

21 April 2019

Easter Sunday

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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

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The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday collections are for the Clergy of the Parish.

WEEKDAY MASS NEXT WEEK AT 10AM ONLY: During Easter Week (Monday through Friday) there will only be one morning Mass at 10am in St Joseph's Church. As from Saturday 27 April Mass times return to normal.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,257**. Your continued support is appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Yue Mei Mellon** who was Baptised and **Marian Fitzpatrick** who was received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, where they were both confirmed and made their First Communion. As a parish, we welcome them to the Holy Catholic Church and ask that you pray for them and their families as they move forward on their journey of faith.

There will be **NO ROSARY CIRCLE** during Easter Week. Rosary will resume on Tuesday 30 April.

There will be **NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** during Easter Week. It will start again on Wednesday 1/Thursday 2 May.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The **11am Mass on Sunday 5 May** will be a First Holy Communion Mass for parish children who do not attend catholic schools.

CHANGE TO MASS TIME AT BRIDGETTINE CONVENT: On **Sunday 12 May** Mass at the Bridgettine Convent in Iver Heath will be at 12 noon. There will be no Mass at 9am.

CAMEROON: Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported the orphaned and vulnerable children in the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon. The weekend appeal raised £2811.06 and the table top sale raised £670.87 and therefore a total of £3481.93 has been sent to the Family Life Apostolate in Kumbo. This will now be used by the FLA under the jurisdiction of Bishop George for the humanitarian needs of the children and their families and also for any educational school fees which may still be required. A special thanks for all those who put such an effort into organising and supporting the table top sale. On behalf of all the children **THANK YOU**.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Lancelot Bravo** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 30 April at 11am at St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Desmond Ruffles** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Friday 3 May at St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY resumes next Sunday at the 9am Mass. All children and young people are invited to come out after the opening hymn until the end of the Bidding Prayers. They gather in five different age groups away from the congregation. Here they share the Gospel, after which the reading is explained to them at a level appropriate to their age.

YOUTH GROUP meets again next **Sunday 28 April** from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Hall. If you are in Year 6 or above why not come and join us for fun, games and food.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Fr Matt Blake will be presenting a short four session course which will enable participants to deepen their understanding of the context, meaning, significance and messages in this Book of Scripture written by St Luke. The sessions will be running Wednesday evenings 1, 8, 15 and 22 May at 7:45pm or Thursday mornings 2, 9, 16 and 23 May at 9:30am. The course is free but please contact the Parish Office to sign up by Tuesday 30 April. Leaflets are available in the Church porch.

'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' Acts 1:8

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 Easter 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.

SAVE THE DATE – PARISH DAY – SATURDAY 13 JULY

TEA IN THE POT re-opens on Wednesday 24 April. Parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to congregate in the Parish Centre from 8:30am to 10:30am for refreshments, company and especially chat.

There will be no **TEA AND A CHAT** on Thursday 25 April. It will resume again on Thursday 2 May.

PARISH CENSUS 2019: Very many thanks to all those parishioners who returned their yellow census form. We are now processing all the responses and updating our parish records.

The new **LIFE BOUTIQUE CHARITY SHOP** opened this week in Gerrards Cross. Situated in Station Road, this has been assisted by a generous legacy from one of our parishioners, who was a life-long supporter of the Life Charity and its aims. Donations of good quality items should now be taken directly to the shop. See www.lifefcharity.org.uk for more information.

FAMILY FIRST AID COURSE: Have you ever wondered how you would react to an emergency? This short course will provide information on how to cope with first aid emergencies in the home. It takes place on **Thursday 2 May** in the Parish Centre from 6:30pm until 9:30pm. The cost is £30 per person, which includes a First Aid manual, handouts and certificate. For more information or to book a place please contact Joan Barham at the Parish Office.

WAITROSE GREEN TOKENS: St Joseph's School has been selected for the 'Community Matters' scheme at Waitrose, Gerrards Cross for the month of April. If you are shopping at Waitrose please support our parish school by asking for a green token and voting for St Joseph's School.

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

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the Shaw, Annis and Roper families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on these children and their families.

The next regular **NEWSLETTER** will be Sunday 5 May. Please submit any articles to office@stjosephs.org.uk by 12 noon on Thursday 2 May.

200 Club Winners

The 200 Club was drawn at the **Furniture Market on Saturday morning** and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Sonia Chin-See (£370)
- 2nd Mrs M.A. Davies (£185)
- 3rd Mrs Bernadette Carroll (£111)
- 4th Kevin Murphy (£74)

Congratulations!

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £2,600 in April as follows:

The Parish	£1,300
Leonard Cheshire Disability	£500
DEC Cyclone Idai	£500
Stroke Association	£500

New volunteers are needed to work on a rota basis. If you are able bodied and are willing to give a few hours of your time either on a Saturday morning or an evening during the week, the market would love to hear from you. Email furnituremarket@hotmail.co.uk or pop in on a Saturday morning between 9am and 12:30pm.

BAGS2SCHOOL collects good quality second-hand clothing (adult/children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags) and soft toys that can be re-used. St Joseph's School has organised a collection on **Tuesday 7 May**. The School gets paid by the kilo for donations. Please bring your bags to the car park on the Tuesday morning by 9am. No bedding, curtains, towels or bric-a-brac.

The **PARISH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED** until 9:30am on Monday 29 April. For information and/or enquiries during this time please visit the website at www.stjosephs.org.uk or email office@stjosephs.org.uk. Alternatively call 01753 886581 and follow the prompt to leave a message or speak to a priest.

**May this Easter Season inspire you to you hope,
Happiness and prosperity all received through
God's divine grace.
Easter blessings to you and your families.
Fathers Michael, Bob, Maurice and Matt**

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: None until 30 April

Eucharistic Adoration: None until 1/2 May

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