



## 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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9 September 2018

Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3

12 September	Blessed Mary of Jesus, Virgin of the Carmelite Order - Memorial
13 September	St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church – Memorial
14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast
15 September	Our Lady of Sorrows – Memorial

**PRAYING THE ROSARY** recommences after the summer break on Tuesday, 11 September.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** begins again this coming Wednesday, 12/Thursday, 13 September.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,715. Your continued support is appreciated.

**NEXT WEEKEND** there will be a collection at all masses for **Home Mission Sunday**.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Ann McDonagh** who died recently. The funeral will take place on **Tuesday 11 September at 11am** in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your **Rosemary Duncombe** who died recently. The funeral will take place on **Thursday 13 September at 11am** in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

**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.

**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 in October on both Wednesday evenings and Thursday morning at St Joseph's Church, **starting 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Flyers with full details are available in the church porches. Contact the Parish Office to sign up by 25<sup>th</sup> September. This course is an inspiring DVD exploration of Mary, past and present and is produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration).

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

**RCIA – Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults/Sharing Our Faith:** This group 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 for more information.

**WORK STARTS MONDAY ON MEMORIAL WALL:** On **10 September**, building works begin to erect a Memorial Wall in St Joseph's Cemetery, providing space for commemorative plaques and vaults for the interment of ashes. Application Forms for plaques/vaults will be available from the Parish Office late September.

**HYMNS AND PIMMS IN DENHAM:** Our Holy Name Choir is joining with St Mary's choir for a special Songs of Praise style service this **Sunday, 9 September** at 1:30pm. All are welcome to St Mary's Church in Denham Village to celebrate their patronal feast day with “Hymns and Pimms”. This lovely annual event features both choirs performing ensemble and solo pieces plus the congregation can join in with some of their favourite hymns. All are welcome so please come along and support our choir.

**BOOK NOW FOR ST JOSEPH'S GOLF DAY:** Just two weeks until 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. Proceeds in aid St Joseph's Church. For more details please phone Liam on 01923 770023 or Fr Michael on 01753 886581. Pick up your booking forms from the Church porch.

### CAFOD OPPORTUNITIES TO INSPIRE

**STUDENTS:** CAFOD invites you to be part of our amazing education programme which inspires pupils to act on their sense of justice. A background in education is not necessary. We are looking for people with good interpersonal skills, a passion for CAFOD's work and who can connect well with children and young people. The volunteer will be asked to go into Catholic schools in the locality to deliver prepared assemblies and/or workshops about once a term. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided and you will have the ongoing support of a local team. Do get in touch to know more: [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk) We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful team.

## THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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



The focus of our work at the St Vincent de Paul Society is visiting and befriending people living in isolation and poverty. The people we visit could be refugees, the elderly, the homeless, people staying in hospital or care homes, people with mental health issues or offenders. Conference Members work on the ground level, face-to-face with the people they help. Here are a few statistics highlighting the work of our Conferences at a national level as well as here in St Joseph's last year:

- Over 9,500 members helped 75,000 beneficiaries. Our small group helped 38 beneficiaries.
- 45% of the people we visited were the elderly in their own homes. Locally 40% of those we visit are elderly.
- The Society made over 470,000 visits. We made 359 visits plus 367 transport assistance.
- Material and practical assistance was offered to over 88,000 people and families. We helped 8 beneficiaries on 36 occasions.

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.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**, Gerrards Cross Section, **thank parishioners** and friends for supporting the Cream Tea held in August. Your generosity helped **raise £477** which will be given to the Thames hospice and other CWL charities.

**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 **Monday, 24 September and Mondays 1, 8 and 15 October** at 9:30am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Please come to the Parish Office

### 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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**THANK YOU TO HELENA SULLIVAN** who has left the Parish Office after almost 10 years of service. 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. We trust that parishioners will give her a warm welcome and their full support as she settles into her new role.

We have received a very big **THANK YOU** for the donation of clothes in the summer to **MARY'S MEALS**. The parish managed to give 450kg of unwanted clothes; there were also cash donations of £523.50 making a total contribution of £775.50. The amount raised will feed 55 children who will not only get fed one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but they will get an education too.

**OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND ON SALE NEXT WEEK:** We are the Good Shepherd Company from Bethlehem which is based in Nottingham. We work alongside St Vincent De Paul for orphans and elderly in the Holy Land. Our goal is to support and help Christian families stay at work as olive wood carving is one of the most important sources of income for them - 90% of Christians rely on their sale. By selling their product here (rosaries, crosses, cribs and religious statues) on their behalf, we help prevent Christians having to leave the country in search of better work opportunities. The craftsmen have a small association which helps to support the poor and needy especially those in need of medical care as there is no welfare system to support them.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ORLA BENTLEY**, who was awarded the Silver Guild of St Stephens medal last Sunday in recognition of her 10 years service to altar serving in our parish. Well done and thank you!

**If the Church car park is full when you arrive for Mass please use the facilities at the school.**

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