

23 September 2018

Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



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

24 September Our Lady of Walsingham – Memoria
27 September Saint Vincent de Paul – Memoria
29 September Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael – Feast

If the Church car park is full when you arrive for Mass, use the overflow facility at the school. Please do not park on Priory Road, Priory Way or The Rowans. Thank you.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,938. Your continued support is appreciated.

The second collection taken last weekend for **HOME MISSION SUNDAY** raised £996.87. Thank you for your donations.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Fred Newbert** who died recently. The funeral will take place on **Friday 28 September at 12.15pm** in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Martin Tierney** who died recently. The funeral will take place on **Tuesday 2 October at 11am** in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

SIGN UP by this Tuesday 25 September for the five week course about Mary, the Mother of God. Choose either Wednesday evenings (7:45pm) or Thursday mornings (9:30am) starting 3/4 October. Please sign up on the clipboard at the back of the church this weekend or at the Parish Office during the week. The cost is £10 which includes a book. Flyers with full details are in the church porch or go online to www.faithcafe.org to see more.
"Mary once gave us the Saviour of the world, today she helps us to be filled with the Spirit of God."

PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER 9AM SUNDAY MASS: It can be a great encouragement to have other people pray with us. Every week there is an opportunity for other parishioners to pray with us. *"For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them"* (Matthew 18:20). Prayer takes place in the Oratory, which is the beautiful and very peaceful little chapel behind the main altar. It can be accessed via the Sacristy. All are welcome.

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

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION

September is a month of prayer before the Eucharist.

The saints to accompany us this month span 800 years. St Thomas Aquinas was an Italian Dominican friar, a renowned teacher, philosopher and preacher. He died in 1274. His hymns of adoration before the Eucharist are still sung today. Blessed Oscar Romero of El Salvador was martyred celebrating Mass in his cathedral in 1980. He will be canonised next month. He drew great strength from the Mass which gave him the courage to be active in his opposition to the political and social oppression of his people.

This month it is suggested we take time to sit quietly on our own before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle or join our parish at a Eucharistic devotion such as Adoration or Benediction. You might just sit or kneel in silence and in your heart acknowledge with thanksgiving and adoration the great mystery and gift of the presence of God.

Our **HARVEST SOUP LUNCH** in support of CAFOD takes place on Friday, 5 October. Come along and enjoy a selection of delicious home-made soups which will be served from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE FOR SANCTITY OF LIFE on Sunday 7 October, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For more details, pick up a flyer from the church porch.

SAVE THE DATE: A series "Prayer and Mercy" talks for the Year of Prayer and Vocation at St Columba's in Chesham on Wednesdays 10, 17 and 24 October. Feature talks by our own Charles Whitehead and Fr Matt Blake as well as Gerard Felix. More details next week.

◆◆◆ NEW WEB SITES ◆◆◆

We have completely re-designed our Parish web site, refreshing both the look and feel as well as the content. The new site is more responsive when viewed via tablets or smartphones. Take a look at www.stjosephs.org.uk. We hope it helps you keep up-to-date with news and activities at St Joseph's as well as upcoming events.

The London and Slough Run website has also had a makeover. Go to www.thelondonandsloughrun.com for the latest news about their work with the homeless.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity." *Blessed Frederic Ozanam*

**We support
people in need
wherever we find them**



This week of Awareness Month we would like to share with you a story highlighting the work of an SVP Conference, highlighting just one example of the ways in which our Members assist people in need.

"Gina (not her real name), a lady in her late

50s, was suddenly abandoned by her husband of nearly 40 years, who left with another woman. She was devastated and found herself almost destitute, no longer able to afford the rent on their flat. She managed to find a cheaper flat in another area, away from her former husband, but had no resources to get started, and as he had taken much of their furniture and household equipment, she needed help in her new home. With the support of the SVP, who purchased a cooker and a fridge/freezer for her, and also found good quality furniture through local appeals, she is now beginning to rebuild her life."

Next weekend there will be an appeal and second collection at all Masses. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining our local group, please get in touch via the Parish Office.

LONDON AND SLOUGH RUN FOR THE HOMELESS:

Please bring your donations to the Parish Centre by 3:30pm on Monday.

GRAVESTONES: An independent assessor, appointed by the Diocese carried out a "topple test" on all gravestones in our cemetery. 10 failed so, for safety reasons, they have been laid flat on the grave. We will be contacting impacted families over the coming weeks.

Please pick up the September issue of **THE VINE** from the church porch. Fr Michael features 'in goal' at Youth Fest '18 held back in June – see page 10!

YOUTH GROUP meets **TODAY** Sunday, 23 September from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Hall. Open to anyone in Year 6 or above, there will be fun, games and food. If you've just moved into Year 7, it's a good time to catch up with friends from different schools. Why not come along and give it a try?

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: If you need your child's school application signed or require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Michael will be available on **Mondays 24 September, 1 & 15 October** as well as **Friday 12 October** at 9:30am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Please come to the Parish Office.

ST JOAN OF ARC SECONDARY SCHOOL invites prospective pupils and parents to visit the school. Open Evening is Thursday 4 October from 6pm to 9pm. Open Morning is Friday 5 October from 9am to 11:30am. For more details about the school see www.joa.herts.sch.uk.

APF MILL HILL MISSION: Supporters are asked collect the autumn edition of Mission Today from the porch.

As from September the price of **The Catholic Universe** and **The Catholic Times** has increased to £1.50.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £3,200 in August, as follows:

The Parish	£1,600
Buckinghamshire Mind	£450
Bone Cancer Research Trust	£450
Prostate Cancer UK	£350
Slough Talking Books	£350

200 CLUB WINNERS: The September 200 Club was drawn at the Finance Committee Meeting and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Eddie Kealy
2nd Peter Freeman
3rd David Parkhouse
4th Christine Cornwell

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Topics for Any Other Business should be sent in writing to the Parish Council Chairman, c/o Parish Office by this Sunday, 23 September. The AGM will take place on Sunday, 7 October at 3pm in the First Committee Room. The agenda and meeting papers will be available next week.

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