

18 August 2019

Twentieth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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

Fr Michael Spain OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Robert Davies OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD, Fr Matt Blake OCD

20 August	St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church – Memorial
21 August	St Pius X, Pope – Memorial
22 August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial
24 August	St Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£1,643**. Your continued support is appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ADORATION: In the peace and quiet of the Oratory, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Wednesdays and Thursdays where you are invited to spend time resting, reading or praying in the presence of the Lord. Currently we only have skeleton cover and sadly for some hours we have no volunteers so the Blessed Sacrament has to be put away. *Can you offer one hour of your time once a week? Or even once a fortnight?* If no one comes forward, we will have no choice but to reduce the hours and/or days Eucharistic Adoration takes place when we resume in September. For more information please contact Joan Barham at the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Brian McCarthy** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 22 August at 11:30am at Holy Name Church, Denham. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Martin Leeson** who died recently. The service will take place on Tuesday 27 August at 2:45pm in the Hampden Chapel at Amersham Crematorium. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

GIFT AID AND PLANNED GIVING: Did you know that you can make your donation to the church go further at no extra cost to you? Gift Aid is a Government run scheme that allows us to reclaim the tax on your donation. For every £1 you donate, we get an extra 25p back, significantly increasing the value of your donation. The only condition is that you are a UK taxpayer. Gift Aid Declaration Forms can be found on the website, with paper copies available from the Parish Office. It takes just a few minutes to complete this short form and once completed, the parish can then reclaim the tax on donations made via Offertory Envelopes or by Standing Order.

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

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

As in previous years, Sunday Mass times will be reduced during the holiday season.

Mass times in St Joseph's will be:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm; Sunday Masses at 7:45am and 11am only

Mass in Holy Name, Denham (near UB9 5AR) at 9:30am on Sunday

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath, SL0 0NR - Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday at 9am

Normal Mass times will resume from Saturday 7/Sunday 8 September

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION: Pope Francis asks us to join him in prayer for a special intention each month. In August – his prayer is for **Families** - that through their life of prayer and love, they become ever more clearly schools of true human growth.

PASTORAL AREA SOCIAL – FEAST OF ST AIDAN: On the afternoon of **Sunday 1 September**, there will be a Pastoral Area Walk followed by a BBQ in St Aidan's parish grounds to celebrate the Feast of St Aidan. The walk will start at 2pm with the BBQ around 4pm. If you are not wanting or able to walk you are still welcome at the BBQ. Please sign up via St Joseph's Parish Office so they will know how many to expect – the deadline for this will be Sunday 25 August. There will be no charge for this event but we will be taking donations on the day. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more information.

DIVINE ADORATION AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S, HIGH WYCOMBE: You are warmly invited to a beautiful evening of Eucharistic Adoration, with praise and worship and prayer ministry on **Friday 6 September** at 8pm in the Upper Room, St. Augustine's Church, 24 Amersham Hill, High Wycombe, HP13 6NZ. Refreshments will be available beforehand, following the 6:30pm Mass. www.st-augustines-church.org.uk

CAFOD SUPPORTERS' EVENT – ALL WELCOME: Come and hear about CAFOD's work in Uganda, our Harvest focus country. You will also hear first-hand experiences from our amazing speakers.

- **Sat 7 September** - St Mary's Hall, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands, MK17 8NN
- **Sat 21 September** - St Teresa's Hall, 40 Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL

Both days are from **10:30am – 1:30pm** (coffee/tea from 10:15am with shared lunch from 1:30pm). Please let us know you are coming – 01494 863 777 or northampton@cafod.org.uk.

ST JOSEPH'S GOLF DAY: Join us for our annual golf competition on **Friday 20 September** at Oakland Park Golf Club in Chalfont St Giles. 18 Hole Stableford Competition with individual and team prizes, followed by Presentation Dinner. Booking forms available from the Parish Office and website next week.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £1,800 in August as follows:

The Parish	£900
Hearing Dogs for Deaf	£450
Aspire	£450

St Joseph's Church and many local charities have received donations worth hundreds of thousands of pounds over the past 43 years from St Joseph's Furniture Market. This money is raised by selling unwanted household items beside the Church every Saturday morning. To keep this organisation running we urgently require more helpers to man the furniture collection van and to run the Saturday morning sales on a rota basis.

Would you consider volunteering to help? The more helpers the lighter the load! Please contact the committee by email at furnituremarket@hotmail.co.uk.

200 CLUB: Welcome to those who have joined for the second half of the year. Emails have been sent to all members who provided their email address. Could all members please check your inbox (or Spam folder) to ensure that emails from 200club@stjosephs.org.uk are accepted in your inbox.

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. **We especially need sandwiches and food during the holiday period** as donations decrease whilst people are away on their summer break. 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.

THE CATHOLIC WORKERS FARM is hosting a family friendly Bank Holiday Weekend full of music, folk dancing, comedy, food and fun from Friday 23 August to Monday 26 August. It all takes place at Lynsters Farm, Rickmansworth WD3 9XJ and costs £10 per day or £35 for the weekend. For full information please visit www.farmfest.info.

Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am and 11am
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 during the summer holidays.

Eucharistic Adoration: None during the summer holidays.

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