

7 October 2018

Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£2,403**. Your continued support is appreciated.

The second collection taken last weekend for **SVP** raised **£1,655.08**. Thank you for your donations.

On **CAFOD 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 to give what you can at our second collection this weekend.**



**“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 start 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](http://www.catholicmothersuk.wixsite.com) or [www.tickettailor.com/events/catholicmothers/177368/](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/catholicmothers/177368/).

**PARISH AGM:** All parishioners are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting which takes place **TODAY Sunday 7 October at 3pm** in the First Committee Room. There will be a review of the state of the parish, including highlights from the last year, as well as looking forward to the next 12 months and beyond.

### 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.

**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

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

**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.

**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.

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

**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 **Friday 12 and Monday 15 October** at **9:30am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm**. Please come to 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.

**PRISONS WEEK 14-20 OCTOBER:** 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. It provides an annual focus and reason for Christians to work together, building capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and often out of mind.

**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 Rospedziowska, the School Business Manager on 01753 887743.

**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.  
[www.st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk).

**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).

**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*" and so he is spending two weeks in Denham before being displayed in St Joseph's until the end of October. "*There But Not There*" is the 2018 Armistice project ([www.therebutnotthere.org.uk](http://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk)) for the charity Remembered. It is one of the defining centenary commemorations marking the end of the 1914-1918 war; a nationwide installation of the fallen, back in the communities they left behind. Please pause a moment and pray for the many service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in times of war, may they rest in peace.

**TRAIDCRAFT SALE TODAY** after 9am Mass in Parish Centre and after 11am Mass in the 1st Committee Room.

◆ ◆ ◆ **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](http://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](http://www.thelondonandsloughrun.com) for the latest news about their work with the homeless.

**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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