

14 January 2018

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



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

14 January Peace Day
17 January St Anthony - Memorial
18 January Mass for Christian Unity

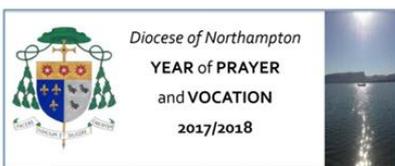
THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £3,338.00. Your continued support is appreciated.

IF YOU MISSED Fr Michael's Christmas message you can read this online via the website. It also includes a list of key dates for the parish for 2018. A paper copy is available on request from the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Margaret North who died recently. The funeral will take place on Friday, 19 January at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Maureen Landsberger who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

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



We are invited to renew our commitment to personal prayer. To help us, **Prayer Cards** are available from the

Church porch. This month we pray together for Christian Unity and celebrate the great joy of our shared baptism.

A Saint to accompany us in January...
St Francis of Assisi

Francis was born to a noble family in Assisi in Italy in about 1181. Through prayer and with God's grace, he renounced all possessions and clerical positions yet reformed the church through his lifestyle. Through his love of nature he came to venerate the God of all creatures and all peoples.

Reflecting on our own baptism and calling we can seek to find God in others, who through their own baptism, worship and serve God in different ways.

BELONGING MASS: Today children from our parish and school come together to begin their First Holy Communion preparation. They recall that they became part of God's family through their Baptism. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they journey to the Eucharist.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY sessions are held every Sunday during term time at the 9am Mass. We have a number of groups covering pre-school to teens and welcome everyone to join. We go out after the welcome and return after the bidding prayers. Each group covers the gospel of the day in an age appropriate way. We hope to welcome your children soon!

'A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS': A five week course for Lent 2018. This programme explores where the words and gestures we use in the Mass each week

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
THE MASS



come from, explaining their significance, giving insights for getting the most out of every Mass – and much more. This course will run on Wednesday evenings starting on 21 February at 7:45pm for 8pm. It will run

simultaneously on Thursday mornings starting on 22 February at 9.30am. If you wish to enrol, please contact the Parish Office to sign up. Payment of £20 per person needs to be made **by tomorrow, Monday 15 January** so your books can be ordered.

Advance Notice – **'FOLLOW ME – MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN'** will be an 8 week study course running on Wednesday evenings/Thursday mornings starting on 2/3 May 2018.

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 blankets, pants, socks and jumpers please.

NORTHAMPTON STREAMING SERVICE: Northampton Cathedral now has a live streaming service. This means that you can view Masses and/or Services via the internet when you are unable to attend church in person. Click the link from our website to see the upcoming schedule, watch something or view a recording.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The Bridgettine Sisters warmly invite you all to an evening of prayer service as part of the week for Christian Unity. It takes place on Thursday, 18 January at Iver Heath Convent at 6.30pm led by Rt. Rev. Bishop Peter Doyle, Bishop of Northampton. Ecumenism is the main Charism of the Bridgettine Order. *“Father, that they may all be one, just as you are in me and I in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.”* (John 17:21) There will be light refreshments after the service.

PARISH CENTRE & HALL CONSULTATION: The Finance Committee has reviewed the condition of the Parish Centre and Hall and it has become urgent that the parish now makes a decision as to what should be done. Three options were proposed in our New Year Newsletter (available online via the website or on paper via the Parish Office). The committee has an open mind on which option to take and would like your ideas, especially as to what you want from your Parish Centre/Hall for the future. Please submit your feedback in writing via email to pastoral@stjosephs.org.uk or via letter to the Parish Office, marked “Parish Centre/Hall Consultation”. Please could we have your views and ideas by 5pm on Wednesday, 14 February.

NEW DISABLED ENTRANCE OPEN: There is a new side door to the car park which allows easy access to St Joseph’s Church for the less able. It will remain open during the day for anyone wishing to visit the church. **The side door to the car park is now an emergency fire exit only.**



OPEN DAY AT ST JOHN’S BEAMONT: On Tuesday, 30 January. St John’s is an independent day and boarding school for boys ages 3-13. It is a Catholic and Jesuit school. Please see the website for more information: sjbwindsor.uk.



QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday, 27 January. Tickets £5, available from the Parish Office. 7.30 for 7.45 start, cash bar open from 7pm. Raffle, BYO snacks. Tables of 8 max*. Gather your friends and come along to a fun evening in the parish centre. Proceeds to the parish. **or you can’t win.*

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: The monthly meeting of the CWL will take place on Wednesday, 17 January at 2pm. Fr. Bob will be our speaker. Everyone welcome for tea and cake.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: The Directors of St Peter Catholic Academy Trust wish to appoint a new Head Teacher for St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School and Nursery Slough. It is a large successful and thriving school. Please ring 01753 645828 to speak to Mrs Sam MacKenzie or visit www.stanthonys.slough.sch.uk for further information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHANGES: A big thank you to John Forte who did seven years as our Chairman of Finance. John’s work is really appreciated. We welcome Kevin Murphy to take on the reins.

YOUTH GROUP restarts this Sunday, 14 January from 6.30pm until 8pm in the Hall. Open to young people in Year 6 and above. Come and join us, meet new friends and have fun. Why not give it a try?



LUX.be – Calling all 18 year olds for an amazing residential weekend 2-4 February at Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton. Are you confused about what God has planned for your life? Do you want to trust Him but are unsure of how to do that? If so, join NYMO (Northampton Youth Ministry Office) for this incredible experience of fun and faith. For further details and booking form go to www.nymo.org, email fiona@nym.org or call 01582 72062.

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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