the spirit of justice and to tackle the causes of poverty where we can.

With Christian values at our core, staff and Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society operate on the ground in a variety of different ways including visiting and befriending the lonely, assisting the destitute, advising the poor and volunteering in one of our many community support projects. We also support vital work overseas especially in Grenada, India and Sudan.

If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining our local group, please get in touch via the Parish Office.

LONDON AND SLOUGH RUN FOR THE HOMELESS:

Please bring your sandwiches, boiled eggs, crisps, drinks, fruit, biscuits, etc to the Parish Centre by 3:30pm on Monday. Many thanks for your continued support.

Please use the metal box provided: do not leave goods outside the Parish Centre.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for the sick of our Parish and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Please pick up the September issue of **THE VINE** from the Church Porch.

SONGS OF PRAISE: All are welcome to St Mary's Church in Denham Village next Sunday 9 September at 1:30pm where our Holy Name Choir will join with St Mary's choir for a special Songs of Praise style service. It is a lovely annual event, this year labelled "*Hymns and Pimms*", to mark St Mary's patronal feast day. The service features both choirs performing ensemble and solo pieces plus the congregation can join in with some of their favourite hymns. Please come along and support our choir.

ST JOSEPH'S GOLF DAY: Join us for our annual golf competition on **Friday 21 September** at **Oakland Park Golf Club** in Chalfont St Giles. 18 Hole Stableford Competition with individual and team prizes. Tee-off times from 1pm to 3pm, with presentation dinner at 7:30pm. Teams of four at £55 per head; dinner only at £20 per person. Sponsors and prizes are very welcome. All proceeds and donations to St Joseph's Church. For further information please phone Liam on 01923 770023 or Fr Michael on 01753 886581. Booking forms available from the Parish Office.



CONGRATULATIONS to

Jenny Callicott and Phil Hamouy;
Serena Mills and Max Thompson;

Carly Kissane and Anton Riddell

who were married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

JUSTICE AND PEACE: Next meeting is on Thursday 6 September at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

**200
Club
Winners**

The 200 Club draw took place in August by **The London Run Packers** and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Elaine Pitt
- 2nd BV Moore
- 3rd Catherine Miller
- 4th David Parkhouse

Congratulations!

Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am and 11am

Holy Name, Denham: Sunday Mass at 9:30am

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath: Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm, Sunday at 9am

All the following take place at St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter

Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday at 7am and 9am, Saturday and Bank Holidays at 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 10:30 – 11am and 4:45 – 5:15pm

Rosary: None during the summer holidays. Recommences on Tuesday 11 September

Eucharistic Adoration: None during the summer holidays. Recommences on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 September

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