



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1

17 January St Anthony, Abbot - Memorial

SHOC, Slough Homeless – Our Concern: There will be an appeal and second collection for SHOC next weekend. At its Day Centre, SHOC provides hot meals, showers and fresh clothes for rough sleepers in Slough and helps them to manage their health and get accommodation. SHOC's aim is to end homelessness in Slough.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,277**. Your continued support is appreciated.

CANON DAVID OAKLEY APPOINTED BISHOP OF NORTHAMPTON:

The Holy Father has appointed Canon David Oakley, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and currently rector of St Mary's College, Oscott, to be the thirteenth Bishop of Northampton. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect David in Northampton Cathedral at 11am on the Solemnity of St Joseph 19 March. Bishop Peter Doyle rejoices in this good news. The Bishop has worked closely with Bishop Elect David during his seven years as rector of the seminary at Oscott, and knows him to be a man of faith and prayer, and a pastoral priest and wise teacher. Bishop Peter joins the priests and deacons, and the religious and people of the Diocese of Northampton in giving thanks to God and welcoming Bishop Elect David and praying for him as he prepares for his ordination as Bishop.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Evelyn Swinburne** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 12:30pm on Thursday 16 January at St Joseph's Church. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Thomas Griffith** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 12 noon on Friday 17 January at Holy Name Church, Denham. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Cornwell** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 11:30 on Friday 24 January at St Joseph's Church. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: An event marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Holy Ghost Parish Centre, Luton LU4 8JD. A great opportunity to listen to Fr. Nicholas King SJ, who is a biblical scholar and translator of the Bible and he will speak on "Approaches to hearing and reading the Word". **Saturday 18 January**, 10am - 12.30pm. See poster in the side entrance of the Church.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: There will be an evening of prayer at the Bridgettine Convent on **Wednesday 22 January** at 7pm. Ecumenism is the main Charism of the Bridgettine Order and the Sisters invite you to join them for this service, followed by refreshments, as we mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are most welcome.

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** is traditionally observed from 18 to 25 January – the octave of St Peter and St Paul. The materials for this year's Week of Prayer have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo. On 10 February Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on the islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for this feast is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer. Hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith. In such tempestuous journeys and chance encounters, God's will for his Church and all people comes to fulfilment. As Paul will proclaim in Rome, this salvation of God has been sent to all peoples (see Acts 28:28).

SUNDAY OF THE WORD - 26 JANUARY 2020: "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His Word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." (Pope Francis *Aperuit illis* 2) Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred scripture. If we hear His voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then He will enter our lives and remain ever with us. (Pope Francis *Aperuit illis* 8).

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: Fr Matt Blake will be presenting a four session course to enable people to deepen their understanding of the context, meaning, significance and message in this book of the scriptures written by St Matthew. In this Year of the Word, we are each encouraged to listen afresh to the Word of God so we can become more open to the God who speaks. The sessions will be running Wednesday evenings at 7:45pm or Thursday mornings at 9:30am January 15/16; 22/23; 29/30 February 5/6. The course is free but donations are welcome. Flyers are available at the back of the church.

The parish is now providing a **LIVE STREAMING** service. This enables those not able to attend Mass in person to watch and listen to what is happening during Services in St Joseph's Church. All Sunday Masses, Saturday morning 10am Mass and weekday 9am morning Mass are broadcast. The live stream can be accessed via the parish website.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY sessions are held every Sunday during term time at the 9am Mass. There are five different age groups covering pre-schoolers to teens which all children and young people are invited to join in. We go out after the welcome and return after the bidding prayers. Each group covers the gospel of the day in an age appropriate way. The younger groups take part in a mix of activities – colouring, puzzles, songs, etc to bring the story to life, whilst the older groups are helped to think about the real meaning of the reading and how they can relate it to their lives.

YOUTH GROUP resumes again this weekend after the Christmas holidays. Come along for fun, food, games, laughs and meet new friends. Open to all young people in Year 7 and above. See you there this **Sunday 12 January** from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Parish Centre.

The **LONDON & 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. Please leave your donations in the metal box provided as this protects them from the elements; do not leave goods outside the Parish Centre. Many thanks for your continued support.

PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT REQUIRE ANY CLOTHING AT PRESENT.

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2020 invites you to join or renew current memberships by 31 January!

Each member is entered into 12 draws held monthly in the year, with a chance to win one of four prizes each month plus an extra two "Bonus Prizes" of £100 this year, meaning there are a total of 50 prizes to be won by a maximum of 200 members in 2020! Membership is £120 for the year (£10 per each draw). Last year we paid out an incredible £9500 in prizes to our members - this could increase to as much as £12,000 in prizes for this coming year! Total membership proceeds are split 50:50 member prizes and parish funds so value of prizes is dependant on the number of members. An email has been sent to all current members, do check your inbox (or spam folder). Full details are available from leaflets at the back of the Church, the parish office and the website, or simply email 200club@stjosephs.org.uk. Please do consider supporting St Joseph's 200 Club this year. Thank you.

The **10th ANNUAL SHOC QUIZ** is being held on Saturday 8 February in Stoke Poges. Please would you consider making up a table to join us for this enjoyable evening? Ticket prices held at £12 with a light supper included. Please contact alanmadgeslough@aol.com and see the parish website Diary Dates for the flyer.

APF Mill Hill Mission – RED BOX RESULTS ST JOSEPH'S 2019: We are pleased to report, with thanks, the generous support of St Joseph's parishioners who have donated £4,639.72 to the Mission in 2019 which included converted Foreign Coinage of £381.01. Everyone's support is deeply appreciated by Missio. There were eight anonymous donations totalling £194.53 which could not be acknowledged as the identification slips had not been completed and placed in the Red Box.

APF Mill Mission – RED BOX RESULTS BRIDGETTINE CONVENT 2019: We are pleased to report that thanks to the generous support of attendees at the Bridgettine Convent a total of £468.90 has been donated to the Mission which included converted foreign coinage proceeds of £3.80. Your support is deeply appreciated by Missio.

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

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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