

16 April 2017
Easter Sunday

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



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

23 April	Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday
24 April	St George, Martyr, Patron of England
25 April	St Mark, Evangelist - Feast
29 April	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church. Patron of Europe - Feast

The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday collections are for the clergy of the parish.

WEEKDAY MASS NEXT WEEK AT 10AM ONLY. During Easter Week (Monday through Friday) there will only be one morning Mass at 10am in St Joseph's Church. As from Saturday 22 April Mass times return to normal.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,951. Your continued support is appreciated.

CAMEROON EDUCATION FUND: Change of date to

29/30 April: There will be an appeal for the fund to support the education of the vulnerable and orphaned children in the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon. In recent months, the political situation in the English speaking provinces of Cameroon has been difficult. Now more than ever, we need to support the education of these children. We appreciate your support over the last 15 years and would ask you to be as generous as possible in your giving. Thank you.

There will be **NO ROSARY CIRCLE** during Easter Week. Rosary will resume on Tuesday 25 April.

There will be **NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** during Easter Week. It will start again on Wednesday 26/Thursday 27 April.

TEA IN THE POT resumes on Wednesday 19 April.

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

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The 11am Mass on Sunday 30 April will be a First Holy Communion Mass for parish children who do not attend catholic schools. They have been preparing for this sacrament since January. We ask you to remember these children and their families in your prayers.

The **CARMELITE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER** will take place in Ireland starting on Bank Holiday Monday 1 May. Please pray for our priests and the Carmelite Order during this time.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: There will be a special Newsletter next week which will outline proposals to improve St Joseph's Cemetery.

The next regular Newsletter will be Sunday 30 April – please submit any articles to office@stjosephs.org.uk by

12 noon on Thursday 27 April.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Joan Bradley who died recently. The funeral will take place on Friday 21 April at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

EASTER MONDAY 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.

Season of Easter

During the Easter Season we are asked to pray for the following intentions:

New Members of the Church

Human Work
especially on 1 May

Priestly Vocations
especially on 7 May

Right Use of the Media
especially on 28 May

The Church
especially on 4 June

Youth News

Hope you all have a Happy Easter!

Our next Youth Group will be on Sunday 23 April.

Email: Isabel@stjosephs.org.uk



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the Fahy family whose daughter was baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on this child and her family.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY! This year Parish Day will take place on Saturday, 8 July from 12 noon until 4pm in the Priory grounds. There will be lots for everyone to enjoy – Petting Farm for children, BBQ, Cream Teas, cakes and loads more besides. Please put the date in your diaries.



HANGING BASKETS: Our very popular hanging basket and plant sale is

back! Order Forms will be available next week from the Church porch or via the website.

100 YEARS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA pilgrimage will be taking place on Saturday 13 May from 10am to 4pm. For further information please contact Clair Rees on 07983 494438 or pilgrimage12thmay@outlook.com

KNITTING WOOL: We have received a request for any spare *double* knitting wool to make blankets for charity. Please deliver to the Parish Office. Thank you.



It's not too late to join our 200 Club. Enrolment Details and Membership Forms are available from the website or the Parish Office. 50% of the income generated is used to maintain the

office infrastructure and the other 50% is paid out in prizes to the lucky winners each month. So why not join the club and make a valuable contribution towards the upkeep of our parish. *"If you're not in you can't win!"*

Easter Sunday Prayer

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the Spirit that is
within us.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your son,

who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

- The **ANNUAL SHOC QUIZ** is being held on Saturday 29 April. Our parish gives great support to SHOC – would you be able to get a table of 8 together to join in? Light supper included, tickets £12. Please contact alanmadgeslough@aol.com.

- **THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED** and will not re-open until 9:30am on Monday 24 April. For information and/or enquiries during

this time please visit the website at www.stjosephs.org.uk or email office@stjosephs.org.uk. Alternatively call 01753 886581 and follow the prompt to leave a message or speak to a priest.

May this Easter Season inspire you to new hope,
happiness and prosperity all received through
God's divine grace.
Easter blessings to you and your families.

Fathers Michael, Martin and Maurice

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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