



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

25 May	St Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, Virgin of the Carmelite Order
26 May	St Philip Neri, Priest - Memorial

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £3,066. Your continued support is appreciated.

**PENTECOST - The birthday of the Church** will be celebrated after the 9am Mass **TODAY** with games and cake. Everyone is invited, no RSVP needed, just turn up!

#### DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION

*May is a month of prayer for those preparing for confirmation, and all confirmed and their vocation within the church.*

The saint to accompany us in May is **Blessed John Henry Newman**. He was born in 1801, created cardinal in 1879, died in 1890 and beatified in 2010. He was a priest, poet, theologian and educator. On becoming a Catholic at the age of 44 he spent much time in pastoral work in Birmingham and establishing the Catholic University of Ireland in Dublin. All his life he struggled to be true to God's calling.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Michael Snuggs** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 7 June at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

The **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)** will take effect in the UK from 25 May 2018. Churches must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. Our Diocese has recently appointed a Data Protection Manager who is currently running a series of mandatory sessions for parishes. Having learned from this, we will then review how we manage personal data.

**POPE FRANCIS** asks us all to join him in prayer for a special intention each month. In May his prayer is that the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

**READERS MEETING:** Fr Michael wants to meet with **all readers at St Joseph's**. The purpose is to go through some practicalities which will help us get the optimum out of the audio system. He has set aside **Thursday 31 May** in the first instance to do this, and is offering a morning session at 9:30am and an evening session at 7:30pm.

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Bishop Peter Doyle will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the priesthood during the **Diocese of Northampton Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 9 June**. Fr Bob Davies OCD will lead a pilgrimage group from the South Bucks Pastoral Area. A coach will depart **St Joseph's at 7:30am**. In this Year of Prayer and Vocation, this is an ideal opportunity to celebrate the ministry of Bishop Peter and offer prayers of **thanksgiving for him on this special occasion. The cost is £20 per person, children 15**

**and under go FREE!** Please register your interest at the Parish Office by Monday 4 June. Cheques payable to *St Joseph's Parish*". Pilgrims will need to bring a packed lunch.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SINGERS AND MUSICIANS:** Bishop Peter will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph's Church on Sunday 1 July at 2pm for 48 candidates from our Pastoral Area.

Singers and musicians from all the churches are invited to take part in a joint choir. If you would like to be part of this choir, please speak to Maureen Connell who can be contacted via the Parish Office.



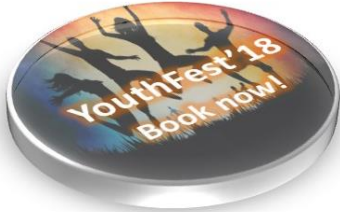
#### NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Father, pour out your Spirit  
Upon your people,  
And grant us  
A new vision of your glory,  
A new experience of your power,  
A new faithfulness to your Word, and,  
A new consecration to your service,  
That your love may grow among us.  
Amen



**YOUTH GROUP** next takes place on **Sunday 10 June** 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

**YOUTH FEST '18:** Join us for live music, games, BBQ and lots more on **Saturday 16 June** from 3pm to 6pm in the paddock behind Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois HP6 5PE. This **free event** is open to all young people in Year 6 and above as well as young adults 18s to 20s. Hang out with your mates, enjoy some food, have some fun and make new friends. Click the **Book Now** button on the parish website to register your place.



**FAREWELL AND WELCOME:** We bid farewell to **Chris North** who has spent much of his spare time over the past three years managing our parish accounts. Many thanks to Chris for all his efforts; we appreciate all he has done for the parish. He hands over the reins to **Teresa Evans** who assumes the responsibilities of Treasurer.

**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.**



**TEA AND CHAT:** Join us for Tea and a Chat in the First Committee Room from 2pm to 4pm every Thursday. All are welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION CARDS** are on sale from the Repository.

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

**THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM – OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 2 JUNE:** This is an opportunity for us to thank you in a small way for all your support of and interest in our work. Meet us, chat and learn about our work with homeless women and children. Enjoy live music and food around the world as our sisters put on a feast! There will be snacks and drinks from 3pm till late and an international buffet from 6pm. This year's artists are - Alexandra the Indonesian Dancer; John McClean and the Clan; Lovers Electric and Herts Drumming Circle. There will also be a huge bonfire, badminton and trampolines! You can find us at Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Road West Hyde Hertfordshire, WD3 9XJ. For more information go to [www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org](http://www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org).

**ORDER YOUR HANGING BASKETS NOW:** Order Forms for hanging baskets, potted plants and summer bedding are available from the Church porch or via the website. **Deadline for orders is Wednesday, 30 May**, with collection from St Joseph's Church car park on Saturday 9 June between 3pm and 4pm.



**200 Club Winners**

The May 200 Club was drawn at the **Finance Committee Meeting** and the lucky winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Helen Emery & Steve Dempsey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerry & Maria Brennan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Keenan
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jane Roberts

***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