

28 May 2017

# The Ascension of the Lord

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – 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 Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

31 May	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast
1 June	St Justin, Martyr - Memorial
3 June	SS Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY:** Mass at 10am only.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,901. Your continued support is appreciated.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY:** The Communications Office of the Catholic Church in England and Wales (CCN) provides support for the bishops and Church by promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image, online and offline.

Ascension Sunday has been designated by the Catholic Church as Communications Sunday when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a second collection is taken after Mass to fund the work of the CCN.

**PENTECOST NOVENA:** You are invited to join the nine days of prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our world which started on Friday and continues until to **Saturday 3 June**. Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Children are invited to celebrate "*The Day When God Made the Church*" after 9am Mass on Pentecost **Sunday 4 June**. There will be arts and crafts, a Fruits of the Spirit treasure hunt, a Birthday cake and refreshments for parents.

**READING THE WORD OF GOD:** The Northampton Liturgy Commission is leading a Readers Course at St Columba's, Chesham HP5 3HQ on Tuesdays 6, 13 and 20 June from 7:30pm until 9pm in the Hall. Topics include The Scriptures, The Lectionary and Proclaiming the Word of God. Booking forms available from the Parish Office.

**"A WONDER OF CREATION"** on Tuesday 6 June in the First Committee Room, the RCIA group has invited Sister Mary Christa to share her love of bees and some of what she has learnt over the decades rearing them and gathering honey. All are welcome 7:30 for 8pm.

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:** As lay people we are called to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life but we are also called to give our gift of prayer to those already ordained. Priests have given up their lives to be

as much like Christ as possible and this is never easy. We may love our priests or we may struggle with them but one of the best things we can do for them is pray for them. So the Emmanuel Community is inviting each of you to pray just a few minutes each day for priests. If you want to be part of this please take a prayer card from the back of the Church.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** After 5:30pm Mass on Pentecost **Sunday, 4 June** you are invited to watch the movie "*God's Not Dead 2*" in the Parish Centre, with Birthday cake, popcorn and ice cream! This film is about a high

school teacher who is questioned in class about Jesus and her response lands her in deep trouble...

**REPOSITORY:** Cards for First Holy Communion are now on sale.



## PENTECOST NOVENA

Come, Holy Spirit,  
 fill the hearts of your faithful  
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
 Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be  
 created  
 and You will renew the face of the earth.  
 Our Father ...  
 Our Lady, Spouse of the Holy Spirit,  
 Pray for us.  
 Glory be to the Father ...  
 Amen

## Youth News

There will be no Youth Group this Sunday 28 May as it is half term.

Come join us on Sunday 4 June to celebrate Pentecost.

Email: [Isabel@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:Isabel@stjosephs.org.uk)

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** All are invited to a Pastoral Area Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, 18 June at St Aidan's, Little Chalfont after the 11am Mass. It will be led by our First Communicants. The gates to the church car park will be closed at 11:45am for the safety of all. Additional parking at the Gun Club further down Finch Lane on the left.

The **CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP** is looking for new members to be part of a team working on Friday mornings on a rota basis. Training will be given to help new volunteers. Would YOU like to help with this enjoyable work for the Church? If so, please contact Maureen on 01753 885578 or [office@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephs.org.uk).

**A MASS** for Richard Delahunty RIP will be celebrated at 5pm on Wednesday 14 June at St Josephs.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped assembled the parish mailing on Thursday morning and to the young people from the Confirmation class who pre-stamped all the envelopes and counted out the raffle tickets! Your help was invaluable.

There is a **LETTER FOR EVERY FAMILY** registered in the parish at the back of church this weekend. Please be sure to collect yours today as the remaining will be hand-delivered.

**HELP WANTED:** If you are able to volunteer to help deliver the remaining letters, please offer after Mass today OR email: [admin@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.org.uk). You won't be over-burdened!

## LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR HANGING BASKETS:

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 31 May.**



**APF RED HILL MISSION (MISSIO):** Red box holders and donors are requested to collect their summer copy of 'Mission Today' from the back of the Church.

**THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS:** On Saturday 3 June at 7:30pm, the Amersham and Chesham Bois Choral Society will be performing Elgar's "*The Dream of Gerontius*" at St Mary's Church, Old Amersham. Tickets priced at £15 are available from 07702 608314 or [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com).

## 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.

**NEW men's underpants/boxer shorts will be welcome – these can be placed in the bin outside the Parish Centre.**

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

**A DANCE** in aid of the Children's HCPT Groups Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place on Saturday 24 June at the Slough Irish Club with dancing from 9pm until midnight. Tickets are £5 and available from Kay on 0775956-895. All monies raised will pay for a child with special needs to travel to Lourdes Easter 2018.

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** to the Geldart and Overall families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessings on these children and their families.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ann Delaney and Patrick Connors who were married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

## 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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