



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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19 May 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1

25 May	Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor - Memorial
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THIS WEEKEND there will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** for **ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY**. Also known as the **Kiltegan Fathers**, they work to spread the Gospel, following the words of Jesus: "*Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look I am with you always; yes, to the end of time*" (Matt 28:19-20). Their aim is to bring, reveal and proclaim Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him and especially to those to whom they have been sent. Jesus said that He came so that, "*you may have Life and have it to the full.*" The fathers involve themselves in the lives of the people both spiritually and materially, giving them hope and dignity in their lives. www.kilteganfathers.org.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,655**. Your continued support is appreciated.

LAST WEEKEND there was a second collection for the Diocesan Priest's Training Fund which amounted to **£1,224.82**.

ADOREMUS – COME LET US ADORE: In this month of May, there will be two hours of Adoration in the main Church next **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.

BISHOP PETER'S PASTORAL LETTER FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY which was read at all Masses last weekend is now available on the website. Bishop Peter, having offered his resignation as our bishop to the Holy Father, asks you to pray with him for God's Spirit to guide the election of a new bishop for our diocese. Prayer cards are available in the church porch.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' REFLECTION MORNING: Lay Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to a reflection morning from 9:30am to 1pm on Saturday 15 June. It takes place at the Pastoral & RE Centre in Luton (LU4 8JD). The theme is *Mission and Witness* – how we recognise the presence of Christ and how we witness to this gift. The cost is £5 which includes refreshments. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

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.

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.

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.

Please note we do not require any clothing to be left until the middle of June.

ORDER YOUR HANGING BASKETS NOW: Order Forms for hanging baskets, potted plants and summer bedding are available from the Church porch or via the website. Various sizes and combinations of flowers are available, all ready for you to simply hang up and enjoy.



Deadline for orders is Friday 31 May. Your baskets and/or plants can be collected from St Joseph's car park between 3pm and 4pm on Saturday, 8 June.



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

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

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.

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.



TEA AND CHAT: Join us for Tea and a Chat in the First Committee Room from 2pm to 4pm every Thursday. All are welcome.

ST AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY LECTURE will take place on Monday 27 May in the Walsingham Hall, St Teresa's Church, Princes Risborough HP27 OJN. Dr Richard Shaw will be presenting on Bede, Augustine and the Gregorian Mission to England. Beginning with Mass at 2pm the afternoon will conclude at approx. 4pm with refreshments. All are welcome to this free lecture.

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 left Gerrards Cross last Tuesday morning. For their latest news please visit <https://thelondonandsloughrun.com/>. Fr Michael and Mike Burton along with the back-up team were due to join them in Rheinmunster, Germany on Saturday evening, after an early morning start.

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 www.justgiving.com/campaign/4mikesonbikes.

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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