



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2

13 September St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor – memorial

14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£1,320**. Your continued support is appreciated.

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA

APPEAL: There will be a second collection this weekend for this charity which provides real hope for the future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, a Trustee, will give a brief talk at all of the Masses this weekend about their work. For further information about what they do, please visit their website at www.evcuganda.org.

ADOREMUS – COME LET US ADORE: Continuing the invitation to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, there will be two hours of Adoration in the main Church on **Sunday 15 September from 3:30pm and ending at 5:30pm before the evening Mass**. This is the Feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows and is also Home Mission Sunday. This is an opportunity to come and spend as much or as little time as you have with Jesus, who welcomes each one of us just as we are.

'Our Lord is hidden there in the Blessed Sacrament waiting for us to come and visit Him and make our requests to Him.' (St John Vianney)

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION: You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for his intentions each month. For September it is the **Protection of the Oceans** – that politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

WALSINGHAM ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE for the Sanctity of Life will be taking place on Sunday 6 October and led by Bishop Mark O'Toole. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For more details please visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org or call 01858 571242.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Edward Kealy** who died recently. The service will take place on Thursday 19 September at 11:30am at Holy Name Church, Denham. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

HYMNS AND PIMMS IN DENHAM: Our Holy Name Choir is joining with St Mary's choir for a special Songs of Praise style service this Sunday, 8 September at 1.30pm. All are welcome to St Mary's Church in Denham Village to celebrate their patronal feast day with *"Hymns and Pimms: Singing the Psalms"*. This lovely annual event features both choirs performing ensemble and solo pieces plus the congregation can join in with some of their favourite hymns. It is an opportunity to listen to beautiful music in charming surroundings whilst enjoying a glass of Pimms. Afternoon Tea will be served in the Vestry after the service. 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.

COPIES OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: Requests for copies of Baptism Certificates should be made through the Parish Office – via email, by phone or in person. The Reception Desk is manned from 9:30am until 1pm and from 2pm until 5:30pm Monday through Friday. Please allow **five working days** to turn around requests, especially during September/October when there is a high volume due to school applications.

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 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.

BOOK NOW FOR ST JOSEPHS GOLF SOCIETY DAY: Just two weeks until our annual golf tournament **Friday 20 September** at **Oakland Park Golf Club** in Chalfont St Giles. Golfers are invited to join us for an 18 Hole Stableford Competition, teeing off between 1pm and 3pm. You can register as an individual or as a team of four. There will be a Presentation Dinner at 7.30pm where individual and team prizes will be awarded. Cost is £55 per head for golf and dinner; £20 per person for guests attending dinner only. Sponsors and prizes are very welcome. For further information please phone Liam on 01923 770023 or Fr Michael on 01753 886581. 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. Many thanks for your continued support.

PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT REQUIRE ANY CLOTHING AT PRESENT.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: THE YEAR OF THE WORD 2020. Scripture, the Bible, the word of God - whatever we like to call it - is at the centre of everything the Church does. It's in our prayer and worship, how we understand the world, how we are called to live and how we relate to each another. 2020 is the tenth anniversary of Verbum Domini - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 since the death of St Jerome who translated the Bible into Latin. This has motivated the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales to make 2020 a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. During the year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word.

Here at St Joseph's in preparation for this year, Fr Matt will be running three sessions on "Understanding the Bible" helping us to understand its history and context. The evening sessions will be 2, 9 and 16 October, or the morning sessions will be 3, 10 and 17.

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

CHILTERN PASTORAL AREA REFLECTION DAY: Next Saturday delegates from all five parishes in our Pastoral Area will gather together at Our Lady's School. They will prayerfully reflect on what we currently do and can build on for the future, assess the needs and opportunities for outreach within our local community and consider two new pastoral ministry roles. The findings and projects identified during the Reflection Day will be used to produce a Mission Plan for our Pastoral Area. This will be presented to Bishop Peter for his review and approval when he visits in the autumn. Please pray for everyone involved.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

"Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands."

Blessed Frederic Ozanam



At the St Vincent de Paul Society we are aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. You may have seen the posters on the notice board, which highlight the different ways in which our members support the people in their local community; this could be in prisons, schools or in their homes.

In some of these instances, being a Member of the SVP can be a challenge, but it is also rewarding work, seeking and finding those in need, giving our support with compassion, and responding where the need is greatest. If you would like to know more about the work that takes place in our local Conference please leave your contact details with the Parish Office and Stewart/Kasia will contact you.

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: None during the summer holidays.

Eucharistic Adoration: None during the summer holidays.

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