

23 July 2017

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



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 Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

25 July	St James, Apostle - Feast
26 July	SS Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial
29 July	St Martha – Memorial Anniversary of Dedication of St Joseph's Church - Solemnity

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,216. Your continued support is appreciated.

PRAYING THE ROSARY will cease on Friday 28 July and recommence on Tuesday 5 September.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will stop on Wednesday 26/Thursday 27 July and begin again on Wednesday 6/Thursday 7 September.

WHAT IS R.C.I.A. and why is it important? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way in which we welcome and share with others our faith and our way of life as Catholic Christians. The R.C.I.A. is not a programme but the process by which we engage with others who seek the face of Christ. It involves the whole parish and is the responsibility of all the Baptised. This is the way adults are welcomed into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. If anyone is seeking any of these Sacraments and so become into full communion with the Church please contact Fr. Michael. Our Sessions start in September with the Inquiry stage when people come and see and ask questions, checking it out, but aren't yet ready to commit.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Rob Fox who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 3 August at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

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

PASTORAL AREA CHANGES – STATEMENT FROM BISHOP PETER

"Statement for the Parishes in the three Pastoral Areas of Aylesbury, Mid Bucks and South East Bucks.

Following the visitation of the three Pastoral Areas and the meetings with clergy and people in each Pastoral Area, the Bishop, after consultation with all the clergy, has decided the following:

That the three Pastoral Areas will be reconfigured as two Pastoral Areas

That Great Missenden will become part of the South East Bucks Pastoral Area and will be served by the priest at Chesham.

That the Parishes of Haddenham and Long Crendon and Princes Risborough will become part of the Aylesbury Pastoral Area together with Wendover which will be served by the priest at Bedgrove.

The new configuration will take effect from the weekend of 23/24 September 2017.

Bishop Peter prays for God's blessing on the new configuration and asks for a positive response from all the communities involved, and especially from the Parish of Great Missenden and Wendover which now divides with a priest no longer being resident in Great Missenden."

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN.

We really appreciate your cooperation by not bringing food or sticky drinks into the church. It has made such a difference in keeping our lovely church clean and looking beautiful.

STONEMASON: Are there any stonemasons in the parish? As we start our planning for the cemetery we know that we will need the services of such a craftsman. If you are one, work for one or know of one, please let Joan Barham in the Parish Office know.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

As in previous years, Mass times will be reduced during the holiday season.

From Saturday 29 July/Sunday 30 July Mass times in St Joseph's will be:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm; Sunday Masses at 7:45am and 11am only

Mass in Holy Name, Denham (near UB9 5AR) at 9:30am on Sunday

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath, SL0 0NR - Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday at 9am

Normal Mass times will resume from Saturday 2/Sunday 3 September

Youth News

As you hopefully will have heard by now I'm sadly leaving St. Joseph's so just wanted to write a few words to say thank you so much for welcoming me into the parish. I've really enjoyed being here! Thank you to all who've been a part of anything to do with 'youth' whether it has been helping me to run something or just turning up. I pray that things keep moving forward and that we all continue to discover the love God has for us.

FINANCE UPDATE: Since the publication and distribution of "Supporting Your Parish" last September, the weekly Offertory amounts have increased, but I must point out that this is still mostly due to some very generous donations each week by a few, very generous parishioners, without which we might still be looking at a shortfall in income. However I can report that last year, ended 31 March, our income exceeded our expenditure by £19,293. Whilst this is a good result for us, we still owe the Diocese £89,437. We have now received planning consent for change of use for the Infant of Prague Church which means that the Diocese can put the property on the market again. As yet, our insurers have not settled our claim for the storm damage to the Denham roof three years ago. Once these two issues are resolved, we should be able to consider the outstanding work that we were unable to undertake as part of the Church refurbishment. Many thanks to all those parishioners who reviewed their weekly support of our parish and responded so generously to our appeal. Like all households, our costs are also subject to inflation and an annual review by those who can afford to do so is very much appreciated.

John Forte, *Chairman of the Finance Committee*

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £4,000 in July as follows:

The Parish	£2,000
Bucks Vision	£500
MS Wendover	£500
Kids	£500
Hearing Dogs for Deaf	£500

BOOK NOW FOR ST JOSEPH'S GOLF DAY: Join us for our annual golf competition on **Friday 4 August** at **Oakland Park Golf Club**, Chalfont St Giles. Tee off times from 1pm to 3pm, with presentation dinner at 7:30pm. Teams of 4 at £55 per head; dinner only at £20 per person. Sponsors and prizes are very welcome. All proceeds and donations are to St Joseph's Church. For further information please phone Liam Foy on 01923 770023 or Fr Michael on 01753 886581. Booking forms available from the Parish Office or can be downloaded from the Parish website.



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.

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS: There has been a positive response to the concept outlined in our parish-wide consultation regarding improvements to St Joseph's Cemetery. Having carefully considered all the feedback received, a decision has been made to proceed with erecting a Memorial Wall in place of the hedge adjacent to the Furniture Market. Many parishioners have warmly welcomed this proposal and are equally pleased that we intend to preserve the mausoleum and war memorial. The next step is to prepare the detailed technical drawings and specification for the wall.

The **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES** from the recent meeting are now available on the website.

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE: Niall Jones, a young parishioner is representing Southampton University on University Challenge on Monday 31 July at 8pm BBC2.

CREAM TEA: Parishioners are invited to the Catholic Women's League Cream Tea in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 9 August, in aid of the Thames Hospice Care and CWL Funds. We will have delicious homemade scones and cake, along with a selection of raffle prizes and a Bring & Buy stall. Please bring a friend with you.

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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