

20 January 2019

Second Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

Fr Michael Spain OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Robert Davies OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD, Fr Matt Blake OCD

21 January	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr – Memorial
24 January	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor - Memorial
25 January	The Conversation of St Paul, Apostle – Feast
26 January	SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops - Memorial

HOMELESS SUNDAY: Next weekend there will be an appeal and second collection for SHOC, Slough Homeless Our Concern. At its Day Centre in Slough SHOC helps people suffering from homelessness by providing hot meals, showers, fresh clothing, health management, financial advice and help with obtaining accommodation. An average of 35 people are supported at our Day Centre each day. SHOC's aim is to end homelessness in Slough.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£3,651**. Your continued support is appreciated.

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** from **18-25 January** has the theme "*Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue*" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20). In a world marked by diversity in language and culture, we express our Christian faith in diverse ways. During this week we are called to celebrate this diversity and be faithful to Christ's call for the unity of his Church. You are asked to join with brothers and sisters of various churches in prayer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY sessions are held every Sunday during term time at the 9am Mass. There are five different age groups covering pre-schoolers to teens which all children and young people are invited to join in. We go out after the welcome and return after the bidding prayers. Each group covers the gospel of the day in an age appropriate way. The younger groups take part in a mix of activities – colouring, puzzles, songs, etc. to bring the story to life, whilst the older groups are helped to think about the real meaning of the reading and how they can relate it to their lives. We look forward to welcoming everyone this Sunday

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Bishop Peter Doyle will lead an evening of prayer at the Bridgettine Convent next **Friday 25 January** at 6pm. Ecumenism is the main Charism of the Bridgettine Order and the Sisters invite you to join them for this service, followed by refreshments, as we mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are most welcome.



EXPLORE LIFE, FAITH and MEANING: Do you know anyone who has questions about the Christian faith or is searching for meaning in their life? Bring them along to Alpha – a series of sessions exploring these questions in a relaxed environment, free of charge. Each session includes a main talk, some time to say what you think, dessert and drinks. Come and see what it is like by joining us for an introductory meal at The Breadhouse on 21 January at 7:30pm. Sessions begin on Monday, 28 January from 7:45pm to 9:30pm. To reserve a place please contact the Parish Office.

MOUNT CARMEL MAGAZINE: The Carmelite Community from Boars Hill, Oxford will visit St Joseph's on 2/3 February to speak to you all about our magazine Mount Carmel. It is probably the best kept secret in our Carmelite parishes so we want you to know about it and help us make it known. For those of you who have not yet read Mount Carmel, this is the magazine published by our own Carmelite friars. It is a rich source of spiritual teaching and well worth reading for help in prayer and for living one's daily life with God. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to enrich your spiritual life by taking out a subscription today. Thank you for your support.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING will begin in the next few weeks. If your child would like to become part of the serving team please



go to the parish website and click the link to provide your details OR email youth@stjosephs.org.uk. All servers must have made their First Holy Communion before they can participate. Please encourage your child to serve!

The **LONDON & 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. Please leave your donations in the metal box provided as this protects them from the elements; do not leave goods outside the Parish Centre. Many thanks for your continued support.

KEEP CHURCH DOORS CLOSED: Now that the cold weather is upon us, please help us keep the building warm by closing the door behind you when you enter or leave the Church. Thank you.



YOUTH GROUP: *If you've never been to Youth Group and are interested or curious...come along for fun, food, games, laughs and meet new friends. Open to all young people in Year 6 and above. See you there this Sunday 20 January from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Parish Centre.*



BOOK NOW FOR FLAME 2019: The biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! If you are aged 12-18 then come and join Fr Michael and 10,000 young people at Wembley Area for a memorable day out on **Saturday 2 March**. Hear from inspiring speakers, watch RISE Theatre, listen to some amazing music and join Cardinal Vincent Nicols for Adoration. Cost is just £10 plus your train fare. Limited availability so book early via the parish website.

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2019 invites you to join now. Our 200 Club accepts a maximum of **200 members** and pays out a minimum of **48 prizes** in the year from 50% of total proceeds. Parishioners, their friends and families are all invited to join with a chance to win one of four monthly prizes.

Joining is quick and easy. Join via email and online payment or by leaving your completed Membership Form with the Parish Office. Our thanks to new and existing members who have signed up for 2019.

Further information available by email 200club@stjosephs.org.uk, from the Parish Website or pick up a leaflet from the back of the Church.

Closing date is 31 January.

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

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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NO FOOD OR STICKY DRINKS IN CHURCH:

Help us to keep our church clean and looking beautiful. Please do not take food or sticky drinks into the church. Thank you.

AUDITOR WANTED: St Joseph's School is looking for a volunteer to audit its school fund. It is a small, single bank account which has to be audited by a qualified auditor or accountant. If you can help, please contact the school office on 01753 887743 or office@st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk.

The **ANNUAL SHOC QUIZ** is being held on **Saturday 9 February** in Stoke Poges. Several parish families will be there and it would be great to see some new faces. Light supper included, tickets £12. Please contact: alanmadgeslough@aol.com and see the parish website Diary Dates for the flyer. Donations of modest raffle prizes for the SHOC Quiz would be very welcome. Please leave with the Parish Office.



ST JOHN'S BEAUMONT – A Catholic Option in Independent Education. St John's Beaumont is a Jesuit preparatory school for boys ages 3-13 in Old Windsor. Bursaries may be available to support Catholic families. The next Open Morning is Tuesday 29 January. Please contact Anne Barker on 01784 432428 for more information or see the website at www.sjbwindsor.uk.

UPDATE – UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON FAMILY: Last year, a family from our parish was attacked in a Gerrards Cross by three local youths and a number of parishioners kindly signed a petition in support of more police presence and collaboration and operational CCTV to help prevent further attacks. An incredible 1,500 local people signed the petition and as a result the family met with Dominic Grieve who followed up with Thames Valley Police. The family and friends are continuing to work with the police and local councils around greater collaboration between South Bucks and Chiltern PCSOs and operational CCTV. All three defendants in this case have been charged. The most violent defendant pleaded guilty and will be sentenced at the end of January in conjunction with a number of other offences. The other two will appear in court in February. We will update you on any further progress and would like to thank you once again for all your support.