



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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2 February 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4

5 February	St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr – Memorial
6 February	SS Paul Miki and Companions, Japanese Martyrs - Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,275** Your continued support is appreciated.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Vincent Golding** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 11am on Friday 14 February at St Joseph's Church. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Brian Bradley** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 11am on Friday 21 February at St Joseph's Church. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD IN THE LITURGY:

On the Second Sunday of Advent, all those who proclaim the Word of God either by reading on Sundays or weekdays, or by leading Children's Liturgy were called forward in the Masses to be formally commissioned in their ministry. For those who were not able to be there, please call into the Parish Office to collect your certificate presented by Fr Michael. The words of the commissioning can be found on the back of these for you to read and reflect on.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY:

That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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

SALE OF TRADCRAFT GOODS TODAY – SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY after the 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and after the 11am Mass in the First Committee Room.



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 takes place this **Sunday 2 February** 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.

ADOREMUS – COME LET US

ADORE: On Tuesday **11 February**, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, from 9:30am until 11:30am there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



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in St Joseph's Church following the 9am Mass.

We mark this World Day of the Sick 'as a special occasion for growth, with an attitude of listening, reflection, and effective commitment in the face of the great mystery of pain and illness.' Pope Saint John Paul II

All are welcome to come and spend as much or as little time as you have with Jesus, who welcomes each one of us just as we are.

The **10th ANNUAL SHOC QUIZ** is being held next **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: An empty Red Box has been found in the Church entrance and the worry is that the contents might have been stolen. Please hand in full Red Boxes to either the Priory Receptionist or a Priest/Sacristan to place in the Sacristy Safe until counted and acknowledged.

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB contributes to parish funds and pays out 50 great prizes to members in the year; the first of 12 monthly draws will be held this month. Thank you to the many members who have already signed up for 2020. More members welcome! If you're not in, you can't win! Don't miss this last chance to join the 200 Club 2020 this week. **The deadline for applications has been extended to Monday 10 February.**



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.

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.

PRIORY SIDE PARKING: Don't forget that that the driveway leading up to the Priory from Bull Lane must be kept clear at all times for emergency access. When you arrive for Mass please do not park on the driveway or by the entrance to the Priory on Bull Lane.

PASTORAL AREA MISSION PLAN: Last September representatives from the five parishes in our Pastoral Area came together, as directed by Bishop Peter, to reflect prayerfully on the needs and opportunities within our community and to identify a number of local projects.

Getting a real "grass roots" perspective on our strengths and needs as well as hearing from a wide range of voices with local knowledge and experience enabled us to explore ideas from different perspectives. Four areas of focus were identified and prioritised: Liturgy, Welcoming & Social Community, Children & Youth and Communications.

Working groups need to be quickly established for each of these projects. If you feel passionate about any of these areas, have an open heart about new ways of working and have some time and energy to support us, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact Fr Michael if you would like to be involved.

The reflections, findings and initiatives identified during the Reflection Day will be used to produce a Mission Plan for our Pastoral Area. This needs to be ready by mid-March, ahead of a gathering of all Pastoral Areas on 28 March with Bishop Peter and Bishop Elect David.

CAFOD Supporters Event – All welcome: Come and hear from CAFOD's Director, Christine Allen, about her experience visiting our partners and giving input at global events, be inspired by other supporters and have an energising session. This will take place on Saturday 22 February at St Augustine Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes MK13 7PL from 10:30am – 1.30pm (coffee/tea from 10am with shared lunch from 1:30pm). Please let us know you are coming on 01494 863 777 or northampton@cafod.org.uk.



We have a few social events coming up in the Spring, here are the dates for your diary:

Saturday 14 March – Entertainment Evening

Saturday 28 March – Quiz Night

Saturday 9 May – Quiz Night

Hope you can join us!

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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