



## St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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21 October 2018

## Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,798. Your continued support is appreciated.

**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and our Church in proclaiming the Gospel of hope to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and donations will help build a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

**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.

**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 the last in a series of talks for the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation starting at 7:30pm for 8pm.

- **24 October: Meeting God in Friend and Stranger – A Catholic Approach :**  
A reflection on prayer by a lay prison chaplain, Gerard Felix.

**MASS FOR HOLY SOULS:** 7:30pm Mass in St Joseph's Church on **Friday 2 November** is for Holy Souls departed during the past year. Anyone who has lost a relative or friend is invited to come along.

**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.

## 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).

St Ignatius was a bright young man who loved the latest fashion and gossip. He enjoyed socialising with other knights until he was seriously injured in battle. Whilst convalescing he read the lives of the saints and found a fresh challenge in the service of our Lord. At first he had no clear idea of what the outcome of this calling would be or the Congregation of Jesuits he would later form. Gradually he found a deep peace in his heart by seeking to focus each day on orienting his desires and choices to the will of God.

The Venerable Mary Ward from Yorkshire never met St Ignatius but admired his spiritual life and writings. She felt strongly called to establish schools for girls where they could receive quality education. She met with very strong opposition from both the church and the state but persisted in listening to the desire within her to follow God's call.

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.

**REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION 2019** is now open for children in Year 9 or above. To enrol in this programme, please complete the online registration from on the parish website. The deadline for registration is **Wednesday 31 October 2018**.

## REGISTER NOW FOR PARISH FIRST HOLY

**COMMUNION:** Classes for children in Year 3 or above not attending catholic schools start in January 2019. To enrol for this programme please go to the parish website and complete the online registration form. The **deadline for registration is Friday 2 November**. The parents meeting with Fr Michael will take place on Friday 23 November. If you have any queries please call the Parish Office on 01753 886581.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Diocese is hosting an Advent Reflection Day – A Day with Joseph – in the Parish Centre on Saturday 24 November. The keynote address will be given by Canon John Udris. More details next week.

**YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting on Sunday 11 and 18 November from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Parish Hall.

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

**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.*"

**APPLE JUICE NOW ON SALE:** The apples from the orchard have been harvested and used to make apple juice which is now on sale at £3 per bottle or two for £5. You can buy some from the Parish Office; payment by cash or cheque payable to "*St Joseph's Events*".



**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** to the Boardman, Walker, Delaney, Cash, Dulis, Salczynski, Parsons, Whittingham and Gallagher families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on these children and their families.

**AGM MEETING MINUTES:** Read this year's Annual General Meeting Minutes – find out what Fr Michael had to say and see what the Finance Committee Chairman reported about our parish finances. Copies are now available from the website or church porch, alongside the **2018 Parish Annual Report**. Paper copies can be requested from the Parish Office.

**APF MILL HILL MISSION:** Supporters with full or nearly full red boxes are requested to hand them in for counting by 20 December to either the Parish Office or Mission Mass Representatives: Saturday 5:30pm – Mike Carney; Sunday 7:45am – Des Francis; 9am – Richard/Gay Brumby; 11am – Peter Freeman/Mike Gregory; 5:30pm – Mary Forsyth; Denham 9:30am – David Bentley.

## **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 **sign the petition** which you will find on "Citizengo uk Highjacking Bill to allow Abortion" and/or **write to your MP** to attend on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and vote against it. An explanation sheet with notes on the law as it stands, the possible consequences of the proposal and how to respond can be found in the Church porches.

**HOME FOR GOOD:** Have you ever thought about fostering and adoption? If so, please go along to an information evening on Thursday 8 November at 7:30pm for 8pm at Gold Hill Baptist Church, Chalfont St Peter. For more information please contact [bethany.hare@homeforgood.org.uk](mailto:bethany.hare@homeforgood.org.uk) or [steve@pendray.co.uk](mailto:steve@pendray.co.uk)

## **THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF):**

Christmas cards will be on sale at St Joseph's after the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday 10 November; at Holy Name, Denham on Sunday 11 November and at all Masses on Sunday 18 November. The cost is £5 per pack of six cards and envelopes. All monies raised will support young people who wish to go to Lourdes to help the sick but do not have the financial means to afford the trip. We deeply appreciate your continued support.

Jane and Kim Roberts

**BAGS2SCHOOL** collects good quality second-hand clothing (adult/children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags) and soft toys that can be re-used.

St Joseph's School has organised a collection for **Tuesday 30 October**. Why not have a clear out of your wardrobe during half term and support our parish school. Please bring your bags to the car park on the day **by 9am**. No bedding, curtains, towels or bric-a-brac please.



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## **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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