



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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26 May 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2

27 May	St Augustine, Apostle of England – Feast
30 May	The Ascension of the Lord – Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation
31 May	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast
1 June	St Justin, Martyr - Memorial

MONDAY 27 MAY is a **BANK HOLIDAY** so there will be only one Mass at 10am in St Joseph's Church.

THURSDAY 30 MAY is the **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation** (not transferred to Sunday as it has been in the past). Masses at St Joseph's will be at 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.

NEXT WEEKEND there will be **SECOND COLLECTION** for Mass Media. The Communications Office of the Catholic Church in England and Wales (CCN) provides support for the Bishops and Church by promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image, online and offline.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,223**. Your continued support is appreciated.

PENTECOST PARTY - The birthday of the Church will be celebrated after the 9am Mass on Sunday 9 June with fun and games for all the family. Everyone is invited, no RSVP needed, just turn up!

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.

BISHOP PETER'S PASTORAL LETTER FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 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.

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



PENTECOST NOVENA: The novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas, since it was Jesus himself who sent his apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. We are all encouraged to join the nine days of prayer in preparation for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our world. The novena starts on Friday 31 May and ends on the eve of Pentecost 8 June. Prayer cards are available at the back of church.

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.

SUMMER REFLECTION DAY: Join us at the Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Turvey MK43 8DH on **Saturday 22 June** for a day of reflection which features a talk by Brother John OSB entitled "*Alive in Christ*". The day begins at 10am and finishes at 4pm. Places limited so booking is essential via NORES office admin@nores.org.uk or ring 01582 723312. The cost of the day is £15. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee available all day.

ECUADORIAN MISSION – 3 Weeks to Go! After the success of the Mission of Chesham and Great Missenden parishioners in Ecuador last August, we are getting ready to welcome 21 Ecuadorian missionaries to the pastoral area from 14 June until 2 July. Everyone is invited to join the events, especially during their special visit to us here in St Joseph's on **Wednesday 26 June**. The full Programme of the Mission is displayed on the church notice board in the side porch.

THANK YOU: We have had a fabulous response to our appeal for knitting wool. Our housebound ladies can now enjoy knitting garments for premature babies at the hospital. Thank you so much.

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SAVE THE DATE: ROY SCHOEMAN, a Jewish convert and former Harvard professor, is visiting London this summer. A renowned international speaker, Roy will give a Witness Testimony and a talk on "*The Role of Judaism in Salvation*" in St Joseph's Church, Chalfont St Peter SL9 8RY on **Thursday 27 June** at 7:30pm.

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. Bookings open soon!

THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM is having an **OPEN DAY** on **Saturday 1 June** from 3-7pm. It's free with an international, live music, bouncy castle, traditional Indian dancers and much more. We hope to see you at Lynster's Farm, Old Uxbridge Road, West Hyde WD3 9XJ.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and to **THANK YOU** all, for your help with fruit donations every week to our sisters and children at Mary House. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

DANCE IN AID OF CHILDREN'S HCPT GROUP

PILGRIMAGE: Come and dance the night away with us on **Saturday 8 June** at Slough Irish Club SL2 5SS. All monies raised will pay for a child with special needs to travel to Lourdes next Easter. Dancing is from 9pm to midnight with music by Chris Ball. Tickets are just £5 each.

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.

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.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP meeting will take place on Thursday 30 May at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

LAST CHANCE TO YOUR HANGING

BASKETS: 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 this coming 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.



VACANCY: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Luton is seeking to appoint a Headteacher for January 2020 or earlier, if possible. Visits to the school are encouraged. Please contact Mrs A Board on 01582 572964 or finance@stjosephs.primaryluton.co.uk. For further details, see our advert on www.mynewterm.com.

ST AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY LECTURE will take place on **Monday 27 May** in the Walsingham Hall, St Teresa's Church, Princes Risborough HP27 0JN. 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.

Sue, the Manager at **THE LIFE CHARITY SHOP** would like to say a big thank you for all the goodwill, friendliness and donations which the people of St Joseph's Church have given her. It has helped enormously.



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 are cycling to Rome and the Vatican to raise money for The London and Slough Run. The Four Mikes are now on the road in northern Italy, having cycled through Holland, Germany and Austria. The weather has been a bit wet and wild - for a daily update please visit <https://thelondonandsloughrun.com/>

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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