

11 February 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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14 February Ash Wednesday

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,670. Your continued support is appreciated.

This Sunday is **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK**, an observation started by St Pope John Paul, where people around the world take the time to pray for those who are sick and for their caregivers. It coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. This weekend please pray for all who are sick, elderly, facing surgery or seeking the gift of God's healing.

God of gentleness and love, we entrust to your care all those who are ill, and ask you to guide and sustain all who offer them healing and hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 14 February is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses in St Joseph's Church at 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.



SOUP LUNCH IN AID OF CAFOD: Come and join us for delicious home-made soup on Friday 23 February to mark the CAFOD Family Fast Day. Lunch will be served from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

An **Email: LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S** was sent to all parishioners this week. For those who we don't have an email, there is a printed out copy for you at the back of church today. This is an opportunity to provide an email address or register with the parish or get in touch on admin@stjosephs.org.uk.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING will begin in the next few weeks. If your child would like to become part of the serving team please would you go to the Parish website and click the link to provide your details OR email youth@stjosephs.org.uk. All servers must have made their First Holy Communion before they can participate. Please encourage your child to serve!



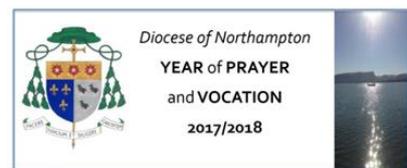
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for the sick of our Parish and for those who have asked for our prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Joan Doris Stalder** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Monday 12 February at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Irena Weeks** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 15 February at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Christopher Moynihan** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Monday 19 February at 12:30pm in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE takes place at St Joseph's on Friday 2 March at 10:30am. This ecumenical service involves all the churches in Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross. It is prepared by the Women in Suriname and is being said on this day all over the world. Please do come and join us – everyone is welcome – men, women and young people. Refreshments in the Parish Centre after the service.



*February is a month of prayer for **Consecrated Life** and their vocation within the church.*

The saint to accompany us in February is **Blessed Cyprian Tansi**. He was a Nigerian priest who felt God's call to leave his homeland and enter the Cistercian Abbey of Mount St Bernard in Leicestershire. His main work here was to pray the psalms in community seven times a day. He died in 1964 and was beatified in 1998.

We are asked this month to set aside time for personal prayer and to listen each day to God's call. This could be done at home, on a regular commute or in a lunch break.

LIFE – HOLY CROSS NEWSLETTER: The Sisters of the Holy Cross in this parish belong to a worldwide congregation spanning four continents. Fr Michael has kindly given permission to include “*Life*”, a small leaflet about the work the Sisters do in other parts of the world, on our parish website. Please do read it – this edition features an article about our Justice & Peace Group here in St Joseph’s.

PASSOVER SUPPER AT ST AIDAN’S: This year there will be a Passover Supper on Friday 23 February at 7pm in the parish hall at St Aidan’s. It is a wonderful way of understanding the background to the Mass, as well as being a very enjoyable social event. Families with young people are especially welcome. The cost is £8 for adults and £3 for children, which includes a full meal, drinks and a programme. Please call Fr Ken on 01494 763518 or email staidansinfo@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible if you would like to book your place.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR: St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School currently has a vacancy for the position of Foundation Governor. The Governor’s role brings independent judgement on issues such as strategy, performance and standards of education. We want to ensure that our school provides the best possible education for children, in a safe and nurturing environment, which encourages and maintains our strong catholic beliefs and values. Our Governing body is made up of a range of individuals from all walks of life, who meet regularly, to challenge and support the school and to strengthen links with the community.

Please contact the Chair of Governors if you have any questions, (contact via the school) on 01753 887743 or email: stjosephsschoolgovernors@gmail.com.

THROUGH THE WARDROBE NEWS: Twenty of our TTW Teens members are performing a brand new play as part of the National Theatre Connections festival over the half term. The performances will take place on **SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY** in the Parish Hall at 2:30pm and 6pm. There is NO charge for tickets and we would love to see as many parish members and their families there as possible to support this performance.

N.B. The play is a modern adventure story and suitable for children aged 12+ {there is mild swearing - similar to a 12A film}.

SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH CENTRE & HALL: The Finance Committee has reviewed the condition of the Parish Centre and Hall and it has become urgent that the parish now makes a decision as to what should be done. Three options were proposed in our New Year Newsletter (available online via the website or on paper via the Parish Office). The committee has an open mind on which option to take and would like your ideas, especially as to what you want from your Parish Centre/Hall for the future. Please submit your feedback in writing via email or via letter to the Parish Office, marked “Parish Centre/Hall Consultation”. **Please could we have your views and ideas by 5pm on Wednesday 14 February.**

APPEAL FOR FRUIT: The Catholic Worker Farm invites parishioners to support their 20 homeless women and children by donating fruit on a weekly basis. There will be a basket at the back of the church every weekend which will be collected after Sunday’s 11am Mass. They are deeply grateful for any apples, pears, bananas, grapes, oranges, etc. that you might be able to pop into the basket each week. The St Vincent de Paul has provided a generous basket of fruit for the past six weeks, but parishioner support is needed to sustain these women and children as from **10/11 February**. For information about the Catholic Worker Farm or Mary House call Scott on 07983 477819 or visit www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org.



ST JOSEPH’S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £3,700 in February as follows:

St Joseph’s Parish	£2,000
Thames Hospice	£500
Kidney Research	£500
Macmillan Cancer Support	£200
Magdi Yacoub Institute	£500

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.

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

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

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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