

3 February 2019

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



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

5 February St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr - Memorial

THIS WEEKEND the Carmelite Community from Boars Hill will visit St Joseph's 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.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,590**. Your continued support is appreciated.

THANK YOU: On behalf of SHOC I would like to thank the parishioners of St Joseph's, Holy Name Denham and the Bridgettine Convent for your generous response to the appeal at last weekend's Masses. The collection amounted to £2,255 and when the small donations scheme gift aid is added, £2,800 will be available to maintain SHOC's valuable services to help end homelessness in Slough. *Ray Waite, SHOC Trustee*

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Gerry Dawson** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 13 February at 12:30pm. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Nuala O'Reilly** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Friday 15 February at 11am at St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

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!



SALE OF TRADCRAFT GOODS TODAY – SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY after 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and after 11am Mass in the First Committee Room.

COME LET US ADORE: The Carmelite Community invites you to join them at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church on Sunday 10 February from 3:30 – 5:30pm continuing the call to COME LET US ADORE in these difficult times.



Eucharist is ... Food for the Journey

We might do well to take a moment to thank God for all that we have received, materially and in prayer. All that we have faced in our lives we did not face alone. Always God's strength and God's love were at work in our hearts even when, and perhaps especially when, we did not know it at all. We can pray for those for whom the journey is hard. But we can pray too that God's strength and love will at work in our hearts to make us bread broken for others, bringing the nourishment of God's love to the weary and downcast.

"Whatever challenges you face, be joyful and be at peace".

Pope Francis

DOWRY TOUR – BRINGING ENGLAND'S NAZARETH TO NORTHAMPTON: England will be rededicated as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. As part of the spiritual preparation for the rededication, the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit every Catholic English Cathedral. The first visit of 2019 is to our own Cathedral in Northampton for a three day triduum of prayer from **Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 February**. The presence of Our Lady of Walsingham through her renowned Statue from the Slipper Chapel invites us all to meditate on the missionary role of Our Lady of Walsingham for the re-evangelisation and conversion of England, Mary's Dowry. As a special grace for Our Lady's Dowry Tour a Holy House will be built in the Cathedral, in which Our Lady and her divine Child can be honoured as they were of old. *"All who would seek me there in that little house, shall find help in their need."* For more details, please pick up a flyer from the church porch. If you are interested in going please contact the Parish Office as it may be possible to organise a group or car-sharing.

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

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. We meet regularly on Sunday evenings during term time in the Parish Centre. All young people in Year 6 and above are most welcome. Come along this evening from 6:30pm until 8pm – why not give it a try?*



YOUTH DAY TRIP TO WEMBLEY: Fr Michael invites teenagers aged 12-18 to join him for FLAME at The SSE Arena in Wembley on Saturday, 2 March. On arrival, the Arena will be alive with music as it gradually fills up with 10,000 young people, full of energy, joy and excitement. There is something powerful and unique about being Church in a space more usually associated with “The X Factor” and “Britain’s Got Talent.” This vibrant and extraordinary expression of Church through talks, drama, music and liturgy is a great day out. It costs £10 plus your train fare. Book your place online now via the parish website.

Please pick up this month’s copy of **THE VINE** from the Church porch.

The Board of Directors of St Luke Academies Trust are seeking to appoint a **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR** with a proven record of accomplishment in leadership and school improvement and a commitment to the Catholic ethos of the Trust. For any queries you may have please telephone Nicola Vaughan on 01536 203251 or email Nicola.Vaughan@st-luke-at.co.uk.

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.

ST JOSEPH’S 200 CLUB – FINAL CALL!

You are invited to join this week before the closing date of **6 February**. The 200 Club is a great Prize Draw club which offers four cash prizes each month paid from 50% of membership proceeds (50% to parish funds) with monthly prizes likely to be at least £600-700. New members welcome: more members mean bigger prizes for the winners!



Thank you to all our members, your support is appreciated. Please join by emailing 200club@stjosephs.org.uk, or completing forms available at the back of the Church or the Parish website. **If you’re not in, you can’t win!**

The **ANNUAL SHOC QUIZ** is being held next **Saturday 9 February** in Stoke Poges.



Following the appeal for Homeless Sunday to support our local homeless, might you consider taking a table at this annual enjoyable event? Light supper included, tickets

£12. Please contact alanmadgeslough@aol.com and see the parish website Diary Dates for the flyer.

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.

STUDENT CROSS HOLY WEEK WALKING PILGRIMAGE (12 – 21 April): A new concept for you? It began over 70 years ago. A full sized cross is carried to Walsingham where the Easter Triduum is celebrated. This is an ecumenical, Catholic run activity which involves walking 10+ miles each day with planned food and night stops. For full details please contact studentcross.org.uk.



WANTED: The SVP is looking for a good working bike for a gentleman to get to work. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

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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