

25 November 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

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25 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
30 November	St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland - feast

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,283**. Your continued support is appreciated.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR: Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the new liturgical year – (cycle C/Psalter Week 1) begins.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION: You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for his intentions each month. For November 2018 it is "*In the service of Peace: That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.*"

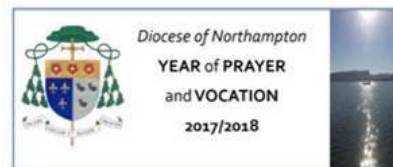
DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION
November is a month of prayer for those who have died and those who have helped us live our baptismal vocation.

It is suggested that we take time this month to sit quietly and ponder the great and small events of our lives that have helped shape us into the people we are today. We could remember our deceased relatives, friends and all who have guided us. Because we all, both living and dead, are a part of the mystical Body of Christ we can pray with and for those who have died. We can give thanks for the blessing that they were for us when alive and ask for God's tender love and mercy to forgive their failings and embrace them in everlasting compassion and love. We can ask for the grace to live more fully each day our baptismal vocations so that all we do is for the greater glory and service of God.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ADORATION: Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Wednesday's and Thursday's in the Oratory. We only have skeleton cover both days and sadly for several hours there are no volunteers, so the Blessed sacrament has to be put away. **Can you volunteer one hour of your time once a week? Or even, once a fortnight?** Please consider giving it a try – even for Advent. You have absolutely nothing to lose and a treasure trove of spiritual riches to gain. For more information please contact Joan Barham at the Parish Office.

BOOKING NOW OPEN for YOUTH

WALK London'18 which takes place on Saturday, 8 December from 3.30pm until 10pm. If you're aged between 13 -18 you are invited to join the Youth Group going for a "*London by Night*" walk. Discover London as you've never seen it, enjoy a nice time with friends, have dinner on the go, see the Christmas Lights and many other surprises...finishing with a visit to NightFever at St Patrick's Church. This event is totally **FREE**. Limited availability - so book early via the parish website.



THE CLOSING MASS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCTION will take place on Saturday 8

December at 11.30am in the Cathedral. Bishop Peter will be joined by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Edward Adams, who will be presiding and preaching at the Mass. He invites clergy and laity from across the Diocese to join him for this special occasion. Three seats are available in Fr Michael's car.

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING will take place on Saturday, 15 December at 3.30pm in St Joseph's Church. Fr. Michael will celebrate Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent and there will be anointing with the oil of the sick and the opportunity for prayer. All of us need healing be it in mind, body or spirit so everyone is welcome to attend. The SVP invites you for tea and cake after the service in the First Committee Room.

VIGIL OF THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION on 07 December: Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

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

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.

CAMEROON - Bamenda kidnapping: You may have heard the recent news that 79 children and teachers who were kidnapped from their school in Bamenda and then the children being returned, but not the teachers. This is the neighbouring diocese to Kumbo in the North West Province of Cameroon. The violence and war on the streets continues and Innocent people are suffering. Life is extremely difficult with insecurity throughout the area and people whom we know and care for there are in great danger. Please continue to keep them in your prayers during these extremely worrying and perilous times.

BOOK NOW FOR ADVENT WORKSHOP: Places are filling up quickly for our Children's Liturgy Advent Workshop on Sunday, 2 December after 9am Mass until 12 noon in the Hall. All children (Pre-School to Year 6) are invited to join us for Christmas crafts and carol singing, whilst remembering the true meaning of Christmas.

The cost is £4 per child. **Advance booking and payment (cash only) by Wednesday 28 November is required.** Spaces are limited as the workshop is extremely popular. Book is now available online now via the website.

THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF): Kim and Jane Roberts would like to thank all those very kind parishioners who so generously bought Alistair's cards and gave donations to the 'Arm' fund. With your wonderful support £1,935 was raised. We are deeply grateful to you all.

MEDITATION GROUP RETREAT DAY with the theme "Loving Kindness". This will take place in the First Committee Room on Saturday 1 December between 10 am and 4pm with a shared lunch. If you are interested in attending please give your details to the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Christmas Raffle in aid of the London Run to be held on Sunday 2 December following the 9am and 11am Masses. Please support this raffle, good prizes to be won.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our **CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** last Saturday – those who organised it, donated raffle prizes and/or came along to exercise their grey matter. It was a most enjoyable evening of trivia and general knowledge which raised **£577** for the St Vincent de Paul.

OVERFLOW CAR PARKING: We have made arrangements with St Joseph's School to use their grounds for overflow car parking. This is an effort to alleviate the congestion experienced by our neighbours every Sunday. **If the Church car park is full when you arrive for Mass please use the facilities at the school – the gates will be open. Please do not park on Prioory Road, Prioory Way or The Rowans.** Thank you for your co-operation.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Richard Cottle and the Holy Name Choir, joined by some of their singing friends from St Joseph's, will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, 9 December at 7pm in the Most Holy Name Church in Denham. You are invited to join them as they welcome in the festive period with a lovely evening of seasonal music and carols.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS and CATHOLIC DIARIES are now on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices.

HOLY SOULS

During November we pray especially for all the Holy Souls; those who have died in the past year, past members of our parish, our own departed relatives and friends and those with no one to pray for them.

You are invited to place names of loved ones in the golden box on the altar so we can remember them in our prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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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