

9 February 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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10 February	St Scholastica, Virgin – Memorial
14 February	SS Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop - Feast

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** for the **Verona Fathers** at all masses next weekend.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£2,526** 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 **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.

**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 last Sunday in recognition of their service to altar serving in the parish. Well done and thank you!

**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.

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

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** will be celebrated, as it is every year, on 11 February, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. In his message entitled "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28), Pope Francis writes: "On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, Jesus repeats these words to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor. For they realise that they depend entirely on God and, beneath the burden of their trials, stand in need of his healing. Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting presence. He looks upon a wounded humanity with eyes that gaze into the heart of each person. That gaze is not one of indifference; rather, it embraces people in their entirety, each person in his or her health condition, discarding no one, but rather inviting everyone to share in his life and to experience his tender love."



This Tuesday please pray for all who are sick of body or mind, the elderly, those facing surgery or those seeking the gift of God's healing and remember those who care for them:

God of gentleness and love, we entrust to your care all those who are ill, and ask you to guide and sustain all who offer them healing and hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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 in St Joseph's Church following the 9am Mass. You are invited to join us in prayer via live stream if you cannot attend.

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.

**YOUTH GROUP** takes place this **Sunday 9 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.

*We are invited to pray for all victims of human trafficking on the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, 8 February. She is a Sudanese Saint who at the age of nine was kidnapped and sold into slavery. She suffered terribly at the hands of her kidnappers so much so that she forgot her birth name. Her kidnappers gave her the name 'Bakhita' which means 'Fortunate'.*

#### **Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking**

O God, who led Saint Josephine Bakhita from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and a bride of Christ, grant, we pray, that by her example we may show constant love for the Lord Jesus crucified, remaining steadfast in charity and prompt to show compassion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Can there be slaves in Gerrards Cross?** Yes there can. Workers in nail bars and car washes are often victims of slavery and/or trafficking. Tell tale signs are a lack of protective clothing, where only one person takes the cash or where the outlet is short lived. UK victims can often be people who are vulnerable because of limited mental capacity. Victims of sexual trafficking are usually from deprived backgrounds and, in the case of children, with no responsible adult to take care of them.

**What should I do if I suspect slavery?** The gang masters and traffickers include some very dangerous people so if you suspect you have recognised victims you should not attempt to be amateur detectives or to intervene in any way. Instead the police should be told or contact the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700.

**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](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk).

#### **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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**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.**

#### **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.**

**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.

**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. Admission includes entertainment, supper and a free raffle. Tickets priced at £15 per person (£10 for under 15's) will be on sale shortly.