



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton
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19 January 2020 Second Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2

21 January	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr – Memorial
24 January	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor – Memorial
25 January	Conversion of St Paul, Apostle – Feast



SHOC, Slough Homeless – Our Concern:

There is an appeal and second collection for SHOC this 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.

We will be using the small donations gift aid scheme for today's collection which means that the government will add 25% to all your donations. Gift Aid envelopes are not required.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,050**. 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.

Pray for God's blessing for Bishop Peter as he continues his ministry, and for our bishop-elect, Canon David Oakley

O Lord, who for the feeding of your flock have chosen your servant David as our bishop elect, grant him, we pray, a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him, he may build up in the world the sacrament of the Church.

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

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

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: There will be an evening of prayer at the Bridgettine Convent next **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 18-25 January: The theme for 2020 is "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness (Acts 28v2). See website for resources www.ctbi.org.uk.

"Forgiving God, set us free from the painful memorials of the past that wound our shared Christian life. Lead us to reconciliation so that, through the Holy Spirit we may overcome hatred with love, anger with gentleness, and suspicion with trust. We ask this in the name of your beloved Son, our brother Jesus. Amen."

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 is 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. The second session will continue next week on either the Wednesday evening 22 January or Thursday morning 23 January and you are most welcome. Flyers are available at the back of the church.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

will begin in the next few weeks. If your child would like to become part of the serving team please go to the parish website and click the link to provide your details OR email youth@stjosephs.org.uk. All servers must have made their First Holy Communion before they can participate. Please encourage your child to serve!



YOUTH GROUP continues this Sunday 19 January from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Parish Centre. Come along for fun, food, games, laughs and meet new friends. New members more than welcome – open to all young people in Year 7 and above.

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.

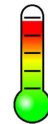
PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT REQUIRE ANY CLOTHING AT PRESENT.

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2020 is open for new members and renewal of existing memberships by 31 January! "St Joseph's 200 Club 2020"

There are 50 prizes to be won this year by a maximum of 200 members, so great odds! Membership is £120 for the year (£10 per each draw). The value of prizes fluctuates according to the number of members, in 2019 we had 166 members and paid out £9500 in prizes, with an equal amount raised for the parish. With your help we hope to have a maximum of 200 members this year with £12,000 prize fund, £1000 each monthly draw!

Thank you to the many new and existing members who have signed up; over 60% of memberships are now taken. We hope to have many more members join us in the next week. If you're not in, you can't win! For full details see website or leaflets at the back of the church.

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.



KEEP CHURCH DOORS CLOSED: Now that the cold, wet, windy weather is upon us, please help us keep the building warm by closing the door behind you when you enter or leave the church. Thank you.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:
ST JOSEPH'S SUMMER FETE will take place on Saturday 11 July. This year's team organising the event need help and welcome your ideas. If you would like to join the team, volunteer some time or have suggestions for activities/stalls please get in touch via the Parish Office.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS to

Laura Hogan and Gareth Davy and Rhea Gorman and Sean Killeen who were married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

OVERFLOW CAR PARKING: We have made arrangements with St Joseph's School to use their grounds for overflow car parking. This is in an effort to alleviate the congestion experienced by our neighbours every Sunday. If the Church car park is full when you arrive for Mass please use the facilities at the school – the gates will be open. Please do not park on Priory Road, Priory Way or The Rowans. Thank you for your co-operation.

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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