



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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12 May 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4

14 May St Matthias, Apostle - Feast

THIS WEEKEND there will be a second collection for the Diocesan Priest's Training Fund.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,874**. Your continued support is appreciated.

NEXT WEEKEND there will be a second collection for Bishop Peter's charity, the St Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers).

ADOREMUS – COME LET US ADORE: In this month of May, there will be two hours of Adoration in the main Church on Wednesday 22 May from 9:30-11:30am.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

INVITATION TO PRAY THE ROSARY: May is known as "Mary's Month," a specific time of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of Our Lady. Why not do something extra for our Blessed Mother and come and join in the beautiful prayer of the Rosary which takes place on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:30pm in the Oratory (access via the Sacristy). All are welcome.

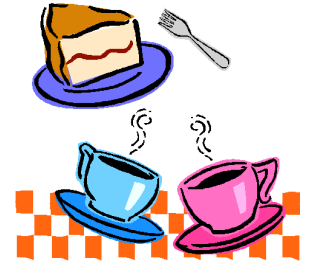
POPE FRANCIS asks us all to join him in prayer for a special intention each month. In May he asks us to pray that the Church in Africa may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

A selection of **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** and **CONFIRMATION** cards, mementos and souvenirs are now available at very reasonable prices from the Repository at the back of the church.

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

SAVE THE DATE - YOUTH FEST '19: Join us for live music, games, BBQ and lots more on Saturday 29 June from 2pm in the paddock behind Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois HP6 5PE. This FREE event is open to all young people in Year 6 and above. The afternoon's activities will conclude with a special family Mass at 5:30pm.

TODAY! CWL CHARITY COFFEE MORNING will be taking place after the 9am and 11am Masses the Catholic Women's League will be hosting their annual charity coffee morning. Please pop into the Parish Centre after 9am Mass or the First Committee Room after 11am Mass and enjoy tea/coffee and homemade treats. The proceeds from this coffee morning will go to CWL charities.



The new **LIFE BOUTIQUE CHARITY SHOP** has opened in Station Road, Gerrards Cross. 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.lifecharity.org.uk for more information.

POSTPONED – FAMILY FIRST AID COURSE: We are hoping to reschedule to a Thursday evening in June. For more information or to book a place please contact Joan Barham at the Parish Office.



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.

CATHOLIC BASICS "THE MORAL LIFE" takes place on Thursday 16 May at the Diocesan Centre, Luton LU4 8JD. Come and join us to learn about the many-faceted jewel of the Church's teaching on morality. The course runs from 10am to 3pm (9:30am for refreshments) and there is Mass at 9am for those who wish to attend. Come and join us for an engaging day with full lunch, no qualifications needed. For bookings, contact Jackie at admin@nores.org.uk or phone 01582 723312.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: The meeting due to take place on 16 May will now be taking place on **Thursday 30 May** at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

HANGING BASKETS: Our very popular hanging basket and plant sale is back!

Orders will be taken after the 9am and 11am Masses today Sunday 12 May. Order

Forms are also available from the Church porch or via the website. Deadline for orders is Friday 31 May, with collection from St Joseph's Church car park on Saturday 8 June between 3pm and 4pm.



ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £3,000 in May as follows:

The Parish	£1,500
Helen Douglas House	£500
Myeloma UK	£500
Alzheimers	£500

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN: This weekend which is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) is taking place 24-26 May in Liverpool, the theme being Discernment and Vocation. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information, contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org.

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. Our next Open Morning is Tuesday 14 May. Please contact Anne Barker (Admissions Officer) on 01784 432428 for more information or see our website at www.sjbwindsor.uk.

APPEAL FOR KNITTING WOOL: We have some elderly, housebound ladies who really enjoy knitting. These kind-hearted ladies are making garments for premature babies at the hospital. Do you have any unwanted wool that they could use? If so, please drop your donations into the Parish Office.

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place from 24-29 June. Flights are Heathrow to Toulouse and then by coach to Lourdes. Price is £590 includes all meals. Please contact Matthew Fernandes on 0758 666067 or Myo Lyn on 07807 375061.

*Save
the
Date*

St Joseph's Parish Summer Fête
Saturday 13 July
12 noon until 4pm

ACADEMY DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT: Would you like to help shape the future of Catholic Education in the Diocese? Do you have the skills to help direct the strategy and ethos of academies which currently educate over 10,000 pupils across the Diocese? Bishop Peter is currently recruiting Foundation Directors (non-executive) for our new Multi Academy Trusts in the north and south of the Diocese. The closing date for the first round of applications is 31 May. Application details at <https://bit.ly/2OPBIYx> or by contacting Debbie Main on 01582 723312 or main@nores.org.uk.



Four Mikes on Bikes 2019

Fr Michael – Mike Carney – Mike Burton – Mick Claridge

With Denese Kennedy-Diggins (Welfare and Navigator) and Malcolm Johnstone (Logistics and Driver)

They will be journeying to Rome and the Vatican to raise money for The London and Slough Run.

Mike Carney and Mick Claridge will leave from Gerrards Cross on Tuesday 14 May at 9am. Fr Michael and Mike Burton along with the back-up team will join them in Rheinmunster, Germany on Saturday 18 May, having left St Joseph's at 8am.

They will be giving a running commentary of their journey along with pictures, incidents and possibly some embarrassing moments, all of which will be available on the Parish website.

Donations to the London and Slough Run can be made via Just Giving.

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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