

6 August 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2



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

8 August	St Dominic, priest - Memorial
9 August	St Teresa Benedict (Edith Stein), martyr of the Carmelite Order - Memorial
10 August	St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr – Feast
11 August	St Clare, virgin and religious - Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,511 . Your continued support is appreciated.

PRAYING THE ROSARY will recommence on Tuesday 5 September.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will recommence 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.

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

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



PARISH DAY 2017:
Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed or helped in

any way with Parish Day this year.

A lovely day was had by all and, together with the raffle; it raised **£10,251** in total for the parish.

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.

An **EMAIL: Summer Mass Schedule and Parish Golf Day** was sent to all parishioners recently. If you are online and didn't receive it then it means we don't have your email address. This is an opportunity to provide your details or register with the parish – contact us via admin@stjosephs.org.uk.



BRASS CLEANERS NEEDED: Can you spare an hour or so once every three months? We need help keeping the church brasses (such as candlesticks) clean and in good condition. Please let the Parish Office know if you can help.

There will be **NO TRADCRAFT** on sale this month

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

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

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, SLO ONR – Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday at 9am

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

CREAM TEA: Parishioners are invited to the Catholic Women's League Cream Tea in the Parish Centre next **Wednesday 9 August 2-4pm**, in aid of the Thames Hospice Care and CWL Funds. Entrance is £3. 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.



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.

LONDON AND SLOUGH RUN: The Trustees of the London and Slough Run would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Slough Winter Night Shelter 2017. The Shelter involved seven local Churches and over 250 volunteers from all local faith groups, it ended in April and had 49 people use the service. Working with Slough Council we have helped find accommodation for 25 and 11 have found employment. Sadly some are still sleeping rough in the town; we continue to help those with a weekly soup run at St Mary's in Slough and working in partnership with the Slough Homelessness forum. The Salvation Army in Slough provide a drop in service for the homeless every day between 10am and 1pm and a soup kitchen on Thursday and Sunday evenings between 6:45pm and 8:30pm. The Salvation Army are desperately short of volunteers and have appealed to us for help. Training will be provided so if you can spare some time please contact Lin Anderson on 01753 525819. This year's Slough Sleep out for the homeless fundraiser will be at St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School on Saturday 25 November at 7:30pm. Please see our website www.thelondonandslooughrun.com for further details. Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

John Power, Chairman

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CAMPAIGN: Father Mark Floody is delighted to share with us that due to recent gifts and pledges received; the Cathedral development campaign total has reached over £2.29m. This includes donations from the Cathedral community, parishes like ours, local supporters and grant-making trusts.

For further information about the project and how you can lend your support, if you haven't done so already, please visit the Cathedral website at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/the-cathedral/cathedral-centre> where you can watch a video presentation about the proposed Cathedral Centre. The Campaign Office is based in Bishop's House and Angela Madge, the Campaign Administrator, will be happy to hear from you. Angela can be contacted on 01604 712065 or via email: cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the Scott, Sweeney, Toms, Murphy, Logan, Warner and Samsonroy families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessings on these children and their families.



CONGRATULATIONS to

Penny Ford and Mark Williams;
Emma McKay and Uchenna Chukwuka;
Sarah Cairns and John Walker;
Sonia Antonio and Barry Dwyer

who were married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA will take place from 23 to 28 October flying from Gatwick to Lisbon by Monarch. Staying at Hotel Lux Mundi with meals including breakfast and dinner. Cost is £580 for five nights (plus single room supplement of £100). The Spiritual Director is Fr Stan Maciuszek. Places are limited so make contact early to avoid disappointment. Please ring Matthew Fernandes on 01753 675786 or mobile 07958 666067.

Sunday Mass Times

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Holy Name, Denham: Sunday Mass at 9:30am
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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 – **will resume on 5 September**

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory – **will resume on 6 September**

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