

1 October 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – 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

2 October	Holy Guardian Angels - Memorial
4 October	St Francis of Assisi - Memorial
7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary

**THIS WEEKEND** there will be an appeal and a second collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society at all Masses. If you are a UK tax payer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,506. Your continued support is appreciated.

**NEXT WEEKEND** is **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY** when we stand with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please take home the special donation envelope and return it next weekend. Please fill in the attached gift aid form if you are a taxpayer.



**SOUP LUNCH:** Join us this coming **Friday 6 October** from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre for our Harvest Soup Lunch. Enjoy a selection of delicious home-made soups in a very welcoming and pleasant atmosphere. All donations are in aid of CAFOD.

**OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:** The Rosary is prayed every **Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 pm in the Oratory**. Why not come and join in this beautiful prayer of the church, particularly during the month of the Holy Rosary. *"The Rosary is a Christ-centred prayer ... it is to Jesus that the act of love is ultimately directed."* As a prayer the Rosary is all-complete, for it *"has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety."* *St John Paul II.* All are welcome at any time.

**RCIA/Focus on Faith** is on Tuesday evenings at 7:30/8pm in the Library, when we explore our Faith. If you are seeking Baptism, Confirmation or wishing to come into full communion with the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr Michael.

**PARISH AGM:** All parishioners are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting which takes place this **Sunday 1 October** at 3pm in the Parish Centre. There will be a review of the state of the parish, including highlights from the last year, as well as looking forward to the next 12 months and beyond.

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

**SALE OF TRADCRAFT GOODS TODAY – SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER** after the 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and after the 11am Mass in the First Committee Room.

**"ROMERO – HEARTBEAT OF EL SALVADOR":** On 24



March 1980, during Mass at the chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence in San Salvador, Archbishop Oscar Romero was killed by a single bullet from an assassin. A

modern day martyr created. A future saint in the making. In 2017, the year that would have his 100th birthday, we continue to draw much inspiration from his example.

**RISE Theatre**, in association with The Archbishop Romero Trust, brings us a brand new play about the life and legacy of a man who chose to challenge those in power, stand up for social justice and demand respect for human rights. Come and experience this exciting production **next Wednesday 4 October in the Hall at 7:30pm** (doors open 7pm). The performance lasts approximately 75 minutes and is suitable for adults and children 11+. Tickets are £8 each (£6 concessions). For booking information and tickets please contact the Parish Office.

**PASTORAL AREA CHANGES:** As of last weekend, the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Great Missenden becomes part of the South East Bucks Pastoral Area and will be served by Fr Alessandro Renò from Chesham. Our Pastoral Area, dedicated to the Venerable Mary Ward, already includes St Aidan's in Little Chalfont, St Columba's in Chesham and Our Lady's in Chesham Bois as well as ourselves here in St Joseph's.

**SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS:** If you require your child's school application or Certificate of Catholic Practice to be signed, Fr Michael will be available on **Thursday 5 October at 9:30am and 2:30pm, 12 and 19 October at 9:30am; 2:30pm and 7pm**. Please come to the Parish Office

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Join us for a charity quiz on Saturday 21 October at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Entry is £4 per person which includes light refreshments. Bring your own drinks. There will also be a raffle.

## Youth News

Youth Group **TONIGHT** in the Parish Centre at 6:30pm to 8pm. For 11-18 year olds – come along and give it a try.

**ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS:** Brought to you by the Ultimate Plum Pudding Company (suppliers to



Fortnum & Mason) adorned with labels designed by children from St Joseph's School. Why not get ahead for Christmas? Choices include Plum, Sticky Toffee, Triple Ginger, Luscious Lemon and Triple Chocolate Puddings

as well as luxury butters and sauces. Order Forms available in the Church Porch or from the Parish Office. Proceeds will be split between the parish and the school.

**OFSTED RESULTS FOR ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL:** The Head Teacher, staff and governors are delighted to announce the School has received a **GOOD** overall rating following its recent inspection:- Personal development, behaviour and welfare – **Outstanding**; Effectiveness of leadership and management – **Good**; Quality of teaching, learning and assessment – **Good**; Outcome of pupils – **Good**; Early years provision: **Good**.

**Open Mornings** for prospective parents and pupils take place on **Wednesdays 11 and 18 October** from 9am until 12 noon.

**ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL** invites prospective pupils and parents to an Open Evening on **Thursday 5 October** from 6-9pm and also an Open Morning on **Friday 6 October** between 9-11:30am. For more details please go to [www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk).

**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.**

**RACE NIGHT:** A Race Night with a difference, no film, but with spectator participation and tote, will be held in the Hall on Saturday 11 November. Why not make a diary date? More information will follow.

### 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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September is SVP awareness month and the theme this year is "**Welcoming the Stranger**". Volunteers, motivated by their faith, seek and find those in need and offer them sincere friendship as well as practical and personal help. Last year the SVP supported 78,748 individuals and families across the UK. 8,029 full members made 445,527 visits, giving material assistance such as food or transport on 97,665 occasions – this includes the work carried out by our local district. Read more about "**Our Work in 2015/16**" on the notice board or via the website.

**Would you like to be the one who welcomes the stranger?**

If you see these needs around you, it might be God himself asking of you to reach out, act and believe that even with your limited time you will make a big difference to those we call strangers. Our group here in St Joseph's needs new members to carry out its work. To find out more contact the Parish Office.

*"Just do it. Make time for it. We can all make a bit of time. It might mean less telly watching. But we will meet people who will pull us through."*

John Battle, SVP Patron

**APPLE PICKING:** It has been another good year for apples and it is now time to harvest the apples from the orchard. Join us **after the 9am Mass on Sundays 1 and 8 October**. It is a lovely community event and great fun, especially for children. The apples will be used to make our own St Joseph's Apple Juice which will be on sale in the coming weeks.



**LARGE PRINT HYMN BOOKS:** We have acquired five large print hymn books for use by parishioners with sight problems. These are on the bookshelf in the main porch.