

15 April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – 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, Fr Matt Blake OCD

THANK YOU: Fathers Michael, Bob, Maurice and Matt would like to express their grateful thanks to parishioners for their Easter offerings. Thanks also to everyone involved in making our Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Sunday services so special. The time, work and heart put in by our volunteers when preparing these liturgies and beautifying our churches is much appreciated.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,765. Your continued support is appreciated.

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St Joseph's donations	£3,509.00
Bridgettine Convent donations	20.58
Foreign money proceeds	243.68
Direct donations to Missio in London	407.60

Fr Donie O'Connor MHM and his team will be at every Mass this weekend to express their thanks for your support and to answer any questions you may wish to raise.

NEXT WEEKEND there will be a second collection for the Priest's Training Fund.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION:

April is a month of prayer celebrating our Baptismal vocation, especially the contribution of single people to the Church.

The saint to accompany us in February is **St Frances of Rome**. St Frances was married for forty years but her husband was away for much of the time in intercity wars and she became a single parent. She took responsibility for running the family estates. Additional tragedy came when two sons died of the plague. She opened her own house to the poor and sick and led other wealthy ladies of Rome in prayer and nursing the needy.

We are asked this month to set aside time to pray at the beginning and end of the day.

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

FOLLOW ME : MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN: An eight week Bible study course at St. Joseph's Church. Religion is often described as man's search for God. But Christianity is much more about God's search for us. Many view God as either a harsh judge, who will not forgive, or distant and indifferent about our lives. Or they make God in their own image. A journey through John's Gospel will challenge us to encounter God anew in Jesus Christ. Be encouraged and sign up.

This course will run on Wednesday evenings starting on 2nd May at 7:45pm for 8pm. It will run simultaneously on Thursday mornings starting on 3 May at 9:30am. Fliers can be found at the back of the church. The closing date to register and pay £20 at the parish office (Tel. 01753 886581) is this **Wednesday 18th April**.

ADOREMUS - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress Liverpool – 7-9 September:

"We seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society."

Cardinal Vincent Nicholls

Who is the Pilgrimage and Congress for? Anyone who wishes to deepen their love and understanding of the Lord's gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

A small group will be going from our parish. Please speak to Fr Michael if you are interested in going to some or all of the weekend. More information can be found by following the link on the Parish website.

PILGRIMAGE TO AVILA – In the Footsteps of St Teresa:

Fr Matt Blake will lead a pilgrimage to Avila from 1 - 8 October 2018; visiting Toledo, Avila, Alba des Tormes, Segovia, Fontiveros and Medina del Campo. For more information, please visit the parish website or speak to Fr Matt. Reservations may be made through Barbara Thacker via email at barbarathacker57@googlemail.com. Please book early as places are going fast.





YOUTH GROUP resumes this **Sunday 15 April** from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Hall. If you are in Year 6 or above why not come and join us for fun, games and food.

TEA IN THE POT resumes on Wednesday 18 April.

PARKING – PRIORY SIDE & BULL LANE:

Please be reminded that the driveway on the Priory side of St Joseph's Church must be **kept clear at all times** (even during Mass) for emergency access.

Drivers who park there not only hinder the emergency services in the event of an incident; they also prevent our priests responding to urgent call-outs. We also respectfully request that vehicles are not parked on the pavement near the main door of the church or anywhere along the junction of Bull Lane. This is illegal and dangerous to other road users.



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.



FAMILY FIRST AID COURSE: Have you ever wondered how you would react to an emergency? This short course will provide information on how to cope with first aid emergencies in the home. It takes place

this **Thursday 19 April** in the Parish Centre from 6:30pm until 9:30pm. The cost is £30 per person, which includes a First Aid manual, handouts and certificate. For more information or to book a place please contact Joan Barham at the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Parishioners are invited for coffee and cake after 9am Mass, in the Parish Centre and after 11am Mass in the First Committee Room next **Sunday 22 April**. The Catholic Women's League is holding a National Coffee Morning and will display their interests.



THE HEART OF THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM: The St Vincent de Paul invites you to join them for a talk on Thursday 3 May at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre. Scott Albrecht from the Catholic Worker Farm will be speaking about their work with asylum seekers, victims of honour based violence and trafficked women. Scott and his wife Birthe currently live with 20 wonderful 'sisters' and their children. They have lived with, and supported, over 500 women and children since they moved into the farm 12 years ago. African beans, rice and plantain will be served for supper, accompanied by a 'taster' of traditional African music. This evening is FREE and all are welcome. thecatholicworkerfarm.org

Please book your table for the **ANNUAL SHOC QUIZ**

being held on **Saturday 28 April** in Stoke Poges. Several parish families will be there and it would be great to see some new faces. It's a fun evening and tickets (£12) include a light supper.

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CAFOD: Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent or call 0303 303 3030".

The beautiful **NEW LIFE COLLAGE** at the back of the church was made by the children who attended the Easter Workshop. A great day was had by all.

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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