

10 September 2017  
Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year  
Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2



**St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton**

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

Fr Michael Spain OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Robert Davies OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

13 September St John Chrysostom – Bishop & Doctor  
14 September The Exultation of the Holy Cross – Feast  
15 September Our Lady of Sorrows  
16 September SS Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop -  
Martyrs

**VOLUNTEER MISSIONARY MOVEMENT (VMM) APPEAL**  
last weekend amounted to £964.45. Thank you for you  
for your support.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted  
to £2,425. Your continued support is appreciated.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for  
the repose of the soul of Patricia Sewell who died  
recently. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 12  
September at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church. We extend  
our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

Your prayers are also requested for the repose of the  
soul of John Neto who died recently. The funeral will take  
place on Thursday 14 September at 11am in St Joseph's  
Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his  
family and friends.

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

**SONGS OF PRAISE:** Our Holy Name choir are joining  
with St Mary's choir for a special "Songs of Praise" get  
together. This is for their patronal feast day on Sunday  
10 September from 2:30 – 3:30pm at St Mary's Church  
in Denham Village. All are welcome. Come along and  
support the choir whilst enjoying some of your favourite  
hymns.

**PARISH AGM:** Parishioners are invited to submit topics  
for Any Other Business in writing to the Parish Council  
Chairman, c/o Parish Office by next Sunday, 17  
September. The AGM will take place on Sunday, 1  
October at 3pm in the Parish Centre.

**11am CHOIR:** Rehearsals start again after the summer  
break on Monday, 11 September at 7.30pm in St  
Joseph's Church. New members are most welcome –  
see Louise after Mass or pop along to rehearsal.



**CONFIRMATION SPRING 2018:** Parents of year 9 pupils  
are invited to a meeting on Thursday 28 September at  
7:30pm in the Parish Centre about the confirmation  
course and registration for candidates to be confirmed in  
Spring 2018. Families in the parish register will be sent  
an email – please get in touch via  
[youth@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:youth@stjosephs.org.uk) if you don't receive the email  
but would like to be kept informed of the programme.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all St Joseph's  
student parishioners who have secured  
their places at university – here is a  
great website giving young Catholics  
going to university contact details for  
their new university chaplains –  
[www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/](http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/).



St Joseph's is delighted to welcome RISE Theatre, a  
professional Christian theatre company, who will be  
performing their original play "Romero – Heartbeat of El  
Salvador" on Wednesday, 4 October at 7:30pm in the  
Hall. The production tells the true story of Blessed Oscar  
Romero and his heart for the oppressed people of El  
Salvador. Romero chose to challenge those in power and  
stand up for social justice. He demanded respect for  
human rights. Come and experience this exciting new  
play, performed with energy and passion by the RISE  
Theatre team. The performance lasts approximately 75  
minutes and is suitable for adults and children 11+.  
Tickets priced at £8 (£6 concessions) will be on sale  
from the Parish Office from Tuesday.

**NEW HEAD AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL:** A warm welcome  
to Caroline Lovegrove who took up the position of  
Headteacher at St Joseph's School this week.

**ALPHA:** Explore the Christian faith at an Alpha course - a talk, ask questions, share your thoughts. Bring a friend or neighbour who may be interested in the Christian faith. An inter-church Alpha course starts with an introductory dinner on Monday 18 September at the Breadhouse in Market Place, Chalfont St Peter at 7.45pm. It continues on Monday evenings until 4 December - [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org). Collect a flyer from the porch or contact St Joseph's Church representative, John Moroz, on 07519 286638.



**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.

**We now require men's pants/boxer shorts, socks and pullovers please. Thank you.**

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

**CAFOD:** Do join us to hear about CAFOD's work with a focus on El Salvador. All are welcome. Saturday 16 September – Sacred Heart, Pyramid Close, Weston Favell, Northampton NN3 8DP. From 10:15am – 2:30pm (coffee/tea from 10am with shared lunch from 1:30pm). Please let us know if you can attend – 01844 274724 or [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk).

**CARDINAL CORMAC MURPHY-O'CONNOR RIP:** The Cardinal's body will be received into Westminster Cathedral at 10am on Tuesday, 12 September with a short service before lying in state throughout the day. At 5pm, Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate Solemn Vespers of the Dead, at which Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham will preach. The Cathedral will remain open until 8pm for visitors who may wish to pay their respects. At noon the following day, the Requiem Mass and burial of Cardinal Cormac will take place; admission will be by ticket only.



**Lord, we remember all those who are lonely and we pray that we may be able to help them find friendship.**

**The SVP welcomes the stranger** by visiting socially isolated people like Ann living in their own homes, care homes or in hospital. It reaches out to those sitting alone in cold, empty rooms, night after night, with only the television for company. Contact the Parish Office to find out more about the work of the SVP here in St Joseph's.

*"To befriend people is vital. We can't solve everyone's problems, but we can befriend them."*

Fr Paul Roche, SVP National Spiritual Adviser

**CREAM TEA: The Bridgettine Convent** are hosting a Cream Tea party in aid of funds to build a new grotto. This will take place at the Bridgettine Convent Guest House, Fulmer Common Road on Sunday, 17 September from 2pm -4pm. £5 per person, everyone welcome.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Next Sunday, 17 September,** we will celebrate our return to school and the new academic year with a 'Welcome Back Workshop' following Mass in the Parish Hall or outside weather permitting!! Please come and join your children in doing some crafts/games and having some fun or relax and catch up/meet new people in the adjoining Parish Centre at coffee.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION** for September is *"For Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen"*. Every month, the intention is published by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer). The Pontiff's new tradition of making a video-message for his intention is available for viewing at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

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**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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