

6 October 2019

Twenty-seventh 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

7 October Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,211**. Your continued support is appreciated.

On **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY**, 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 to give what you can at our second collection this weekend.

The **Second Collection** for the **SVP** amounted to £2,104.

The **Second Collection** for **Home Mission Sunday** amounted to £997.01.

A CONTEMPLATIVE MEDITATION RETREAT DAY

will be led by Fr Matt Blake next **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 important 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 at 2:30pm on Friday 11 October at the Chilterns Crematorium. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.



EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

Pope Francis has declared October an Extraordinary Month of Mission. During this month of prayer and action, we pray the breath of the Holy Spirit will bring about a new missionary 'dawn' in the Church.

"God impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond" – Pope Francis

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 which was read at Masses last weekend is now available on the website.

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.

ADOREMUS – COME LET US

ADORE: In the month of October, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the main Church on Tuesday 15, 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

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

YOUTH GROUP continues this **Sunday 6 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.

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).

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The agenda, together with this year's **PARISH ANNUAL REPORT**, are posted on the website and available in church porches. Parishioners wishing to table questions must do so in writing no later than Wednesday 9 October. The AGM will take place next Sunday 13 October at 3pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

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

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.**

PSALMS: Our recent theatrical exploration of the Psalms and their relevance to modern day living was not only a unique evening of reflection; it also raised **£343** which will be split between church funds and Breast Cancer Now. Thank you to everyone who came along and gave so generously.

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THANK YOU – GOLF DAY: Many thanks to those of you who joined us for St Joseph's Golf Society Day at Oakland Park Golf Club recently. The weather was glorious, the staff at the club looked after us all very well and much enjoyment was had both on and off the golf course. Everyone who took part in the tournament, joined us for dinner, donated prizes, bought raffle tickets, supported the auction or made a donation helped raise **£1,448** for the parish – thank you all very much.

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 Mass in Holy Name this Sunday and after Masses in St Joseph's next weekend. You can also buy some from the Parish Office throughout the week. Payment by cash or cheque payable to "*St Joseph's Events*".

CAMEROON: In his Angelus address last Sunday, Pope Francis expressed his closeness to "the sufferings and the hopes of the beloved Cameroonian people." He invited everyone to pray for a fruitful meeting, which has taken place in Cameroon that it "might lead to peaceful, just and lasting solutions, to everyone's benefit". During the course of the conflict, which commenced in 2016, at least 2,000 people have been killed in the country's English speaking regions. We ask you please to continue your own prayers for the suffering people of Cameroon during these dangerous and troubled times.

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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