

21 January 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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| 24 January | St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor - Memorial |
| 25 January | Conversion of St Pau, Apostle – Feast |
| 26 January | SS Timothy and Titus, Bishops - Memorial |

Welcome to the new member of the Carmelite Community, Fr Matt Blake.

HOMELESS SUNDAY: Next Sunday, 28 January, churches all over the UK will be taking action to help those who are suffering from homelessness. In our Parish we support two homeless charities, SHOC, Slough Homeless - Our Concern and The London & Slough Run. This year on Homeless Sunday there will be an appeal and a second collection for SHOC. SHOC are faced with finding a new site for their day centre by April and so they desperately need our support.

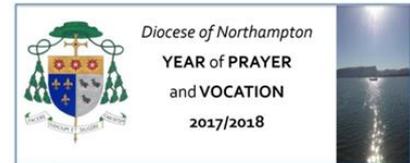
THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,711. Your continued support is appreciated.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Shane Corrigan** who died recently. Shane will be reposing at his home – 20 Fieldway, Chalfont St Peter SL9 9SH from Tuesday 23 January. The House will be open from 2pm until 10pm. The House will be private on Wednesday. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 24 January at 5pm in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Maureen Landsberger** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

NORTHAMPTON STREAMING SERVICE: Northampton Cathedral now has a live streaming service. This means that you can view Masses and/or Services via the internet when you are unable to attend church in person. Click the link from our website to see the upcoming schedule, watch something or view a recording.

Advance Notice – **'FOLLOW ME – MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN'** will be an 8 week study course running on Wednesday evenings/Thursday mornings starting on 2/3 May 2018.



We are invited to renew our commitment to personal prayer. To help us, **Prayer Cards** are available from the Church porch. This month we pray together for Christian Unity and celebrate the great joy of our shared baptism.

A Saint to accompany us in January...

St Francis of Assisi

Francis was born to a noble family in Assisi in Italy in about 1181. Through prayer and with God's grace, he renounced all possessions and clerical positions yet reformed the church through his lifestyle. Through his love of nature he came to venerate the God of all creatures and all peoples.

Reflecting on our own baptism and calling we can seek to find God in others, who through their own baptism, worship and serve God in different ways.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY sessions are held every Sunday during term time at the 9am Mass. We have a number of groups covering pre-school to teens and welcome everyone to join. We go out after the welcome and return after the bidding prayers. Each group covers the gospel of the day in an age appropriate way. We hope to welcome your children soon!

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

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 blankets, pants, socks and jumpers please.



NEW DISABLED ENTRANCE OPEN: There is a new side door to the car park which allows easy access to St Joseph's Church for the less able. It will remain open during the day for anyone wishing to visit the church. **The OLD side door to the car park is now an emergency fire exit only.**



There will be no Youth Group this week but returns next Sunday 28 January at 6:30pm until 8pm. This will take place in the Parish Hall and is open to young people in Year 6 and above. Come and join us and put the date in your diary.

Lux.Be 2nd - 4th Feb 2018
A residential weekend for young Catholics aged 11-18yrs

LUX.be – Calling all 18 year olds for an amazing residential weekend 2-4 February at Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton. Are you confused about what God has planned for your life? Do you want to trust Him but are unsure of how to do that? If so, join NYMO (Northampton Youth Ministry Office) for this incredible experience of fun and faith. For further details and booking form go to www.nymo.org, email fiona@nym.org or call 01582 72062.

OPEN DAY AT ST JOHN'S BEAUMONT will take place on Tuesday 30 January. St John's is an independent day and boarding school for boys ages 3-13. It is a Catholic and Jesuit school. Please see the website for more information: sjbwindsor.uk.

QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 27 January. Tickets £5, available from the Parish Office. 7.30 for 7.45pm start, cash bar open from 7pm. Raffle, BYO snacks. Tables of 8 max*. Gather your friends and come along to a fun evening in the parish centre. Proceeds to the parish. **or you can't win!*



APF MILL HILL MISSIONS (MISSIO): The Red Box Mission donations in 2017 amounted to £3,509 plus £243.68 from foreign coinage. Proceeds for which Missio expresses its grateful thanks for parishioner's generosity. (Comparative 2016 figures are £3,558.33 and £156.49).

PARISH CENTRE & HALL CONSULTATION: The Finance Committee has reviewed the condition of the Parish Centre and Hall and it has become urgent that the parish now makes a decision as to what should be done. Three options were proposed in our New Year Newsletter (available online via the website or on paper via the Parish Office). The committee has an open mind on which option to take and would like your ideas, especially as to what you want from your Parish Centre/Hall for the future. Please submit your feedback in writing via email or via letter to the Parish Office, marked "Parish Centre/Hall Consultation". Please could we have your views and ideas by 5pm on Wednesday 14 February.

The women and children from **THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM** and **MARY HOUSE** would like to thank our Parish Priests and the SVP for providing much needed fruit for us each Sunday after the 11am Mass. May God Bless you all.

Copies of the **2018 NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN DIRECTORY** are now available from the bookshop priced at £5 each.

ST JOAN OF ARC VACANCY: The School has vacancies for casual work as Exams Invigilators – usually required for exams in December, January, March, May and June each year. Informal interviews will take place on Monday 19 February with training to be held on 21 and 23 February. Application forms are available from the school website www.joa.herts.sch.uk. Closing date for applications is Thursday 8 February.

200 Club Winners

The 200 Club draw was drawn by the **London Run Packers** on Monday and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Mrs Gloria Darroch
- 2nd Kathleen Cornwell
- 3rd Seamus Maye
- 4th Sue Gallagher

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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