



## St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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

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16 September 2018

Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4

16 September	St Albert, Patriarch of Jerusalem, Legislator of the Carmelite Order – Feast
20 September	Saints Andrew Kim Taegon & companions, memorial
21 September	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - Feast

### AMAZING ADOREMUS

*Eight of us made our way north to the Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage in Liverpool, the first since 1908. It was a memorable occasion in the life of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Our Cardinal, Bishops, priests, religious and laity – about 9,000 in total – gathered together. We heard inspiring talks and experienced beautiful liturgies. Bishop Robert Barron was the keynote speaker and you can find his talks on [www.catholicnews.org.uk](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk) under Adoremus. The site also has a good selection of photographs as well as Cardinal Vincent Nichols reflection at Exposition. I encourage you to take a look. Fr Michael*

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£2,896**. Your continued support is appreciated.

This weekend on **HOME MISSION SUNDAY** we pray for the spread of the Gospel and in the **second collection** have the opportunity to support it financially. The money you give is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Valerie Dignam** who died recently. The funeral will take place on **Monday 17 September at 11am** in St Joseph's Church.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Maureen Thomas** who died recently. The funeral will take place on **Wednesday 19 September at 11am** in St Joseph's Church.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Fred Newbert** who died recently. The funeral will take place on **Friday 28 September at 12.15pm** in St Joseph's Church.

We extend our deepest sympathy to all their family and friends. May they all rest in peace.

### DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION

*September is a month of prayer before the Eucharist.*

The saints to accompany us this month span 800 years. St Thomas Aquinas was an Italian Dominican friar, a renowned teacher, philosopher and preacher. He died in 1274. His hymns of adoration before the Eucharist are still sung today. Blessed Oscar Romero of El Salvador was martyred celebrating Mass in his cathedral in 1980. He will be canonised next month. He drew great strength from the Mass which gave him the courage to be active in his opposition to the political and social oppression of his people.

This month it is suggested we take time to sit quietly on our own before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle or join our parish at a Eucharistic devotion such as Adoration or Benediction. You might just sit or kneel in silence and in your heart acknowledge with thanksgiving and adoration the great mystery and gift of the presence of God.

**ALPHA COURSE** takes place at the Breadhouse in Chalfont St Peter every Monday evening. The first session is Monday 17 September starting with dinner and a talk. See pamphlets in church for more details.

**RCIA – Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults/Sharing Our Faith** meet Tuesday evenings starting on 18 September at 7:30 for 8pm, for sessions of teaching and discussion. All are welcome; speak to Fr Bob for more information.

**LET IT BE** – A five week course about Mary, the Mother of God. *"Mary once gave us the Saviour of the world, today she helps us to be filled with the Spirit of God."* Registration is now open for this course that runs on both Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings at St Joseph's **starting 3/4 October**. Flyers with full details are in the church porch. Contact the Parish Office to sign up by 25 September. This is an inspiring DVD exploration of Mary, past and present and is produced by café.

**OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND:** The Good Shepherd Company works alongside the St Vincent De Paul to help Christian families in the Holy Land. Olive wood carving is one of their most important sources of income - 90% of Christians rely on their sale. The craftsmen have a small association which supports the poor, especially those in need of medical care as there is no welfare system. Please show your support.

## THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

*"Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands."*

*Blessed Frederic Ozanam*



At the St Vincent de Paul Society we are aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. You may have noticed the posters on the notice board, which highlight just some of the places where you can find Members of the SVP helping others. This

could be in prisons, care homes, hospitals or visiting people in their own homes.

In some of these instances, being a Member of the SVP can take us out of our comfort zone, but it is also worthwhile, life-giving work, seeking and finding those in need, giving our support with compassion, and responding where the need is greatest.

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.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO INSPIRE STUDENTS:** CAFOD invites you to be part of its amazing education programme which inspires pupils to act on their sense of justice. Seeking people with good interpersonal skills, a passion for CAFOD's work and who can connect well with children and young people. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided. Get in touch via [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk) for more details.

**CALLING ALL GOLFERS:** More players needed for our annual golf competition this coming **Friday, 21 September** at **Oakland Park Golf Club** in Chalfont St Giles. 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. Please phone Liam on 01923 770023 or Fr Michael on 01753 886581 for details. Booking forms in the Church porch.

Please pick up the September issue of **THE VINE** from the church porch. Fr Michael features 'in goal' at Youth Fest '18 held back in June – see page 10!

**THANK YOU TO HELENA SULLIVAN** who has left the Parish Office after almost 10 years. Her warm welcome and pleasant demeanour will be greatly missed, not to mention her wealth of experience. We are thankful for all she has done and wish her all the best for the future.

**BARBARA KELLY** has joined the Parish Office, working Monday to Wednesday. Please give her a warm welcome and your full support as she settles into her new role.

Our **PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will take place on Sunday, 7 October at 3pm in the First Committee Room. Parishioners are invited to submit topics for Any Other Business in writing to the Parish Council Chairman, c/o Parish Office by next Sunday, 23 September.

**GRAVESTONES:** An independent assessor, appointed by the Diocese carried out a "topple test" on all gravestones in our cemetery. 10 failed so, for safety reasons, they have been laid flat on the grave. We will be contacting impacted families over the coming weeks.

**APF MILL HILL MISSION:** Supporters are asked collect the autumn edition of Mission Today from the porch.

**YOUTH GROUP** meets **TODAY Sunday, 16 September** from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Hall. Open to anyone in Year 6 or above, there will be fun, games and food. If you've just moved into Year 7, it's a good time to catch up with friends from different schools. Why not come along and give it a try?

**SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS:** If you need your child's school application signed or require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Michael will be available on **Mondays 24 September, 1, 8 and 15 October** at 9:30am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Please come to the Parish Office.

**If the Church car park is full when you arrive for Mass, use the overflow facility at the school. Please do not park on Priory Road, Priory Way or The Rowans.** Thank you.

**LONDON AND SLOUGH RUN FOR THE HOMELESS:** Please bring your donations to the Parish Centre by 3:30pm on Monday.

**PRAYER MINISTRY:** Prayer takes place in the Oratory (access via the Sacristy) after 9am Mass. All are welcome.

### Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm  
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:** Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory

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