



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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30 September 2018

Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2

1 October	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - Feast
2 October	Holy Guardian Angels – Memorial
4 October	St Francis of Assisi, Religious - Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,340**. Your continued support is appreciated.

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.

THE COURSE "LET IT BE" on Mary, Mother of God begins this **Wednesday 3 October at 7:45pm** and **Thursday 4 October at 9:30am** in the First Committee Room

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 5 October:

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help people like Longora. **Please use the Fast Day Envelope attached to the newsletter this week and give what you can next week.**



SOUP LUNCH: Join us this coming **Friday 5 October from 12 noon until 2pm** in the Parish Centre for our Harvest Soup Lunch. Enjoy a selection of delicious home-made soups in a very welcoming and pleasant atmosphere. All donations in aid of CAFOD.



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.

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

YOUTH GROUP meets next on **Sunday 14 October** from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Parish Hall.

"PRAYER AND MERCY" TALKS: St Columba's in Chesham (HP5 3HQ) is hosting a series of talks for the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation. Sessions starts at 7:30pm with refreshments and ends around 9pm.

▪ **10 October: Prayer and Life in the Spirit**

A charismatic Catholic reflection on prayer by Charles Whitehead

▪ **17 October: A Carmelite Thought on Living Prayer**

A Carmelite's reflection on prayer by Fr Matt Blake

▪ **24 October: Meeting God in Friend and Stranger – A Catholic Approach**

A reflection on prayer by a lay prison chaplain, Gerard Felix.

These talks are open to anyone and everyone who comes will be most welcome.

DAY CONFERENCE FOR MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS takes place on **Saturday 27 October** at Aylesford Priory.

Following the success of the Catholic Mothers Conference, mothers and daughters (between 13-18 years of age) are invited to a day retreat. Come and spend a day of prayer, discussion and friendship learning to be the mothers and daughters God wants us to be. Workshops and talks by Kerri Lenartowik cover themes such as good communication and fertility. More information from www.catholicmothersuk.wixsite.com or www.tickettailor.com/events/catholicmothers/177368/.

INVITATION TO PRAY THE ROSARY: October is the month of the Holy Rosary, a time of special devotion to Our Lady. Why not do something extra for our Blessed Mother and come and join in the beautiful prayer of the Rosary which takes place on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:30pm in the Oratory (access via the Sacristy). All are welcome.

"Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer." Rosarium Virginis Mariae

CONFIRMATION 2019: The Pastoral Area of the Venerable Mary Ward, comprising the parishes of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St Aidan's, St Columba's and St Joseph's invite all parents of children in Year 9 or above to attend a meeting to review the Pastoral Area confirmation programme and registration on **Monday 15 October** at St Joseph's Parish Centre starting at 7:30pm.

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

GET INVOLVED!

"Charity must never look to the past, but always to the future."
Blessed Frederic Ozanam



Across the country the Society is growing steadily, however we are always on the lookout for new members. Increasing our membership will enable us to achieve our goal of helping and supporting people facing a daily struggle with isolation and poverty.

Whilst volunteering can be a challenge, it is equally rewarding. As a Member you will always have the support of your Conference, as well as that of the National Society to assist you in your charitable works.

If you do not have the time to commit to the Society you are welcome to support us in any other way. Perhaps you would like to make a contribution or become a Friend?

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

Thank you for your time and attention during Awareness Month. We hope this has helped you to get to know the Society better and perhaps motivate you to turn your concern into action. If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining our local group, please get in touch with Kasia or Stuart via the Parish Office.

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.

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 **Monday 1 and 15 October** as well as **Friday 12 October** at **9:30am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm**. Please come to the Parish Office.

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 in the Oratory (enter via Sacristy)

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The agenda, together with this year's **PARISH ANNUAL REPORT**, are posted on the website and available in church porches. Parishioners wishing to table questions must do so in writing no later than Wednesday 3 October. The AGM will take place next **Sunday 7 October at 3pm** in the First Committee Room.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is delighted to invite prospective parents and pupils to its **Open Morning** which takes place on **Wednesday 17 October** from 9am until 11:30am. The children are looking forward to showing you around the school which is Ofsted rated GOOD, with OUTSTANDING pupil development, behaviour and welfare.
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CARETAKER VACANCY: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is looking for a full time Caretaker to start as soon as possible. If you are interested in the role please see the school website 'Vacancies' section or contact Mrs Alicia Rospedziowska, the School Business Manager for more information on 01753 887743.



APPLE PICKING: It is now time to harvest the apples from the orchard. Join us **after the 9am Mass next Sunday 7 October**. It is a lovely community event and great fun, especially for children. The apples will be used to make our own St Joseph's Apple Juice which will be on sale in the coming weeks.

◆ ◆ ◆ 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.