

16 July 2017

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – 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 Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

Many thanks everybody for our lovely Parish Day last weekend. Particular gratitude to Celia Tobin and Christine Gosling for a job well done.

This weekend is one of goodbyes...

Isabel, our youth worker, has been headhunted by the group who trained her, Emmanuel School of Mission - no surprise to us close to her with the obvious faith and the winning personality. She leaves us with positive memories and good wishes on this challenging catechetical journey, initially in Rome and subsequently in New York.

Draz and Michaela Sliz and the three children begin an adventure into community life. Draz has given up his job so that he and his family join Cor et Lumen Christi, a group with a missionary thrust. Draz led the 5:30 Sunday Mass music and did catechetics and Michaela organised the Mothers Prayers Group as well as running the crèche for the Baptism programme and baked countless buns and cakes. The new adventure is inspired solely by commitment to the Gospel and we will miss their prayerful presence.

Fr Martin, for the umpteenth time, leaves St Joseph's towards the end of this month. He takes up parish priest responsibilities at Berkeley Road in the north side of Dublin, Eire. Martin's is a warm presence and we pray his ministry will be as much appreciated there as it was here.

Fr Michael

16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Titular and Patron of the whole Carmelite Order – Solemnity
17 July	Blessed Teresa and Companions, virgin martyrs of the Carmelite Order – Memorial
19 July	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine Grace - Memorial
20 July	St Elijah, Prophet - Feast
22 July	St Mary Magdalene - Feast



THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS CELEBRATION FOR FR MARTIN: You are invited to join us **TODAY** Sunday 16 July for a parish social as we bid farewell for now to Fr Martin. Come along to the Parish Centre **after the 5:30pm Mass** where a light supper, refreshments and entertainment will be provided – bring your own bottle.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for the month of July 2017 is "*Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.*"

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. This global initiative assists in the dissemination of the Holy Father's monthly intentions related to the challenges that humanity faces.

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

STONEMASON: Are there any stonemasons in the parish? As we start our planning for the cemetery we know that we will need the services of such a craftsman. If you are one, work for one or know of one, please let Joan Barham in the Parish Office know.

PLEASE NOTE Mass times on Wednesday 19 July will be at 7am and 9:30am. St Joseph's school children will be attending the 9:30am morning Mass.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,560. Your continued support is appreciated.

SEA SUNDAY collection amounted to £1,128.87.

The **SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE** will start from Saturday 29/Sunday 30 July. There will be **NO ADORATION or ROSARY** during August.

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.

No second hand clothing needed until further notice. Thank you.

Youth News

Please come join us for the last youth group of the Summer Term! Parents and children are welcome in the First Committee room after the 5:30pm Mass until 8pm as normal. ☺

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ST JOSEPH'S GOLF DAY: Join us for our annual golf competition on **Friday 4 August** at **Oakland Park Golf Club**, Chalfont St Giles. Tee off times from 1pm to 3pm, with presentation dinner at 7:30pm. Teams of 4 at £55 per head; dinner only at £20 per person. Sponsors and prizes are very welcome. All proceeds and donations are to St Joseph's Church. For further information please phone Liam Foy on 01923 770023 or Fr Michael on 01753 886581. Booking forms available from the Parish Office or downloaded from the website.

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS: There has been a positive response to the concept outlined in our parish-wide consultation regarding improvements to St Joseph's Cemetery. Having carefully considered all the feedback received, a decision has been made to proceed with erecting a Memorial Wall in place of the hedge adjacent to the Furniture Market. Many parishioners have warmly welcomed this proposal and are equally pleased that we intend to preserve the mausoleum and war memorial. The next step is to prepare the detailed technical drawings and specification for the wall.

200 Club Winners

The 200 Club draw took place at **Parish Day** last Saturday and the lucky winners are:

- 1st John & Ellen Digweed
- 2nd Maggie Green
- 3rd David Parkhouse
- 4th Eilish Kelly

Congratulations!



RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS



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| 1 st | £500 | Aida Foote |
| 2 nd | 4 Ball at Buckinghamshire Golf Club | Mrs Lewis |
| 3 rd | Fortnum & Mason Hamper | Angela Chan |
| 4 th | Sailing "Taster" Session for 2 | Mrs R Duncombe |
| 5 th | Family Photo Session | Callum O'Donnell |
| 6 th | Moët & Chandon Champagne | Paul/Angela Rayner |
| 7 th | Manel's Leather Handbag | Mairie Dry |
| 8 th | £50 Boots Voucher | E C Fox |
| 9 th | £40 off meal at Gusto Bistro | Harrington |
| 10 th | Lanson Wimbledon Champagne | Paula Walker |
| 11 th | £25 off food at Indigo | Rosita |

ST BRIDGET'S FEAST DAY: The Bridgettine Sisters cordially invite you for the solemn Mass of St Bridget on Sunday 23 July at 9am at the Bridgettine Convent. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome.

FINANCE UPDATE: Since the publication and distribution of "*Supporting Your Parish*" last September, the weekly Offertory amounts have increased, but I must point out that this is still mostly due to some very generous donations each week by a few, very generous parishioners, without which we might still be looking at a shortfall in income. However I can report that last year, ended 31 March, our income exceeded our expenditure by £19,293. Whilst this is a good result for us, we still owe the Diocese £89,437. We have now received planning consent for change of use for the Infant of Prague Church which means that the Diocese can put the property on the market again. As yet, our insurers have not settled our claim for the storm damage to the Denham roof three years ago. Once these two issues are resolved, we should be able to consider the outstanding work that we were unable to undertake as part of the Church refurbishment. Many thanks to all those parishioners who reviewed their weekly support of our parish and responded so generously to our appeal. Like all households, our costs are also subject to inflation and an annual review by those who can afford to do so is very much appreciated.

John Forte, *Chairman of the Finance Committee*

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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