

4 February 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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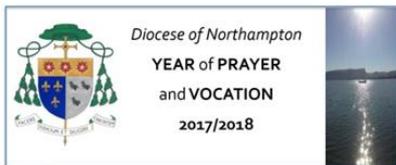
5 February	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr - Memorial
6 February	SS Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs – Memorial
10 February	St Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,477. Your continued support is appreciated.

HOMELESS SUNDAY: The result of last week's appeal and second collection was a generous donation of £2,320 for SHOC, Slough Homeless - Our Concern. On behalf of the homeless and vulnerable people who use SHOC's services, I would like to thank you for your generosity and compassion. This will provide hot meals, showers and fresh clothing for these people, as well as help with health issues and accommodation. I will update you via the newsletter on our progress with securing a new home for our Day Centre. Thank you.

Ray Waite, SHOC Trustee

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. All servers must have made their First Holy Communion before they can participate. Please encourage your child to serve!



*February is a month of prayer for **Consecrated Life** and their vocation within the church.*

The saint to accompany us in February is **Blessed Cyprian Tansi**. He was a Nigerian priest who felt God's call to leave his homeland and enter the Cistercian Abbey of Mount St Bernard in Leicestershire. His main work here was to pray the psalms in community seven times a day. He died in 1964 and was beatified in 1998.

We are asked this month to set aside time for personal prayer and to listen each day to God's call. This could be done at home, on a regular commute or in a lunch break.

SALE OF TRADCRAFT GOODS TODAY – SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY after the 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and after the 11am Mass in the First Committee Room.

RECENTLY DECEASED: 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 **Mark Mercer** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends

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 McMorrow on 07412 151517, at mfl@nores.org.uk or pick up a form from the Parish Office. All are very welcome to attend.



CONGRATULATIONS to Cara Evans, Alessia Hayes, Monica Pratap, Isabella Rivas, Jessica Valan and Florence Wood who were awarded their Guild of St Stephens medals and

Caspar Hayley, Jessica Pratap, Emma Szlachta and Jude Tohill their first year crosses last Sunday in recognition of their service to altar serving in the parish. Well done and thank you!

LIFE – HOLY CROSS NEWSLETTER: The Sisters of the Holy Cross in this parish belong to a worldwide congregation spanning four continents. Fr Michael has kindly given permission to include "Life", a small leaflet about the work the Sisters do in other parts of the world, on our parish website. Please do read it – this edition features an article about our Justice & Peace Group here in St Joseph's.

NEW DISABLED ENTRANCE DAMAGED: Unfortunately someone has driven or reversed into our new disabled entrance, knocking over the low wall and damaging the handrail. Regretfully whoever did this failed to let us know. Repairs will be undertaken as soon as possible.

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.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School currently has a vacancy for the position of Foundation Governor. The Governor's role brings independent judgement on issues such as strategy, performance and standards of education. We want to ensure that our school provides the best possible education for children, in a safe and nurturing environment, which encourages and maintains our strong catholic beliefs and values.

Our Governing body is made up of a range of individuals from all walks of life, who meet regularly, to challenge and support the school and to strengthen links with the community.

Please contact the Chair of Governors if you have any questions, (contact via the school) on 01753 887743 or email: stjosephschoolgovernors@gmail.com.

CAR PARK: There have been several occasions over the last few weeks where drivers have been seen to leave the main car park via the entrance, typically when it is full and the road is busy. Please help to keep everyone safe by observing the designated entry and exit points.

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

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

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.

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. Application forms are available from the school website www.joa.herts.sch.uk.

APPEAL FOR FRUIT: The Catholic Worker Farm invites parishioners to support their 20 homeless women and children by donating fruit on a weekly basis. There will be a basket at the back of the church every weekend which will be collected after Sunday's 11am Mass. They are deeply grateful for any apples, pears, bananas, grapes, oranges, etc that you might be able to pop into the basket each week. The St Vincent de Paul has provided a generous basket of fruit for the past six weeks, but parishioner support is needed to sustain these women and children as from **10/11 February**. For information about the Catholic Worker Farm or Mary House call Scott on 07983 477819 or visit www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org.



QUIZ NIGHT: Thank you to everyone who came along to exercise their grey matter at our Quiz Night last Saturday. It was a most enjoyable evening with very close competition between tables right up until the last round.

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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