



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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17 September 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4

20 September SS Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and Companions

21 September St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - Feast

23 September St Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest - Memorial

HOME MISSION SUNDAY:

The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we can pray that the people we carry in our hearts will encounter him for themselves. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter via www.homemission.org.uk.



Please consider contributing to today's second collection. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,787. Your continued support is appreciated.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Marie Seymour who died recently. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 20 September at 11:15am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

Your prayers are also requested for the repose of the soul of Anna Zentai who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 21 September at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

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

PARISH AGM: Topics for Any Other Business should be sent in writing to the Parish Council Chairman, c/o Parish Office by this Sunday 17 September. The AGM will take place on Sunday 1 October at 3pm in the Parish Centre. The agenda and meeting papers will be available next weekend.



CONFIRMATION SPRING 2018: Parents of year 9 pupils are invited to a meeting on Thursday 28 September at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre about the confirmation course and registration for candidates to be confirmed in Spring 2018. Families in the parish register will be sent an email – please get in touch via youth@stjosephs.org.uk if you don't receive the email but would like to be kept informed of the programme.

11AM CHOIR: Rehearsals have started again on Mondays at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church. New members are most welcome – see Louise after Mass or pop along to rehearsal.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR "Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador". RISE Theatre will be performing their brand new original play about the life of Blessed Oscar Romero in the Hall on **Wednesday 4 October at 7:30pm**. Romero chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. He demanded respect for human rights. We continue to draw inspiration from his example, particularly when considering and responding to injustice and oppression taking place in our world today. This production is suitable for adults and children 11+ and lasts approximately 75 minutes. Tickets which cost £8 each (£6 concessions) will be on sale after Masses next weekend and are also available from the Parish Office.

INDUCTION MASS FOR NEW HEADTEACHER:

Parishioners are invited to the Induction Mass for **Caroline Lovegrove**, the new head of St Joseph's School, on Wednesday 27 September at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

ALPHA: Explore the Christian faith at an Alpha course - a talk, ask questions, share your thoughts. Bring a friend or neighbour who may be interested in the Christian faith. An inter-church Alpha course starts with an introductory dinner on Monday 18 September at the Breadhouse in Market Place, Chalfont St Peter at 7.45pm. It continues on Monday evenings until 4 December - www.alpha.org. Collect a flyer from the porch or contact St Joseph's Church representative, John Moroz, on 07519 286638.

Youth News

Youth Group restarts on Sunday 24 September in the Parish Centre at 6:30pm to 8pm and includes food. For 11-18 year olds – come along and give it a try.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE meeting will take place on Wednesday 20 September at 2pm in the First Committee Room. Sister Christina will give a talk on the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Parishioners are very welcome to join us at 2:30pm for Sister's talk.

WAITROSE GREEN TOKENS: Shoppers at Waitrose in Gerrards Cross can support **The London and Slough Run** by popping their green tokens into their section of the 'Community Matters' box.

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 pants/boxer shorts, socks and pullovers please. Thank you.

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

NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE (NPVS) & THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO: Visitation at the Cathedral of St Mary & St Thomas, Kingsthorpe Road, Northampton, NN2 6AG on Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October. Enthronement and Crowning of the NPVS of Our Lady of Fatima, Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Doyle, followed by Veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. For details call Canon Mark Floody on 01604 714556.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £3,600 in September as follows:

The Parish	£1,800
Victim Support	£450
Padstones	£450
Chalfont St Peter Library	£450
Alzheimer's Society/Amy Harris	£450



Lord, help us to use our resources wisely and to encourage others to do the same so that we may all share the world's resources.

The SVP welcomes the stranger like Alice by providing food to supplement the shopping of families and individuals in need to provide a more nutritious and balanced diet. Contact the Parish Office to find out more about the work of the SVP here in St Joseph's.

"The stranger is often the hand of God. Not the drainer of resources, but the donator of gifts."

Sarah Teather, Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for September is *"For Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen"*. Every month, the intention is published by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer). The Pontiff's new tradition of making a video-message for his intention is available for viewing at www.thepopevideo.org.

200 Club Winners

The 200 Club draw was drawn by the **Church Cleaning Team** last Thursday and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Peter Freeman
- 2nd Mary Jones
- 3rd Angela and Paul Rayner
- 4th Mr & Mrs Bernard McClean

Congratulations!

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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