

10 February 2019

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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

14 February SS Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
- Feast. Patrons of Europe

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,479**. Your continued support is appreciated.

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 be 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

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.

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

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

On WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: Pope Francis urges us to promote a culture of generosity, noting that the joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian. Pope Francis says that those who care for the sick and give of themselves with generosity and straightforward love – like St Mother Teresa of Calcutta – are amongst the Church's most credible evangelizers. **In his message for the World Day of the Sick, which will be celebrated on 11 February**, the Pope focuses on Jesus's words to the Apostles: *"You received without payment; give without payment"* (Mt 10:8). Established in 1993 by Saint John Paul II on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, a different city is chosen each year to host the World Day of the Sick. This year the choice has fallen on Calcutta in India, and Pope Francis has highlighted the figure of St Teresa of Calcutta as a model of charity who made God's love for the poor and sick visible.

This Monday please pray for all who are sick, elderly, facing surgery or seeking the gift of God's healing and remember those who care for them:

God of gentleness and love, we entrust to your care all those who are ill, and ask you to guide and sustain all who offer them healing and hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER written by the Women of Slovenia, takes place at St Andrew's United Reform Church in Gerrards Cross on Friday 1 March at 10:30am. Everybody is welcome at this Ecumenical service so please join us.

The 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. 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.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the Marsh, Ruiz and Hindle families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on these children and their families.

BRASS CLEANERS NEEDED; Can you spare an hour or two once every three months? We need help keeping the church brasses (such as candlesticks) clean and in good condition. Please let the Parish office know if you can help.

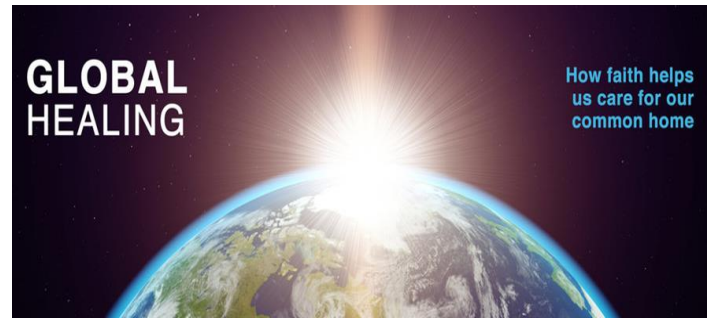
YOUTH GROUP: *If you've never been to Youth Group and are interested or curious...come along for fun, food, games, laughs and meet new friends. We meet regularly on Sunday evenings during term time in the Parish Centre. All young people in Year 6 and above are most welcome. Come along this evening from 6:30pm until 8pm – why not give it a try?*



BOOK NOW FOR FLAME 2019: Fr Michael invites teenagers aged 12-18 to join him for FLAME at The SSE Arena in Wembley on Saturday, 2 March. This is the biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales where 10,000 young people get together for a memorable day out. Hear from inspiring speakers, watch RISE Theatre, listen to some amazing music and join Cardinal Vincent Nichols for Adoration. The cost is £10 plus your train fare. **Book your place online now via the parish website.** The deadline for ticket applications is Wednesday 20 February. *“Faith is a flame that grows stronger the more it is shared and passed on” Pope Francis*

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.

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



GLOBAL HEALING – How our faith helps us to care for our common home.

“There is a real danger that we will leave future generations only rubble, deserts and refuse ... We cannot afford to waste time” Pope Francis

Responding together to Pope Francis’ call (in his encyclical “Laudato Si”) to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to future generations, you are invited to come to watch this free film at any one of the following times in the First Committee Room at St Joseph’s Church.

Saturday 23 February at 2pm
Wednesday 27 February at 7.30 for 7.45pm
Thursday 28 February at 9.30am for 9.45am

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales commissioned this DVD to be produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) and wishes it to be shown in all Parishes. Please take a look at a short trailer on our website www.stjosephs.org.uk. There will be flyers in the porches.

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.

SAVE THE DATE – PANCAKE MORNING:

The St Vincent de Paul invites you to join them on **Shrove Tuesday 5 March**, for a pancake morning. Come along to the Parish Centre between 9.30am and 11.30am and enjoy freshly prepared pancakes.



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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