

28 January 2018

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – 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 Robert Davies OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD, Fr Matt Blake OCD

31 January	St John Bosco, Priest - Memorial
2 February	The Presentation of the Lord - Feast

**HOMELESS SUNDAY:** This weekend we join churches all over the UK by taking action to help those who are suffering homelessness. This year on Homeless Sunday there will be an appeal and a second collection for SHOC. Last year SHOC helped to find accommodation for 52 homeless people in Slough and gave health and benefits advice to 130 people. Every week, Monday to Saturday, SHOC provides breakfast and lunch to over 30 people. But this valuable service is at risk because SHOC has to find a new site for its Day Centre by April. Thank you for your help today. We will be able to collect gift aid for your donations through the Small Donations Gift Scheme. Gift Aid envelopes are not required.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,797. Your continued support is appreciated.

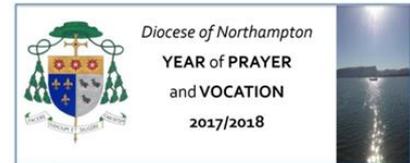
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Rose Mercer** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 1 February at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Joan Doris Stalder** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Monday 12 February at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Irena Weeks** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 15 February at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

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

**THE VINE:** Please pick up the February issue from the Church porch.



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.

Bishop Peter Doyle warmly invites you to **CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE with your family** at a special Mass in The Holy Family Catholic Church, 226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley, Slough SL3 7UD on Saturday 3 March at 12 noon. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, please contact Eamonn and Paola McMorro on 07412 151517, at [mfl@nores.org.uk](mailto:mfl@nores.org.uk) or pick up a form from the Parish Office. All are very welcome to attend.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** will begin in the next few weeks. If your child would like to become part of the serving team please would you go to the Parish website and click the link to provide your details OR email [youth@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:youth@stjosephs.org.uk). All servers must have made their First Holy Communion before they can participate. Please encourage your child to serve!



**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 Youth Group tonight 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.

**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](http://www.nymo.org), email [fiona@nym.org](mailto: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](http://sjbwindsor.uk).

**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).

**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.**

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

**SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH CENTRE & HALL:** 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. Closing date for applications is Thursday 8 February.

The School also has a vacancy for a **Database Clerk and Relief Receptionist (Job Share)**. They are looking to appoint a reliable, efficient, organised individual with good IT skills. Closing date for applications is Thursday 1 February.

Application forms for both vacancies are available from the school website [www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk).

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

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### 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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