

22 October 2017

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



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

28 October SS Simon and Jude, Apostles - Feast

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: It is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. *Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world.* Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,607. Your continued support is appreciated.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed each week on **Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 pm in the Oratory.** All are welcome. Pope John Paul II told us that "never as in the Rosary do the life of Jesus and Mary appear so deeply joined."

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.

AGM MEETING MINUTES: Read this year's Annual General Meeting Minutes and see what the Finance Committee Chairman had to say about our parish finances. Copies are now available from the website or church porch, alongside the 2017 Parish Annual Report. Paper copies can be requested from the Parish Office.

BISHOP PETER'S PASTORAL LETTER FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY which was read at all Masses last weekend is now available on the website.

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.



FATIMA 100 – MIRACLE OF THE SUN: Last Sunday Children's Liturgy commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. Children and young people in each group, having learned about Our Lady's final apparition to the shepherd children, prayed together and created artwork which is now on display in the alcove. Please stop by, take a look and then perhaps linger for a few minutes longer, offering a prayer or lighting a candle by the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the Mortuary Chapel.

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.

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.

LETTING THE KINGDOM COME: Discovering a new way of experiencing the presence of God for yourself and for other people. On Saturday 2 December, Rev. John Ryland, the Director of The Christian Healing Mission (www.healingmission.org) will be coming to St Joseph's Church. More details to follow.

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

Youth News

No Youth Group this Sunday or next as it is Half Term.
Youth Group resumes on Sunday 5 November from
6:30pm until 8pm in the Parish Centre.
Open to all young people in Year 6 and above.

50TH 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 - 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). *If you are not able to come, you may like to light a candle at home in memory of all lives lost in the womb.*

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

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 OVER! All horses are now exercising daily on the gallops. Some are looking really good, whilst others will need to improve. A large crowd is expected on **Saturday 11. November 2017**, so purchase your tickets early - 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 horses by emailing **Paul Smith at pwandmtsmith@gmail.com.**



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DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MONDAY FOR PUDDING

ORDERS: Absolutely your last chance to order St Joseph's Christmas Puddings brought to you by the Ultimate Plum Pudding Company (suppliers to Fortnum & Mason). A selection of premium puddings adorned with labels designed by children from St Joseph's School as well as luxury butters and sauces. Order Forms in the Church Porch to be returned to the Parish Office by **4pm on Monday 23 October**. Proceeds to be split between the parish and the school.

SLOUGH SLEEPOUT FOR THE HOMELESS: John Power, Chairman of the charity, said: *“Our Emergency Winter Shelter is run by teams from churches in the area, across all faiths and in partnership with Slough Borough Council. Together, they welcome those with no homes and provide a hot meal, bedding, a safe place to sleep and breakfast the following morning. The positive impact this has on everyone involved is invaluable to the community. Unfortunately, though we face a real challenge; the numbers of rough sleepers in Slough is rising with 50 people using the shelter in 2017. We need funds to be able to reach as many as possible. The more people that join us for the “Slough Sleep Out” on **November 25**, the more we can help the community this winter. We are asking people to give for one night, so that we can help others during the hardest months of the year. This year we helped 22 guests find accommodation and 11 found employment.”* Slough Sleep out for the Homeless will take place at St Bernard's School, Slough and will be in a fully-managed and secure environment. Details can be found on www.thelondonandslooughrun.org

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 from the Parish Office; payment by cash or cheque payable to *“St Joseph’s Events”*.

BAGS2SCHOOL collects good quality second-hand clothing (adult/children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags) and soft toys that can be re-used. St Joseph's School has organised a collection on **Wednesday 1 November**. Why not have a clear out of your wardrobe and support our parish school. Please bring your bags to the car park on Wednesday morning **by 9am**. No bedding, curtains, towels or bric-a-brac please.

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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