



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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3 November 2019

Thirty-first Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3

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| 4 November | St Charles Borromeo, Bishop – Memorial |
| 8 November | St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Virgin of the Carmelite Order - Memorial |
| 9 November | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast |

NEXT SUNDAY is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY and a two-minute silence will be observed before the 11am Mass.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT HOLY NAME: The Denham Air Cadets Squadron will be joining us again next Sunday at Mass. Each year they provide a guard of honour and lay a wreath at a moving and fitting tribute to those gone before. They'll be joined by our guest trumpeter and usual musicians.

SECOND COLLECTION for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund will take place at all Masses this weekend.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,127**. Your continued support is appreciated.

The **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES IN ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY** will take place **THIS SUNDAY** after the 11am Mass.

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 Friday 15 November from 7:30 to 9:30pm.

This special time of prayer could be an opportunity to come and pray for all our departed loved ones who are making their journey towards the eternal light of God. Or to simply remain in the loving silence of Our Lord's Presence for a little while.

REGISTER NOW FOR PARISH FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION: Classes for children in Year 3 or above not attending catholic schools start in January 2020. To enrol for this programme, please go to the parish website and complete the online registration form **under Diary Dates**. The deadline for registration is **Friday 8 November**; the parents meeting with Fr Michael will take place on Friday 22 November. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

SALE OF TRADCRAFT GOODS TODAY – SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER after 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and after the 11am Mass in the First Committee Room.



SAVE THE DATE: Our popular Children's Liturgy ADVENT WORKSHOP will take place after Mass on Sunday 1 December. All children (from pre-school to Year 6) are welcome to join us for crafts and carols, whilst remembering the true meaning of Christmas.

The **PARISH AGM MEETING MINUTES** are now available from the website, alongside the **2019 Parish Annual Report**. Read what Fr Michael had to say and find out what the Finance Committee Chairman reported about our parish finances. There are a small number of paper copies in the church porch for those who are not online. Further copies can be requested from the Parish Office.

POPPY APPEAL: Poppies from the Royal British Legion are now available now from the church porch or Parish Office.



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking to **recruit a school caretaker**. Full details and an application form can be found on the school website at www.st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk. For more information about this role please contact Mrs Alicia Rospedziowska, the School Business Manager, on 01753 887743.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT: All are invited to join us for a Fun Quiz in Parish Centre on **Saturday 9 November**. Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7:30pm. Tickets cost just £5 and include refreshments. Buy in advance from the Parish Office or pay on the door. Bring your own drinks. Proceeds in aid of Holy Cross Sisters Namibia School Appeal.



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

THE VINE: Please pick up your November edition from the Church porch.

APF MILL HILL MISSION: Red Box holders and donors are asked to collect their 2020 calendars from the back of the Church. Red Box holders with full or even half full boxes are requested to hand them in for counting by 15 December. Many thanks.

PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN: As you will be aware, in the absence of a sitting Northern Ireland Assembly, Westminster passed legislation earlier this year onto which was added a last-minute abortion amendment. The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland have admitted that the new abortion laws, effective from 22 October, will be more liberal than the laws currently in place across Great Britain, and in fact in the whole of Europe. There will also be a five-month absence of a regulatory framework which is further cause for grave concern.

Our own parliament is in disarray and particularly fragile at the moment and pro-abortion MPs have made it very clear that they are looking for any opportunity to liberalise abortion. The disparity that now exists gives the impetus to bring the rest of the UK into line with Northern Ireland.

We are asked to write to our MP expressing our concerns about any amendments being made at short notice to our existing abortion law, which is there to protect women and their babies in the womb. Sheets with action points are available in the church porches.

DAY OF REFLECTION: A day of reflection, inspiration, and prayer for all in ministry to the sick, whether in homes, hospitals or care homes. We encourage Eucharistic Ministers, members of the St Vincent de Paul Society and parishioners who have an interest or involvement in this ministry to join with us. This event is offered by the Pastoral Ministry Office in partnership with the St Vincent de Paul Society and will be held at Christ the King Church, Milton Keynes on **9 November**, 10-3pm – please use the following link to register www.pastoralministryoffice.org. Bring your own lunch!

LIFE CHARITY – appeal for help: Our local Life Caring Centre in Hounslow provides a much needed drop in service for young families. They are currently appealing for children's clothes and footwear and, with the winter looming, are in desperate need of children's coats. Donations of these items can be left at the Parish Office marked for attention 'Life' and these will be taken direct to where the need is.

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

Website: www.stjosephs.org.uk

Telephone: 01753 886581

Registered Charity Number 234091

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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.

BAGS2SCHOOL collects good quality second-hand clothing (adult/children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags) and soft toys that can be re-used. St Joseph's School has organised a collection on **Wednesday 6 November**. All bags are weighed and the School gets paid by the kilo for donations. Why not have a clear out over half term and support our parish school. Please bring your bags to the car park on the day by 9am. No bedding, curtains, towels or bric-a-brac please.



LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: There will be a workshop on Catholic Leadership on **23 November**, at St Mary's, Woburn Sands. This is for any parishioners in leadership positions within the parish that are looking to broaden their role, or for new people coming forward through the Pastoral Area Reflection Days. It can be very different leading in a church situation, and we will cover topics such as confident leadership, building a team and dealing with conflict. The day is free, but places are limited, so please book in advance via <http://formationpathways.co.uk/event/leadership-workshop/>.

HOLY SOULS

During November we pray especially for all the Holy Souls: those who have died in the past year, past members of our parish, our own departed relatives and friends and those who have no one to pray for them.

You are invited to place the names of loved ones in the golden box on the altar so we can remember them in our prayers.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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