



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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10 June 2018

Tenth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2

11 June	St Barnabas, Apostle - Memorial
13 June	St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,740. Your continued support is appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The **10am Mass on Saturday 16 June** will be First Holy Communion Mass for Year 3 children from St Joseph's School. We ask you to remember these children and their families in your prayers.



DAY FOR LIFE is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's **Day for Life** is celebrated **next Sunday 17 June**.

We are encouraged this year to become more aware of human trafficking and modern slavery. Pope Francis describes trafficking as "an open wound on the body of contemporary society" and it is an assault on a person's innate human dignity.

Criminals exploit some of the most vulnerable and desperate people and the police need our help to rescue and support victims who can be living and working in our own locality. A fact often not mentioned by the media is the link between forced prostitution and forced abortion. The Santa Marta Group website (santamartagroup.com) shows how the church and law enforcement agencies are working together to combat modern day slavery (e.g. recently launched Safe Car Wash App).

Our parish has links with The Catholic Worker Farm who have helped over 500 women since August 2006. www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org.

There is **SECOND COLLECTION** for **DAY FOR LIFE** next weekend at all Masses.

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

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION:

June is a month of prayer for our vocations to ministry in the Church - priesthood, diaconate, lay ministries. On 8 June we celebrated with Bishop Peter his fiftieth anniversary of priestly ordination.

The saint to accompany us in June is **St Kuriakose Elias Chavara of India**, who was a priest and social reformer. He co-founded a congregation of priests, communities of religious sisters and training centres for catechists. He was described as a priest with mud on his feet. Although a great theologian, educator and man of devout prayer, he valued action that grounded the gospel in the lives and families of those he served.

This month it is suggested that we begin our personal prayer time by asking for the grace to be more aware of God in our everyday life. God is with us in the ordinary events of life, and it is here that each of us can offer worship and hear the call to serve.

POPE FRANCIS asks us all to join him in prayer for a special intention each month. In June his prayer is that social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

SUMMER REFLECTION DAY: Our Diocese of Northampton – Liturgy Commission Spirituality Network is running a Summer Reflection Day "Talking of Love" with tasters of prayer. This will take place at the Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Jack's Lane, Turvey MK43 8DH starting at 10:15am for coffee for a 10:45am start on **Saturday 30 June**. The day will finish at approx. 3:45pm. **Booking is essential as places are limited** via NORES office admin@nores.org.uk or ring 01582 723312. Cost is £15. Please bring a packed lunch.

VACANCY – PARISH RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY: We are currently recruiting for the above position at St Joseph's for 21 hours per week. For further details, please visit www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call 01604 714840. The closing date for applications will be Tuesday 12 June.

TELEPHONE PROBLEMS AT PRIORY: We have an issue with the telephone line at the Priory which means we cannot always hear callers. BT is investigating and we hope the situation will be rectified shortly. In the meantime, please bear with us. Thank you for your understanding.



YOUTH GROUP next takes place **TODAY Sunday 10 June** from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Hall. If you are in Year 6 or above why not come and join us for fun, games and food

BOOK NOW FOR YOUTH FEST '18:

Calling all young people in Year 6 and above as well as young adults 18s to 20s. You are invited to join us for **Youth Fest '18 NEXT Saturday 16**

June from 3pm to 6pm in the paddock behind Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois HP6 5PE. A parent-free zone for the afternoon, there will be live music, games, BBQ and lots more at this **free event**. We will also be competing for the inaugural inter-parish Youth Cup. Why not come along and hang out with your mates, enjoy some food, have a bit of fun and maybe make new friends. Click the **Book Now** button on the parish website **by Wednesday 13 June** to register your place.



CARMELITE VOCATIONS: A report on the work of the Carmelite Vocations Director, **Fr John McGowan**, is now available from the website and the notice board in the side porch. It summarises his work for the English Region over the past year. Please continue to pray for vocations.

STEWARDS NEEDED FOR CAR PARK: We are appealing for volunteers to help marshal St Joseph's car park when we have special events such as First Communion, Confirmation, Parish Day, etc. or when we expect large numbers at a church or social event. If you are able to offer an hour or two on an occasional basis throughout the year, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory

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HELPING HANDS NEEDED: An 'assembling party' for the parish raffle mailing will be held on Tuesday 19 June from 9am in the First Committee Room. Any help will be gratefully received for as much or as little time you have to give. It is very organised and your help will be well used. Please stop in if you can.

SHARE THE JOURNEY: This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This campaign is called Share the Journey. You can Share the Journey by joining us on a walk. This is not just any walk; this is a walk



around the world. Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales, including our own, will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world. CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration.

Please join us for our parish walk, taking place on **Sunday 24 June from 1-3pm** starting and ending at St Joseph's Car Park. The walk is 5 miles and mostly along footpaths and some pavements and is fairly flat with just gentle ascents and descents in places. It will take from 1½ hours to 2½ hours depending on the speed of the walkers. Detailed directions are provided along with a map of the route. There will be a shorter walk option for the less able. There is no sponsorship or fundraising involved and light refreshments will be available after the walk. Please contact Ged at gnolan@cafod.org.uk to register or for further information.

LONDON AND 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. Many thanks for your continued support.

Please use the metal box provided: do not leave goods outside the Parish Centre.

ST JOAN OF ARK P.F.A. is holding a Golf Day on Friday 22 June at Grims Dyke Golf Club, Middlesex. Cost will be £50 per player. To guarantee your place please contact Sean Lawlor ASAP at seanlawlor@hotmail.com or 07948 568217