

15 October 2017

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



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

15 October	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - Solemnity
17 October	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr – Memorial
18 October	St Luke, Evangelist - Feast

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. These can be found in the Church porch.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,725. Your continued support is appreciated.

**THANK YOU** for your generous support to CAFOD's Harvest Fast last week. Our parish raised £2,966.98 which will mean more farmers around the world will be able to support their families, now and into the future. Please continue to pray for them and for CAFOD's work with the most vulnerable communities across the world.

**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH:** The soup day for CAFOD was again a great success. Thank you to all the kind ladies who made such delicious soups which were greatly appreciated by all who came and gave their support. We raised £482 for CAFOD.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The Rosary is prayed each week on **Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 pm in the Oratory.** Please come and join us, particularly during this Month of the Holy Rosary. Anyone is welcome at any time. *"To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful heart of Christ and His Mother."* For *"the Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace"*, and *"it has a peaceful effect on those who pray it."* John Paul II

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Heather Ryan who died recently. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 24 October at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

**SIGN UP FOR PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

Children in Year 3 or above not attending catholic schools are invited to take part in our Parish First Holy Communion preparation. To enrol for this programme, which starts in January 2018, please download, complete and return the registration form available from the website. Please contact the Parish Office on 01753 886581 with any queries.

**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 19 October at 9:30am; 2:30pm and 7pm.** Please come to the Parish Office

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is delighted



to invite prospective parents and pupils to its **Open Morning** which take place on **Wednesday 18 October** from 9am until 12 noon. The children are looking forward to showing you around the school which is Ofsted rated GOOD, with OUTSTANDING pupil development, behaviour and welfare. [www.st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk).

**ANNUAL REPORT 2017:** A copy of this year's Parish Annual Report is now available from the website. Paper copies can be obtained from the Parish Office. The recent AGM was attended by 35 parishioners. The Meeting Minutes will be made available shortly.

**CELEBRATE FAMILY WEEKEND at St Albans on 28 and 29 October:** This will take place at the Nicholas Breakspear School, Colney Heath Lane, AL4 OTT and the theme this year is *"SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM"* Matthew 6:33. The weekend is suitable for young and old alike, with excellent Children's and Youth Ministry in fun, faith-based streams for different ages with experienced leaders. There are excellent main speakers, daily Mass and a variety of seminars/workshops to choose from. For full details of the daily programme, booking information, etc please refer to the Celebrate website at [www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans](http://www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans).

**RECRUITING CATHOLIC LEADERS:** Are you someone could serve our children by teaching, working or volunteering in a Catholic school? We are looking for teachers, leaders and governors across the Diocese. For details contact NORES on 01582 723312 or [main@nores.org.uk](mailto:main@nores.org.uk).

## Youth News

Youth Group tonight in the Parish Centre at 6:30pm to 8pm. For 11-18 year olds. All are welcome.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT – 27

**October 2017:** The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have called us to mark this anniversary with a vigil of prayer – “We mourn the large number of annual abortions and continue to pray for the care and support of mothers and their children in the womb.” We pray for and remember all lives lost before birth and we are reminded by Pope Francis that “there is no sin that God’s mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father.” (MV 12)

**PRAYER VIGIL AT ST JOSEPH’S** will take place on Friday 27 October at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join Fr Michael as he leads a time of prayer and reflection focussing on the theme, ‘The Mercy of God’ (approx. 45 minutes).

**THE ROSARY - Friday 27 October** – for this evening only the Rosary will be prayed at 7pm in the Oratory.

**A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE EVENT** is being organised by CARE (Christian Action Research and Education), with contribution from Lord Alton of Liverpool, Fiona Bruce MP, Chen Guangcheng and others. This will take place on Saturday 28 October 2-5pm at Emmanuel Centre, London. To book free tickets call 020 7233 0455 or visit [www.care.org.uk/event](http://www.care.org.uk/event).

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

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Join us for a charity quiz next **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. Tables are for 4-8 people. **Tickets are now available in the Parish Office and on the night.**



### 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. **Deadline for orders is next WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER .**



### 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 men's socks please.**

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

**FLU SCARE IN THE STABLES:** The vet has visited and he is confident ALL horses will be fully fit for the **RACE**

**NIGHT** on Saturday 11 November.

Tickets are now available – entrance to the Silver Ring is only £5 per person and it is free for children aged 10 and under. Reserve your tickets and buy your horse(s) by emailing Paul Smith at [pwandmtsmith@gmail.com](mailto:pwandmtsmith@gmail.com).



**BRIDGETTINE SISTERS THANK YOU:** Sister Jansi and her friends want to thank all those who went to their Cream Tea Party of raise funds for their Grotto. It raised over £350 for which they are very grateful

**APPLE JUICE NOW ON SALE:** The apples from the orchard have been harvested and used to make apple juice which is now on sale at £2.50 per bottle. You can buy some after Mass or from the Parish Office; payment by cash or cheque payable to “St Joseph’s Events”.



### 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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