

13 October 2019

Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3



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

15 October	St Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor - Memorial
17 October	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr - memorial
18 October	St Luke – Evangelist - Feast

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,335**. Your continued support is appreciated.

CAFOD SOUP LUNCH: Thank you to everyone who marked Family Fast Day last week by attending our Soup Lunch. It was a very sociable occasion and there was a great atmosphere in the Parish Centre. £780 was raised for CAFOD. Special thanks to all the ladies who made and served the delicious soups enjoyed by our guests.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Keith Bennett** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 11am on Wednesday 16 October at Holy Name, 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 **Maureen Toomey** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 11am on Friday 18 October at St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

BISHOP PETER'S PASTORAL LETTER Extraordinary Month of Mission is now available on the website.

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

SIGN UP FOR PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Children in Year 3 or above not attending catholic schools are invited to take part in our Parish First Holy Communion preparation. To enrol for this programme, which starts in January 2020, please go to the parish website and complete the online registration form. Please contact the Parish Office with any queries.

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.**

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).

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS: To the Doyle, Draper, McCarthy and Sortino families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on these children and their families.

CONGRATULATIONS to Charlotte Sullivan and Alex Smith who were married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.



EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

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1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in his Church.
2. The witness of missionary saints and martyrs.
3. Missionary charity as a commitment to support the Church's missionary activity and communities too poor to support themselves, through Missio.
4. Biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological formation for mission.

Through these dimensions the Holy Father invites us to renew and reawaken our commitment to mission.

YOUTH GROUP continues this **Sunday 13 October**. We were delighted to welcome some new members last week and look forward to more fun, food and friendship in the Parish Centre from 6:30pm until 8pm. Open to all young people from Year 7 upwards.

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.**

ADOREMUS – COME LET US ADORE: In the month of October, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the main Church on Tuesday 15 October, the Feast of St Teresa of Avila, starting at 7:30am and ending just before the 9am Mass. Come and bring your prayers before Him, or simply remain in the loving silence of Our Lord's Presence for a little while and maybe light a candle.

Let nothing disturb you
Let nothing frighten you
All things are passing away
God never changes
Patience attains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing
God alone suffices
Teresa of Avila

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL invites prospective parents and pupils to its **Open Morning on Wednesday 23 October** from 9am until 11:30am. Headteacher talk at 10am. www.st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk

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 **Friday 18 October**. Please come to the Parish Office.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: Two vacancies exist for Governors at St Joseph's School. We are looking for parishioners who have a passionate desire to promote and support our Catholic school, and to ensure that the children receive the best education possible. If you are potentially interested please contact Fr Michael or Barry Maloney, Chair of Governors (07584 717411) for a no obligation informal chat.

SVP AUTUMN PARTY will be held on Sunday, 27 October in the Parish Centre from 2-5pm. There will be music, a quiz and bingo together with an afternoon tea and it promises to be a warm, friendly and entertaining afternoon. If you would like to come please let the Parish Office know by Monday, 21 October.

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Pope Francis will canonise **BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN** in St Peter's Square this Sunday 13 October. This will make Cardinal Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17th century officially recognised as a saint by the Catholic Church. John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was

ordained as a Church of England priest but converted to Catholicism in 1845. He founded the Oratory in England and was later made a cardinal. He is widely considered to be one of the most significant figures of the 19th century.

"Prayer is to the spiritual life what the beating of the pulse and the drawing of the breath are to the life of the body." John Henry Newman.

APPLE JUICE NOW ON SALE: The apples from the orchard have been harvested and used to make apple juice which is now on sale at £3 per bottle, two for £5.50 or four for £10. Juice will be on sale after Masses in St Joseph's this weekend. You can also buy some from the Parish Office throughout the week. Payment by cash or cheque payable to "*St Joseph's Events*".

ST JOSEPHS FURNITURE MARKET distributed **£3,000** in October as follows:

The Parish	£1,500
Samaritans (Amersham)	£500
Red Cross	£500
Sebastian Action Trust	£500

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

PARISH AGM: All parishioners are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting which takes place this Sunday, 13 October at 3pm in the Parish Centre. There will be a review of the state of the parish, including highlights from the last year, as well as looking forward to the next 12 months and beyond.

Please pick up the October edition of **THE VINE** from the Church porch.

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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