



## St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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14 October 2018

## Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4

15 October	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor - Solemnity
17 October	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr – Memorial
18 October	St Luke, Evangelist - Feast

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£2,673**. Your continued support is appreciated.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

The second collection taken last weekend for **CAFOD** raised **£2,433.91**. Thank you for your donations.

**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH:** Thank you to everyone who marked Family Fast Day last week by attending our Soup Lunch. The tremendous sum of **£800** was raised for CAFOD. Special thanks to all the ladies who made the variety of delicious soups enjoyed by our guests.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Neil Keating** who died recently. The funeral will take place on **Thursday 18 October** at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **John Irwin** who died recently. The funeral will take place on **Thursday 25 October** at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

**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.

**ADOREMUS:** Fr Michael said at the AGM what a privilege it had been to attend Adoremus and showed Bishop Barron's video (<https://youtu.be/OTglyak23wc>) about his Missionary Journey to England. See the notice board at the back of the church for details about the conference; bringing people to a deep realisation that Christ Jesus is at the centre of what we do.

**"PRAYER AND MERCY" TALKS:** St Columba's is hosting a series of talks for the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation. Sessions start at 7:30pm for 8pm.

- **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.

### DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION

*October is a month of prayer for our schools, for our young people and their vocation within the church.*

The saints to accompany us this month are **St Ignatius** and **Venerable Mary Ward** (patron of our Pastoral Area).

This month we are asked to set aside a regular time for prayer and, if possible, to do this at the beginning of the day. We might ask for God's grace as we briefly look at the day ahead and then spend time offering it to God.

**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.

### SIGN UP FOR PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Children in Year 3 or above not attending catholic schools are invited to take part in our Parish First Holy Communion preparation. To enrol for this programme, which starts in January 2019, please go to the parish website and complete the online registration form. Please contact the Parish Office on 01753 886581 with any queries.

**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 15 October** at 9:30am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Please come to the Parish Office.

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

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** invites prospective parents and pupils to its **Open Morning** on **Wednesday 17 October** from 9am until 11:30am. Headteacher talk at 10am. Please visit [www.st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk).

**TODAY** is **PRISONS SUNDAY**, which marks the beginning of a week of prayer for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime inside and outside our prisons.

Prisons Week raises awareness and generates prayer. You can make a difference this week by saying this prayer for people who are out of sight and often out of mind.

*"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* Hebrews 4:16

**THERE BUT NOT THERE:** In commemoration of the World War I Armistice, Chalfont St Peter Parish Council has purchased a silhouette of a soldier, entitled "*There But Not There*". This figure will feature in the village Remembrance events in November. St Joseph's has been invited to look after "*Tommy*" so he is residing in the alcove of the church until the end of the month. Please take a look at our display and pause for a moment to pray for the many service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in times of war. "*We will remember them.*"

**CARETAKER VACANCY:** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is looking for a full time Caretaker to start as soon as possible. Please call Mrs Alicia Rospedzihowska, the School Business Manager on 01753 887743.

**ANNUAL REPORT 2018:** A copy of this year's Parish Annual Report is now available from the website. Paper copies can be obtained from the Parish Office. The AGM took place last Sunday and was attended by 38 parishioners. The Meeting Minutes will be made available shortly.

#### **A BILL FOR THE DECRIMINALISATION OF ABORTION:**

There is a movement which is attempting to remove all legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. On 23 October the first step is being taken with a Ten Minute Rule in Parliament. This may lead to clauses being added to the Domestic Abuse Bill. Please be the voice for the unborn and their mothers by contacting your MP requesting them to defeat proposals. Please pick up an explanation sheet with notes on the law as it stands, the possible consequence of the proposal and how to respond in the Church porches.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please pray for the sick of our parish

and for those who have asked for our prayers.

**LAY CHAPLAIN:** St John's Beaumont Preparatory School in Old Windsor (Boys 3-13 years of age) is looking to appoint a new (Roman Catholic) Lay Chaplain. This part-time role is a new addition to the Chaplaincy team and interested candidates are encouraged to apply by contacting the Headmaster's PA: [hoffice@sjb.email](mailto:hoffice@sjb.email) or 01784 432428. Further details of the school can be found by visiting our website at [www.sjbwindsor.uk](http://www.sjbwindsor.uk).

**ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET** distributed £2,400 in October as follows:

The Parish	£1,200
DEC Indonesia Tsunami Appeal	£500
Victim Support	£350
Padstones	£350

#### **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

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