



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2

11 July St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe - Feast

NEXT WEEK is **SEA SUNDAY**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,405**. Your continued support is appreciated.

The **SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE** will start from Saturday 27/Sunday 28 July. There will be **NO ADORATION** or **ROSARY** during August.

ADOREMUS – COME LET US ADORE: In the month of July, there will be two hours of Adoration in the main Church on Tuesday 16 July, the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, from 9:30am to 11:30am.

St Pope John Paul II said, 'Mary lived with her eyes fixed on Christ, treasuring his every word: "She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19 and 2:51). The memories of Jesus, impressed upon her heart, were always with her, leading her to reflect on the various moments of her life at her Son's side.'

We are invited to come and follow Mary's example by fixing our own eyes on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and by pondering his presence in our own lives.

ECUADOR PARTNERSHIP MASS & BBQ: We were delighted to welcome Catholics from the Archdiocese of Porto Viejo in Ecuador to St Joseph's for a special Partnership Mass last week, accompanied by parishioners from host parishes St Columba's and Immaculate Heart of Mary. The liturgy was joyful and uplifting, with Fr Matt delivering his Homily in Spanish. Mass was followed by a delicious BBQ and an evening of cultural exchange through conversation, song and dance. Click **ECUADORIAN MISSION** the parish website for the photo album.

SAVE THE DATE: On **SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER** the Holy Name Choir will re-unite with their friends at St Mary's Church, Denham for their annual Songs of Praise style service at 2pm. All welcome.

SALE OF TRADCRAFT GOODS TODAY – SUNDAY 7 JULY after 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and after the 11am Mass in the First Committee Room.

MIKES ON BIKES EVENING: All are invited to join the four Mikes on Bikes on **Thursday 18 July** at 7pm in the Parish Centre. It will be an evening explaining where and what happened over three weeks on the mammoth task of cycling from Gerrards Cross to Rome. It will be illustrated by many photos and commentaries by the team. Most of what happened will be told but some of what happened in Rome will remain in Rome!! It will be a fun evening with wine and nibbles for parishioners, supporters, benefactors and friends to enjoy.

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.

We are desperate for as many plastic carrier bags as possible to give out the sandwiches and goodie bags on Monday evenings.

PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT REQUIRE ANY CLOTHING AT PRESENT.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT: All are invited to join us for a Fun Quiz in Parish Centre on Saturday 27 July. Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7:30pm. Tickets cost just £5 and include refreshments. Buy in advance from the Parish Office or pay on the door. Bring your own drinks. Proceeds in aid of Holy Cross Sisters Namibia School Appeal.

DISABLED ENTRANCE – DO NOT FORCE DOOR CLOSED: Unfortunately we have had to make another repair to the automatic mechanism which opens/closes the door of our disabled entrance. The mechanism is designed to allow someone less able to enter/leave the church carefully and slowly, without having to rush. If you use the automatic door please do not force it closed as this damages the mechanism; please allow it to close of its own accord. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

PARISH DAY WORK PARTY will take place on **Thursday 11 July from 9am until 1pm**. If you're not around on the day, maybe you can join us for an hour or two. There is much to be done sorting and preparing for the big day. Please wear/bring old clothes, gloves and enthusiasm!

BEAT THE RUSH: Don't battle the crowd at the book stall on Parish Day...pop into the First Committee Room after Mass (or any time during the week) and take a leisurely browse through our fabulous selection of books, DVDs and CDs. Great bargains to be had – everything is 50p each or 3 for £1.

SVP CASH4COINS RETURNS: Help us raise a little money for the SVP using those old coins and left over holiday money that has been gathering dust in your top drawer. Pop your redundant currency into our collection bottle by the cream tea stall at Parish Day and support the work done locally in our parish. Thank you for your support.

JUSTICE AND PEACE: Next meeting is on Thursday 11 July at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

TALL ANTIQUE BOOKCASE and storage, originally our church show bookcase is going for free. Please contact Fr Michael.

200 CLUB 2019 has re-opened to accept NEW members who wish to join for the second half of the year at a cost of £60 for six monthly draws. Closing date is 31 July and details are available from the Parish Office, Parish website and leaflets at the back of the Church.

200 Club Winners

The 200 Club was drawn on Monday by the ladies of the **London & Slough Run** and the lucky winners are:

- 1st John O'Neill (£370)
- 2nd P.B. Miller (£185)
- 3rd A & E Rivas (£111)
- 4th Philip Stephens (£74)

Congratulations!



SATURDAY 13 JULY

12 noon to 4pm in the Priory Grounds

WE REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT

PARISH DAY, our annual Summer Fete, **IS NEXT SATURDAY** and promises to be a great day out, with plenty to keep the whole family entertained. Come and browse around our **many stalls** where there will be bargains to be had! Let the kids join the **fun and games in the orchard** and have a turn in the **petting farm**. There will be **live music** throughout the afternoon and an **Irish Dancing** display. **Delicious food** will be available all day, including our popular **BBQ**. The **bar** will be open for alcohol and soft drinks and we will be showing the **Wimbledon Ladies final** on the big screen. Don't forget your tickets for the **Grand Draw** which will take place at 4pm with a top prize of £500.

As always, we rely on your generosity to make Parish Day successful so please help us with donations for the following stalls:

- Bottles of wine, beer, spirits, champagne or soft drinks for the **Bottle Tombola**
- Clean soft toys in good condition for **Furry Friends**
- Unwanted gifts or unused new items for the **New Goods Stall**
- New or good quality toys and games for the **Toy Stall**
- Costume jewellery, scarves, belts, new or unused handbags for the **Accessories Stall**
- **Books, CDs and/or DVDs** covering all ages from toddlers to retirees (no videos please)
- Sweets, chocolates or fudge for the **Sweet Stall**
- **Prizes for the Grand Draw** – perhaps a meal for 2, a spa treatment, hotel voucher, sports experience, champagne/wine, etc.

We still need contributions for all stalls but are **desperately short for the bottle stall**. There is **no Bric-a-Brac stall**. Donations can be left in the Parish Office over the next few days. We really do with some more helpers. If you can volunteer some time, even an hour, please email us at events@stjoseph.org.uk.

Thank you so much for your support. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

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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