

26 August 2018

Twenty-first Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



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

27 August	St Monica – Memorial
28 August	St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church – Memorial
29 August	The Passion of St John the Baptist – Memorial
1 September	St Teresa Margaret Redi, Virgin of the Carmelite Order - Memorial

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY:** There will be only **ONE Mass at 10am** in St Joseph's Church.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £1,956; 12 August - £2,141; 5 August - 2,155. Your continued support is appreciated.

**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.

**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."*

**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.

**DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION:** The saints to accompany us this month span a wide range of family life. **St Joseph** the step-father, who took on the responsibility for the child Jesus and, as a result, became (for a time) a refuge. **St Margaret Clitherow** who, at her trial for harbouring priests, refused to plead to save her family from being called as witnesses and incriminating themselves. **Sts Louis Martin** a watchmaker and his wife **Zelie** a lacemaker were the parents **St Therese of Lisieux**, and their priority as parents was to create a warm nurturing home for their children.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION:** Pope Francis asks us to join him in prayer for a special intention each month. In August – his prayer is for the **treasure of families** - that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

**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.

**SVP AWARENESS MONTH** is our yearly opportunity to highlight the Society's presence in our local communities and promote a deeper appreciation and understanding of our work. This in turn can help people who are in need of support to know how to contact us, and those who may be thinking about joining the Society to take their interest further. This year's theme "**Beyond Boundaries**" focuses on how our Members support people in a variety of situations and contexts, some of which are familiar, while others may be less known or even unexpected. Over the coming weeks, hear about us and see our posters on the notice board.

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE**

Mass times in St Joseph's will be:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm; Sunday Masses at 7:45am and 11am only

Mass in Holy Name, Denham (near UB9 5AR) at 9:30am on Sunday

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath, SL0 0NR - Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday at 9am

Normal Mass times will resume from Saturday 8/Sunday 9 September

**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.

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

**HYMNS AND PIMMS:** Our Holy Name Choir is joining with St Mary’s choir for a special Songs of Praise style service, this year labelled “*Hymns and Pimms*”. This lovely annual event, which marks St Mary’s patronal feast day, features both choirs performing ensemble and solo pieces plus the congregation can join in with some of their favourite hymns. All are welcome to St Mary’s Church in Denham Village on Sunday 9 September at 1:30pm. 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, followed by Presentation Dinner. Booking forms available from 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. We especially **need sandwiches and food during the holiday period** as donations decrease whilst people are away on their summer break. Many thanks for your continued support.

*During August we also need socks, pants, T-shirts and sleeping bags.*

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

**WANTED!!** The London Run is in urgent need of volunteers, but particularly males, to help out on our regular Monday evening runs into London with food, clothing and a word of comfort to our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are on the streets. This is a very rewarding experience and only involves one Monday evening a month for our volunteers from 7:30pm until we return to St Joseph’s about 11:30pm. Why not come along for a ‘sampler’ evening to see what goes

on? For more information please contact Eugene – [eugene\\_walsh@hotmail.com](mailto:eugene_walsh@hotmail.com) or 07583 822752.

**ST JOSEPH’S FURNITURE MARKET** distributed £3,200 in August as follows:

The Parish	£1,600
Sense	£400
Aspire	£400
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf	£500
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£300



**World Meeting of Families (adapted)**

God, our Father,  
 We are brothers and sisters in  
 Jesus your Son,  
 One family, in the Spirit of your love.  
 Bless us with the joy of love.  
 Make us patient and kind,  
 gentle and generous,  
 welcoming to those in need.  
 Help us to live your forgiveness  
 and peace.  
 Protect all families with your  
 loving care.  
 This we ask, through Christ our Lord,  
 Amen.

### Sunday Mass Times

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 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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