



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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07 January 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3

07 January Epiphany of the Lord – Solemnity
08 January The Baptism of the Lord - Feast

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,525.00. Your continued support is appreciated.

THANK YOU: Fathers Michael, Bob and Maurice would like to express their grateful thanks to parishioners for their Christmas gifts and offerings as well as their help, support and prayer throughout the year. Thanks also to everyone involved in making this year's Christmas liturgies so special.

PRAYING THE ROSARY will resume on Tuesday 9 January.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will start again on Wednesday 10/Thursday 11 January.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION: Bishop Peter has called us all to share a Year of Prayer and Vocation. You can now link to his video message about this via our website. Throughout this year we are invited to renew our commitment to personal prayer. To help us, **Prayer Cards** are available from the Church porch. In January we pray together for Christian Unity and celebrate the great joy of our shared baptism.

BELONGING MASS: Next Sunday, 14 January at the 9am Mass, children from the parish and school will join together as they start their First Holy Communion preparation. They begin their journey to the Eucharist by recalling their Baptism where they became members of God's family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Margaret North who died recently. The funeral will take place on Friday 19 January at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

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

NORTHAMPTON STREAMING SERVICE: Northampton Cathedral now has a live streaming service. This means that you can view Masses and/or Services via the internet when you are unable to attend church in person. Click the link from our website to see the upcoming schedule, watch something or view a recording.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
THE MASS



'A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS': A five week course for Lent 2018. This programme explores where the words and gestures we use in the Mass each week come from, explaining their

significance, giving insights for getting the most out of every Mass – and much more. This course will run on Wednesday evenings starting on 21 February at 7:45pm for 8pm. It will run simultaneously on Thursday mornings starting on 22 February at 9.30am. If you wish to enrol, please contact the Parish Office to sign up. Payment of £20 per person needs to be made by Monday 15 January so your books can be ordered.

Advance Notice – **'FOLLOW ME – MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN'** will be an 8 week study course running on Wednesday evenings/Thursday mornings starting on 2/3 May 2018.

LONDON AND SLOUGH RUN FOR THE HOMELESS: Back to normal on **MONDAY 8 JANUARY**. 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.

We now require blankets, pants, socks and jumpers please.

PARISH DIARY 2018: Please help yourself to one of the new blue pocket diaries, which you will find at the front entrance to the church. There are a limited number, so please just one per family. These are available free thanks to the generosity of the publisher and advertisers within.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the Forjoe Redmond and Kaveney families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on these children and their families.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHANGES: A big thank you to **John Forte** who did seven years as our Chairman of Finance. John's work is really appreciated. We welcome **Kevin Murphy** to take on the reins.

DO YOU WANT TO BLOW AWAY THE DUST OR TURN OVER A LEAF IN THE NEW YEAR? Then here are fresh opportunities for you! We are reviewing our existing contracts for cleaning and gardening and are going out to Tender for these contracts which run from 1 February 2018. If any of our parishioners or local companies would like to tender for either of the contracts, then please send a letter or an email to office@stjosephs.org.uk marked for the attention of Malcolm Johnstone by 5pm Monday 18 December.

NEW DISABLED ENTRANCE: Building work continues on the new disabled entrance to St Joseph's Church. **The side door to the car park is now an emergency**



fire exit only. Please use the main door or the side door by the bookshop to enter and leave the church. During these works the disabled toilet will open for use at weekends.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH REFUND: Don't forget to return your tickets to the Parish Office so you can be refunded.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY: 60 guests enjoyed an afternoon filled with delicious food, great conversation and lively entertainment at our seniors Christmas party. Very many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this event such a success.

KEEP CHURCH DOORS CLOSED: Now that the cold weather is upon us, please help us keep the building warm by closing the door behind you when you enter or leave the church. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Dance with Fancy Dress Parade, Saturday, 27 January in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Details to follow.

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE: Niall Jones, a young Parishioner is representing Southampton University on University Challenge. After winning their first round match against Cardiff in July, their second round match will be televised on Monday, 08 January on BBC2 at 8pm.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: The Directors of St Peter Catholic Academy Trust wish to appoint a new Head Teacher for St Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery Slough. It is a large successful and thriving school. Please ring 01753 645828 to speak to Mrs Sam MacKenzie or visit www.stanthonys.slough.sch.uk for further information.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: Next meeting is on Thursday, 11 January at 7.30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The Bridgettine Sisters warmly invite you all to an evening of prayer service as part of the week for Christian unity. It takes place on Thursday, 18 January at Iver Heath Convent at 6.30pm led by Rt. Rev. Bishop Peter Doyle., Bishop of Northampton. Ecumenism is the main Charism of the Bridgettine Order. "Father, that they may all be one, just as you are in me and I in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me." (John 17:21) There will be light refreshments after the service.

POPE FRANCIS asks us all to join him in prayer for a special intention each month. In January his prayer is for Religious Minorities in Asia – that Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

200 *Club* **Winners**

The 200 Club Bonus Christmas draw was drawn at and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Peter Miller
- 2nd Malcom Johnstone
- 3rd Patricia Garrett
- 4th Nicki Ferdenzi

Congratulations!

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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