



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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Fr Michael Spain OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

13 June St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,698. Your continued support is appreciated.

**SECOND COLLECTION** for Day for Life will take place at all Masses next weekend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

The 10am Mass on Saturday 17 June will be First Holy Communion Mass for the remainder of the Year 3 children of St Joseph's School. We ask you to remember these children and their families in your prayers.

**READING THE WORD OF GOD:**

The Northampton Liturgy Commission is leading a Readers Course at St Columba's, Chesham HP5 3HQ with the second session taking place on Tuesday 13 June from 7:30pm until 9pm in the Hall. Topics include The Scriptures, The Lectionary and Proclaiming the Word of God. Booking forms available from the Parish Office.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** All are invited to a Pastoral Area Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 18 June at St Aidan's, Little Chalfont after the 11am Mass. It will be led by our First Communicants. The gates to the church car park will be closed at 11:45am for the safety of all. Additional parking at the Gun Club further down Finch Lane on the left.

**SOUTH EAST BUCKS PASTORAL AREA:** The minutes from the May Pastoral Area Council (PAC) meeting are now available on our parish website.

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

**SCHOOL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

This weekend children from St Joseph's school make their First Holy Communion. Please pray for these children who come together at God's table for the first time to share in the Eucharist.



Special artwork created by the children along with some of their preparation materials, are on display in the alcove.

**DAY FOR LIFE**

**Sunday 18 June** is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition; life that is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* also highlights that 50 years ago the Abortion Act received Royal Assent on 27 October.

This anniversary year provides us with an opportunity to reflect, to pray and to offer practical and emotional support to those in need and especially for those who have lost a child or who are concerned about their pregnancy.

The Bishops have asked for vigils of prayer on 17 June and 27 October. In response to this, after the 5:30pm Mass on **Saturday 17 June**, Fr. Martin will lead a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary/Prayers and Benediction. You are encouraged to visit the website [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org) for information on subjects which cover the journey of life.

**"50 YEARS OF AMAZING GRACE":**

Pope Francis invited all Christians and their leaders, from every denomination, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal with him in Rome this Pentecost. Charles Whitehead gave a talk at our local celebration which commemorated this movement of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church over the last 50 years. He shared with us the story of the renewing work of the Holy Spirit – from the early days, the challenges and all that has happened leading up to the present day with Pope Francis. His talk is now available on our website to listen to and/or download.

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Every Sunday, there are two people in the Oratory after the 9am Mass who are happy to pray with you.

This can help people to encounter for themselves the presence of God the loving Father who desires to bring healing of mind, body and spirit to each one of us: God who desires that we know His closeness to us in all the circumstances of our lives and who guides us through them.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who took time to provide feedback in response to our parish consultation about St Joseph's Cemetery. Your comments and suggestions are currently being reviewed.

## Youth News

Youth Group is on tonight 11 June after the 5:30pm Mass. However for the first part we will be joining the Confirmandi in celebrating their confirmation in the Parish Centre. Normal finishing time of 8pm.

We recently had 35 candidates from our parish receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. To celebrate this special occasion the candidates will be attending the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, followed by a reception in the Parish Centre. Please pray for these young people as they continue their journey of faith.

Email: [Isabel@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:Isabel@stjosephs.org.uk)

**GET IN TOUCH!** If you did not receive a letter from Fr Michael re Parish Day and the Annual Raffle and/or if you never get an email from the parish – you may not be registered OR we have some bit of information wrong! Please go to the parish website and click the blue registration button on the right-hand side OR email or ring the parish office to find out how. Contact details in the newsletter footer.

**MANY THANKS** to all those who have been delivering the letters across the parish. You have helped save £600+ in postage!

**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.

**NEW men's underpants/boxer shorts will be welcome – these can be placed in the bin outside the Parish Centre.**

**APF RED HILL MISSION (MISSIO):** Red box holders and donors are requested to collect their summer copy of 'Mission Today' from the back of the Church.

**JOAN OF ARC VACANCIES:** The school has two support staff vacancies to commence in September:

*Pastoral Support Assistant* – A motivated individual with experience of working with young people is required to give administrative and practical support to the Learning Co-ordinators (Heads of Year) in their role of managing the progress, behaviour and well-being of pupils. They will contribute to ensuring that the school is an environment that encourages purposeful learning to take place.

*Teaching Assistant* – Enthusiastic, energetic individual required to join the Learning Support Department working with teaching staff to support pupils with a wide range of educational needs. Previous experience working with young people is desirable.



### A GREAT DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- ❖ Browse around our many stalls
- ❖ Fun activities for kids and a hangout area for teens
- ❖ Family entertainment throughout the afternoon
- ❖ Delicious food available all day including BBQ
- ❖ Grand Draw with top prize of £500

Application forms are available from the school on 01923 773881 or at the school website [www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk). Closing date for applications is Thursday 22 June.

#### WALSINGHAM

**PILGRIMAGE:** The St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sunday 2 July. The coach will depart St Ethelbert's (Slough) at 7:30am and Holy Family (Slough) at 7:45am returning at 9pm (approx.). Tickets £15 but a £5 deposit is required. Please contact Jim McErlean on

01753 546366 or Kay Gatt on 01753 642641. Please bring a packed lunch.

#### 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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