

29 September 2019

Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year  
Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2



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

30 September	St Jerome, Priest and Doctor
1 October	St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor – Memorial
2 October	Holy Guardian Angels – Memorial
4 October	St Francis of Assisi, Religious - Memorial

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£2,206**. Your continued support is appreciated.

**THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** This weekend there is an appeal and second collection at all Masses. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

**HARVEST FAST DAY – Friday 4 October:** This Harvest we hear from 14-year-old Fabiano about the danger he faced on the long walk to collect water in the dark. Now that a solar powered pump has been installed in his village, Fabiano can get water safely, easily and have time and energy for school. There are many more children who still need our help and who are risking their safety and missing school to get water. Help us this Harvest by giving up a meal or having a simple meal so CAFOD can reach more children and communities. **Please use the Fast Day Envelope attached to the newsletter this week and give what you can next week.**



**SOUP LUNCH:** Join us this coming **Friday 4 October from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre** for our Harvest Soup Lunch. Enjoy a selection of delicious home-made soups in a very welcoming and pleasant atmosphere. All donations in aid of CAFOD.

**A CONTEMPLATIVE MEDITATION RETREAT DAY** will be led by Fr Matt Blake on **Saturday 12 October**. Contemplation, Meditation and Mindfulness are seemingly modern terms that actually date back to a long mystical tradition. Come and join us as we explore/examine aspects of this importation tradition, stretching from the Desert Fathers to the present day. The day will include the opportunity for some quiet time and will take place in the first Committee Room between 10am and 4pm with a shared lunch. If you are interesting in attending, please give your details to the Parish Office. There is no charge but donations to St Joseph's are always welcome.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Patrick Nagle** who died recently. The service will take place on **Friday 11 October** at 2:30pm at the Chilterns 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.

**'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".

Our **PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will take place on **Sunday 13 October** at 3pm in the First Committee Room. Parishioners are invited to submit topics for Any Other Business in writing to the Parish Council Chairman, c/o Parish Office by next Sunday 29 September.

**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 30 September and Friday 18 October**. Please come to the Parish Office.

**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.**

**OCTOBER is the month of THE HOLY ROSARY**, a time of special devotion to Our Lady. Why not do something extra for our Blessed Mother and come and join us for Rosary Circle on Tuesday or Friday evenings at 7:30pm in the Oratory (access via the Sacristy).

**JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL** warmly invites prospective students and their families to view the school at our Open Evening on Thursday 3 October from 6pm to 9pm or our Open Morning on Friday, 4 October from 9am to 11:30am. See [www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk) for more details.

**YOUTH GROUP** restarts this **Sunday 29 September** in the Parish Centre from 6:30pm until 8pm. Open to all young people from Year 7 onwards – come have some fun, food and meet new friends.

**CONFIRMATION 2020:** The Chiltern Pastoral Area, comprising the parishes of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St Aidan's, St Columba's and St Joseph's invite all parents of children in Year 9 or above to attend a meeting to review the Pastoral Area confirmation programme and registration on **Monday 14 October at St Joseph's Parish Hall starting at 7:30pm**. We invite prospective candidates to hand write a letter to their parish priest as to why they wish to be confirmed.



**APPLE PICKING:** It is now time to harvest the apples from the orchard. Adults and children are invited to join us **after 9am Mass this Sunday 29 September** – many hands make light work! It is a lovely community event and great fun, especially for children. The apples will be used to make our own St Joseph's Apple Juice which will be on sale in the coming weeks.

**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Topics for Any Other Business should be sent in writing to the Parish Council Chairman, c/o Parish Office by this Sunday 29 September. The AGM will take place on **Sunday 13 October** at 3pm in the First Committee Room. The agenda and meeting papers will be available next weekend.

## 200 Club Winners

The 200 Club was drawn at  
**The St Joseph's Furniture Market.**

The lucky winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Bradfield (£415)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sophie Hayes (£207.50)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> M.T. Carmont (£124.50)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bernard J McClean (£83)

Please collect your cheques from the Parish Office.

***Congratulations!***

## THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### GET INVOLVED!

*"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another."*  
*St Vincent de Paul*



Across the country the Society is growing steadily, however we are always on the lookout for new members. Increasing our membership will enable us to achieve our goal of helping and supporting people facing a daily struggle with isolation and poverty. Whilst volunteering can be a challenge, it is equally rewarding. As a Member you will always have the support of your Conference, as well as that of the National Society to assist you in your charitable works.

If you do not have the time to commit to the Society you are welcome to support us in any other way. Perhaps you would like to become a Friend of the SVP?

Thank you for your time and attention during Awareness Month. We hope this has helped you to get to know the Society better and perhaps motivate you to turn your concern into action. If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining our local group, please get in touch with Kasia or Stuart via the Parish Office.

**ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET** distributed £3,000 in September as follows:

The Parish	£1,500
Buckinghamshire Mind	£500
Bone Cancer Research Trust	£500
Connection Support (Padstones)	£500

### 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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