

25 August 2019

Twenty-first Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



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

27 August	St Monica – Memorial
28 August	St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor – Memorial
29 August	The Passion of St John the Baptist - Memorial

Monday 26 May is a **BANK HOLIDAY** so there will be only one Mass at 10am in St Joseph's.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £1,977. 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 **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.

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

HYMNS AND PIMMS: Our Holy Name Choir is joining with St Mary's choir for a special Songs of Praise style service, called "*Hymns and Pimms: Singing the Psalms*". This lovely annual event, which marks St Mary's patronal feast day, features both choirs performing ensemble and solo pieces plus the congregation can join in with some of their favourite hymns. All are welcome to St Mary's Church in Denham Village on **Sunday 8 September** at 1:30pm. Please come along and support our choir.

PSALMS Reunion Performance – **Sunday 22 September** at 7pm in St Joseph's Church. Ten years on from a successful week at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival the group are reuniting for a one-off performance, back where it all began. Written by Robert Barham and directed by Mo Home, this theatrical piece explores the relevance of the Psalms to life today. Through music, drama and song it draws you into the lives of a cross section of people from society, showing how a particular Psalm is important to them. Suitable for all ages, this innovative interpretation speaks directly to the problems and fears of modern day living, inviting all to make sense of life. There will be a retiring collection in aid of church funds and Breast Cancer Now.

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.

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.

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.

- **Saturday 7 September** - St Mary's Hall, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands, MK17 8NN
- **Saturday 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.



GOLF TOURNAMENT: This year our annual Golf Day takes place on **Friday 20 September** at Oakland Park Golf Club in Chalfont St Giles. Golfers are invited to join us for an 18 Hole Stableford Competition in the afternoon, followed by a Presentation Dinner in the evening. You can sign up as an individual or as a team of four – booking forms now available from the Parish Office and website.

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.

PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT REQUIRE ANY CLOTHING AT PRESENT.

SVP AWARENESS MONTH is our annual opportunity to raise awareness of the Society and the valuable work that we do in our local communities. It enables us to promote the Society so that we can extend our membership, raise all important funds and, most importantly, let the people who need us know how to find us.

This year's theme is "*Love Your Neighbour*" and what that means to an SVP member. Over the coming weeks, hear about us and see our posters on the notice board and website. These feature actual members from across the Society and the different ways in which they support their local community, from organising a local food bank to supporting young people and families.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET: 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 at furnituremarket@hotmail.co.uk.

200 Club Winners

The 200 Club was drawn on Thursday at **Tea and a Chat at St Joseph's**.

The monthly prize fund has increased to £830 and the lucky winners are:

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| 1 st | Angela Chan (£415) |
| 2 nd | Fran Marshall (£207.50) |
| 3 rd | Ruth O'Neill (£124.50) |
| 4 th | C.M.C. Galvin (£83) |

Congratulations!

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.

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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