

13 August 2017

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3



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

14 August	St Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr – Memorial
15 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses at St Joseph's are 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,690. Your continued support is appreciated.

PRAYING THE ROSARY will recommence on Tuesday 5 September.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will recommence on Wednesday 6/Thursday 7 September.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ADORATION: In the peace and quiet of the Oratory, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Wednesdays and Thursdays where you are invited to spend time resting, reading or praying in the presence of the Lord. Currently we only have skeleton cover and sadly for some hours we have no volunteers so the Blessed Sacrament has to be put away. *Can you offer one hour of your time once a week? Or even once a fortnight?* If no one comes forward, we will have no choice but to reduce the hours and/or days Eucharistic Adoration takes place when we resume in September. For more information please contact Joan Barham at the Parish Office.

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for August is "*For Artists: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.*" Pope Francis has dedicated the month of August to praying for artists, praising them in his latest prayer video as heralds of God's beauty, and asking that through their work, they would help humanity discover the wonder of creation – "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Gn 1:31). He says "*The arts give expression to the beauty of the faith and proclaim the Gospel message of the grandeur of God's creation. When we admire a work of art or a marvel of nature, we discover how everything speaks to us of Him and of His love.*"

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.

No second hand clothing needed until further notice. Thank you.

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

BRASS CLEANERS NEEDED: Can you spare an hour or so once every three months? We need help keeping the church brasses (such as candlesticks) clean and in good condition. Please let the Parish Office know if you can help.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

As in previous years, Mass times are reduced during the holiday season.

Mass times in St Joseph's will be:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm; Sunday Masses at 7:45am and 11am only

Mass in Holy Name, Denham (near UB9 5AR) at 9:30am on Sunday

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath, SL0 0NR – Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday at 9am

Normal Mass times will resume from Saturday 2/Sunday 3 September

PARISH DAY 2017: Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed or helped in any way with Parish Day this year. A lovely day was had by all and, together with the raffle; it raised **£10,251** in total for the parish.



ST JOSEPH'S GOLF DAY: Very many thanks to everyone who took part in our recent golf competition as well as those who kindly donated prizes and generously supported this annual event. In addition to great golf throughout the afternoon, we enjoyed the hospitality offered by Oakland Park Golf Club, which culminated with a delicious meal in the evening.

LONDON AND SLOUGH RUN: The Trustees of the London and Slough Run would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Slough Winter Night Shelter 2017. The Shelter involved seven local Churches

CONGRATULATIONS to Frances Micallef and Mark Lenzan



and over 250 volunteers from all local faith groups, it ended in April and had 49 people use the service. Working with Slough Council we have helped find accommodation for 25 and 11 have found employment. Sadly some are still sleeping rough in the town; we continue to help those with a weekly soup run at St Mary's in Slough and working in partnership with the Slough Homelessness forum. The Salvation Army in Slough provide a drop in service for the homeless every day between 10am and 1pm and a soup kitchen on Thursday and Sunday evenings between 6:45pm and 8:30pm. The Salvation Army are desperately short of volunteers and have appealed to us for help. Training will be provided so if you can spare some time please contact Lin Anderson on 01753 525819. This year's Slough Sleep out for the homeless fundraiser will be at St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School on Saturday 25 November at 7:30pm. Please see our website thelondonandsloughrun.com for further details. Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

John Power, Chairman



Prayer to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven

Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
we believe in your triumphant
assumption into heaven
where the angels and saints acclaim
you as Queen.

We join them in praising you
and bless the Lord who raised you
above all creatures.

With them we offer you our
devotion and love.

We are confident that you watch over
our daily efforts and needs,
and we take comfort from the faith
in the coming resurrection.

We look to you, our life, our sweetness,
and our hope.

After this earthly life, show us Jesus
the blest fruit of your womb,
O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

who were married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA will take place from 23 to 28 October flying from Gatwick to Lisbon by Monarch. Staying at Hotel Lux Mundi with meals including breakfast and dinner. Cost is £580 for five nights (plus single room supplement of £100). The Spiritual Director is Fr Stan Maciuszek. Places are limited so make contact early to avoid disappointment. Please ring Matthew Fernandes on 01753 675786 or mobile 07958 666067.

SVP CASH4COINS: Turn your leftover holiday foreign currency or old, obsolete coins into cash for the SVP. Pop your redundant currency into our collection bottle in the Parish Office and support the work done locally in the parish. Thank you for your support.

TEA AND CHAT: All welcome for Tea and a Chat in the first Committee Room from 2pm to 4pm every Thursday, continuing without any break throughout the summer holidays.

Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am and 11am
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 – will resume on 5 September

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory – will resume on 6 September

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