

16 February 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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Fr John Williamson OCD, Fr Matt Blake OCD

22 February The Chair of St Peter, Apostle - Feast

There will be an appeal and **SECOND COLLECTION** for the **COMBONI MISSIONARIES (Verona Fathers)** this weekend.

Named after their founder St. Daniel Comboni (1831-1881), a missionary to Sudan and first bishop of Khartoum, the Comboni Missionaries, together with their Comboni Sisters, and Comboni Lay Missionaries, form the Comboni Family: a world-wide group of about 3,000 members from diverse cultures who have dedicated their lives to following Jesus, by proclaiming by word and deed the Good News of God's love for all, especially for the poorest and most abandoned wherever they are, no matter how dire their circumstances.

For more than 150 years, the Comboni Missionaries have travelled throughout the world, sharing God's dream that all peoples might be the one family of his children, brothers and sisters to each other, and thus working to protect and promote the dignity of each one, to form communities of Jesus' disciples as seeds of a world made new, and to provide primary resources such as food, clean water, medicine, schools, and community centres.

The mission appeal is first of all an appeal to the heart of each Christian to get actively involved in God's dream of fraternal sharing and mutual hospitality, whereby the joys and hope, the grief and anguish of the others, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, become our own joys and hope, our own grief and anguish. In this is the beginning of the Kingdom of God, the dawn of the day of so much longed for security and peace.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£1,941** Your continued support is appreciated.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Oliver Plunkett** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 11am on Thursday 20 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Frank Duffy** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 1pm on Monday 24 February at St Joseph's Church. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Corina Benoist, Alessia McCormick and Luca McCormick who were awarded their Guild of St Stephens medals and Euan Coulthard, Jasmin Jassi and Lily Rivas their first year crosses recently in recognition of their service to altar serving in the parish. Well done and thank you!

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

DIOCESAN MULTI ACADEMY TRUSTS: Bishop Peter welcomes new Multi Academy Trusts - 1 February sees the formation of two new Multi Academy Trusts in the diocese. Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust (OLICAT) will encompass schools in Bedford, Northampton town and Northants whilst St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust (STCAT) will cover Luton, Central Bedfordshire and Slough. Around half of our schools are currently members of these new MATs and it remains the Bishops wish that all schools will join in time. For more information about your local Catholic school and the new MATs check the NORES website or contact us on admin@nores.org.uk.

PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER 9AM SUNDAY MASS: Every week, there is an opportunity for other parishioners to pray with us. Perhaps you haven't experienced this before but many people find it to be a great encouragement.

'For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.' *Matthew 18:20*

Prayer takes place in the Oratory, which is the small and peaceful chapel behind the main altar. It can be accessed via the Sacristy door to the front of the Church on the left. Everyone is welcome.

SAVE THE DATE – FAMILY RETREAT led by Fr Matt Blake 15-17 May. See website www.pulse-retreats.com.

PANCAKE MORNING: The St Vincent de Paul invites you to join them on Shrove Tuesday **25 February**, for a pancake morning. Come along to the Parish Centre from 9:45am onwards and enjoy freshly prepared pancakes. All are most welcome.

15-18 YEARS OLD...why not do something different this Lent? Discover "CHRISTUS VIVIT" – a letter written by Pope Francis addressed to all young people. He has a message for you, "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive." Come and join us for five Sunday evenings in Lent, starting on 1 March from 6:30pm to 8pm in the First Committee Room. Food included! Please let us know if you're interested by sending an email to youth@stjosephs.org.uk.

GIFT AIDERS: Please collect your boxes of envelopes for the next twelve months from the back of the Church. Many thanks for your continued support of this scheme. Parishioners who wish to join the scheme may do so by completing a Gift Aid Declaration form which is available from the website or Parish Office.

PLANT A POT: Calling all green-fingered parishioners – we need your help! Spring is approaching and many of us are turning our thoughts to flowers and plants for our homes and gardens. Would you please consider nurturing some seeds or plant plugs over the coming months and bring them along to St Joseph's Parish Fête on Saturday 11 July for our popular plant stall.

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.

EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE (8 April): Cost will be £699 per person. Single supplement £100. Flight with 10kg bag and five nights' Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Call Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.



ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT: Celebrate the British Isles in style by joining us on **Saturday 14 March** for an evening of music, song and dance from 7pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets priced at £15 per person (£10 for under 15's) are now on sale. Admission includes entertainment, supper, a free raffle and spot prizes. Cash Bar. Bookings and payment to be made by Monday 9 March for catering purposes.

FATHER MICHAEL'S COAST TO COAST RIDE: This Summer Father Michael and friends, the Mikes on Bikes, will be challenging themselves to another mammoth ride. This time it is Coast 2 Coast across the USA from June to August. They will cycle 4,500 miles and climb over 200,000 feet.

They are raising money for three charities:

St Joseph's Primary School – We are raising money for our parish school, every penny raised will go towards much needed resources and supplies to support them in their learning.

Water Aid – Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are basic human rights. They should be a normal part of daily life for everyone, everywhere – but they aren't. Water Aid reaches millions of people with to provide them with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene, enabling entire communities to unlock their potential, break free from poverty and change their lives for good.

Adventure Cycling – We invite you to support Adventure Cycling's mission to inspire, empower, and connect people to travel by bicycle.

The website for charity donations is <https://www.justgiving.com/team/MikesCoast2Coast2020>

You can follow their training leading up to the event and their gruelling ride on Facebook on the page Coast 2 Coast 2020 @ccoast2020. They would love people to join them on their training rides, please get in touch with Fr Michael if you would like to join them. They will also be having a shorter social ride for all, details to follow in due course.

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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