

6 May 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

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10 May The Ascension of the Lord – Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The 11am Mass this Sunday 6 May is a First Holy Communion Mass for parish children who do not attend catholic schools. Please pray for these children who come together at God's table for the first time to share in the Eucharist.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: Mass at 10am only.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION is on Thursday 10 May (not transferred to Sunday as it has been up to now) and is a Solemnity and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St Joseph's will take place at 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – SUNDAY 13 MAY:

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.

Next weekend we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a **second collection is taken after all Masses** to fund the work of the CCN.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,650. Your continued support is appreciated.

The second collection last weekend for the **Priest's Training Fund** amounted to £1,093.90. Thank you for your generosity.

PILGRIMAGE TO AVILA – In the Footsteps of St Teresa:

Fr Matt Blake will lead a pilgrimage to Avila from 1 - 8 October 2018; visiting Toledo, Avila, Alba des Tormes, Segovia, Fontiveros and Medina del Campo. For more information, please visit the parish website or speak to Fr Matt. Reservations may be made through Barbara Thacker via email at barbarathacker57@googlemail.com. Please book early as places are going fast.

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

PENTECOST: Celebrating the awesome day the Holy Spirit fell upon Mary and the Apostles and the Church was born.

Jesus commanded His Apostles to remain in the city of Jerusalem for the nine days until the feast of Pentecost, and there to await the descent of the Holy Spirit. With this, He instituted the practice of the Christian Novena – nine days of private or public prayer, to obtain special graces.

Novena – please take a Novena prayer card and pray for the suggested intentions printed inside for the nine days before Pentecost from Friday 11 May to Saturday 19 May.

Holy Hour – Come to this silent and beautiful hour with Jesus and to pray to the Holy Spirit at this time. It could be part of your Novena, or joining in with the Diocese to pray about our own Vocation. Or just to discover the power of the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament in the main Church Friday 18 May at 8-9pm.

Rosary – Friday 18 May at 7:30pm in the Church.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION

May is a month of prayer for those preparing for confirmation, and all confirmed and their vocation within the church.

The saint to accompany us in May is **Blessed John Henry Newman**. He was born in 1801, created cardinal in 1879, died in 1890 and beatified in 2010. He was a priest, poet, theologian and educator. On becoming a Catholic at the age of 44 he spent much time in pastoral work in Birmingham and establishing the Catholic University of Ireland in Dublin. All his life he struggled to be true to God's calling.

This month it is suggested that we begin our time of personal prayer by asking for the grace to become more attentive to God's call. We are also invited to pray the Pentecost Novena from 11 to 19 May.

The latest edition of **THE VINE** is available from the Church Porch.



YOUTH GROUP continues next **Sunday 13 May** from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Hall. If you are in Year 6 or above why not come and join us for fun, games and food.

THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY: JOY FOR THE WORLD is the theme for this year's World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018 in Dublin. Pope Francis will be taking part in the 'Festival of Families' as well as presiding at Holy Mass. This event is open to anyone. Information about the full programme, tickets and registration can be found via the link on the parish website or www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

This international event of prayer, catechesis and celebration brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect on the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

Fr. Michael hopes to go and would love to hear from anyone else who is interested. If you are holidaying in Ireland at that time, you might consider visiting for a day.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Brenda Snuggs who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 10 May at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

JUSTICE AND PEACE: Next meeting is on Thursday 10 May at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

THANK YOU PARTY: All The London and Slough Run volunteers and benefactors together with their partners are invited to the party which will be held on Saturday May 12 at 7pm in the Parish Centre. There will be an update on all the activities and achievements of the Charity over the last year. There will be a buffet and cocktails which have been kindly donated. Please RSVP to thelondonandsloughrun@gmail.com by 5pm Monday 7 May.

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.

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

NEW CLOTHING WANTED: If you have bought clothing and never worn them, and if they still have their tags attached or if they are in their original wrappers, would you consider donating them to a worthy cause? Bring them along to the Parish Office and we will put them with some designer clothes we have been given to raise funds for the London & Slough Run.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR PAMPER EVENING: Our **Children's Liturgy Group** are organising a pamper evening on **Friday 18 May** from 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Ladies of the parish are invited to come along and catch-up with friends over a glass of fizz, pamper themselves with a mini treatment or simply enjoy some retail therapy! Your £5 entry includes a glass of bubbly and nibbles. A variety of treatments will be available priced at just £5 each (appointments allocated on the night on a first come, first served basis). There will also be beauty products and fashion accessories on sale. Profits from this event will be split between the parish and **William's Fund**. Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend or from the Parish Office throughout the week.

HANGING BASKETS: Our very popular hanging basket and plant sale is back! **Orders will be taken** after the 9am, 11am and Denham Masses next **Sunday 13 May**. Order Forms are also available from the Church porch or via the website. Deadline for orders is Wednesday 30 May, with collection from St Joseph's Church car park on Saturday 9 June between 3pm and 4pm.



ST JOHN'S BEAUMONT – A Catholic Option in Independent Education is a prep school for boys aged 3-13, at Old Windsor. Their next open morning is on Tuesday 15 May. Please contact Katherine Masterson (Admission Officer) on 01784 432428 for more information or see the website www.sjbwindsor.uk.

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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