



## St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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15 September 2019

Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2

16 September SS Cornelius Pope & Cyprian Bishop, Martyrs - memorial  
20 September SS Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & companions – Martyrs of Korea – memorial  
21 September St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - feast

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£2,575**. Your continued support is appreciated.

### THE EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC)

**UGANDA APPEAL** last weekend amounted to £3,461.30. Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend on **HOME MISSION SUNDAY** we pray for the spread of the Gospel and in the **second collection** have the opportunity to support it financially.

**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 this **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)

**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.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS:** If you need your child's school application signed or require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr. Michael will be available at 9.30am, 3.15pm and 7pm on Monday's 16 and 30 September and Friday, 18 October. Please come to the Parish Office.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE:** Next meeting is on Thursday, 19 September at 7.30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

**DO THE PSALMS HAVE ANY RELEVANCE TODAY?** In this world of technology, reality television and celebrities ruling the airwaves, what place could they possibly have? It is said that the whole of human life can be found in these ancient songs and we believe that even in today's busy timetable, there is a place for them. **A one-off performance next Sunday, 22 September at 7pm** in St Joseph's Church gives people the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Psalms and their relevance in our world. Written by Robert Barham and directed by Mo Home, this innovative interpretation speaks directly to the problems and fears of modern day living, inviting all to make sense of life. So, come along and take another look – you might be surprised at what you find! There will be a retiring collection in aid of church funds and Breast Cancer Now.

**CHILTERN PASTORAL AREA REFLECTION DAY:** This Saturday delegates from all five parishes in our Pastoral Area gathered together at Our Lady's School to prayerfully reflect upon and plan for a future with an ever decreasing number of priests. The findings will be used to create a Mission Plan for our Pastoral Area which will be presented to Bishop Peter for his review and approval when he visits in the autumn. Sincere thanks to everyone who represented St Joseph's.

**PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER 9AM SUNDAY MASS:** Every week, there is an opportunity for other parishioners to pray with us. Perhaps you haven't experienced this before but many people find it to be a great encouragement. *'For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'* (Matthew 18:20). Prayer takes place in the Oratory, which is in the small and peaceful chapel behind the main altar. It can be accessed via the sacristy door to the front of the church on the left. Everyone is welcome.

**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.**

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

### 'UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE' WITH FR. MATT BLAKE:

Fr. Matt will be presenting three sessions, helping us to understand the history and context of the Bible. The evening sessions are 2, 9 and 16 October starting at 7.45pm, or the morning sessions are 3, 10 and 17 October from 9.30am. This short course will be in preparation for the coming year of "The God Who Speaks" (see below).

### THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: THE YEAR OF THE WORD

**2020.** The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have designated next year as the Year of the Word 2020, with a focus on the Bible and 'the God Who Speaks'. During the year, we will be invited to celebrate, live and share God's word in a more focussed way.

Scripture, the bible, the Word of God - whatever we like to call it - is at the centre of everything the Church does. It is in our prayer and worship, how we understand the world, how we are called to live and how we relate to each other. 2020 has been chosen for two reasons: it is the tenth anniversary of Verbum Domini - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and it is also 1,600 years since the death of St Jerome who translated the Bible into Latin.

### CALLING ALL GOLFERS: MORE PLAYERS NEEDED



for our annual **golf tournament** this coming **Friday, 20 September at Oakland Park Golf Club** in Chalfont St Giles. Play in an 18 hole Stableford Competition in the afternoon, teeing off between 1pm and 3pm.

Enjoy a Presentation Dinner in the evening where individual and team prizes will be awarded. Register as an individual or as a team of four. Cost is £55 per head for golf and dinner; £20 per person for guests attending dinner only. Sponsors and prizes are very welcome. For more details please phone Liam on 01923 770023 or Fr Michael on 01753 886581. Pick up your booking forms from the Church porch, Parish Office or website and return by Monday, 16 September.

**PARISH AGM:** Our Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Sunday, 13 October at 3pm in the Parish Centre. It is open to all parishioners and will report on parish activities and finances; including highlights from the last 12 months and looking ahead to next year.

### 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:** None during the summer holidays.

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### THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: MARIES STORY

*"I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity."*

*Blessed Frederic Ozanam*



This week of Awareness Month we would like to share with you a story highlighting the work of an SVP Conference; just one example of the ways in which our Members assist people in need.

"Marie was introduced to St Vincent's in Leeds by an SVP Conference Member. She was in a desperate state, with rent and council tax arrears and bailiffs knocking at her door. Marie was 21 years old, six months pregnant, alone and frightened. In addition, she was having problems getting sick pay from her company and received only £40 for the whole of March.

An SVP debt worker negotiated with her rent and helped Marie to set up a financial plan, so she could see her situation more clearly. A week later Marie visited again, desperate as she had no money left for electricity or food. The SVP managed to get her a small amount of funding to help with the electricity payments, and offered her a food parcel. She broke down in tears and admitted how desperate she felt - she said she had no one to help her, except for St Vincent's. The debt worker asked Marie if she would like to chat with a counsellor, which she agreed to. Since seeing a counsellor, Marie has taken more control of her life and can finally see light at the end of the tunnel."

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.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Next meeting is at 1pm on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September in the First Committee Room. Members are asked to contact Eileen Carkett regarding lunch.