

19 February 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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Fr Michael Spain OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

22 February	The Chair of St Peter, Apostle – Feast
23 February	St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr - Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,205. Your continued support is appreciated.

The WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE written by the Women of the Philippines will take place at Gold Hill Baptist Church on Friday 3 March 10:30 – 11:30am. Everyone is welcome at this ecumenical service. Parking will be here at St Joseph's.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the sick of our Parish and for those who have asked for our prayers.

HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH WARM:

We are doing our best to have our church

warm so it is a comfortable temperature when people come for Mass. However, in recent weeks it has been cooler, mainly because the heat is disappearing out through open doors. Please help us by shutting the door behind you when you enter or leave the church. Your understanding and co-operation will be much appreciated.



NO FOOD OR STICKY DRINKS IN CHURCH: Help us to keep our recently refurbished church clean and looking beautiful. Please do not take food or sticky drinks into the church. Thank you.

PANCAKE MORNING: Tuesday 28 February is **Shrove Tuesday** and the St Vincent de Paul invites you to a pancake morning in the Parish Centre from 9:45am.



GET READY FOR

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from **27 February until 12 March**. It is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

#FairtradeFortnight

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.

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

HEALING PRAYER

MINISTRY: Every Sunday, there are two people in the Oratory after the 9am Mass who are happy to pray with you.

This can help people to encounter for themselves the presence of God the

loving Father who desires to bring healing of mind, body and spirit to each one of us: God who desires that we know His closeness to us in all the circumstances of our lives and who guides us through them.

An evening for those interested in healing prayer will take place on **Monday 6th March** at 7:45pm in the Parish Centre. This is for anyone who would like to know more about this way of praying to bring people into the presence of Jesus for healing, restoration and comfort. For more information please contact John Moroz on 07519 286638 or via the Parish Office.

Cycle of Prayer
Ordinary Time - Winter

The Cycle of Prayer provides us with a series of prayer intentions according to the season of the year. In the coming weeks leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray especially for:

Peace on Earth
Christian Unity
Victims of Human Trafficking
The Sick and Those Who Care for Them
The Unemployed

Help us to strengthen our daily prayer as a Catholic community by including these intentions in your personal prayer.

Youth News

Youth Group will **NOT** be on this weekend.

We will resume again next **Sunday 26 February**.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Email: isabel@stjosephs.org.uk

BOOK NOW FOR PAMPER EVENING: Our **Children's Liturgy Group** are organising a pamper evening on **Wednesday 22 February** from 7pm in the Parish Centre. Ladies of the parish are invited to come along and catch-up with friends over a glass of fizz, pamper themselves with a mini treatment or simply enjoy some retail therapy! Your £5 entry includes a glass of prosecco and nibbles. A variety of treatments will be available priced at just £5 each (appointments allocated on the night on a first come, first served basis). There will also be beauty products, fashion accessories and jewellery on sale. Profits from this event will be split between the parish and a local young mum suffering from terminal cancer who needs financial help. Book your ticket now by visiting the parish website.



EYES DOWN on Saturday 25

February for our family bingo which starts at 4pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children; these include your bingo card as well as food (hot dog or pizza). Drinks and sweet treats will be on sale. Why not get out for a few hours of family fun and support Action Against Hunger. Book your ticket now by visiting the parish website.

A CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT will take place on **Saturday 25 March** with doors opening at 7pm for 7:30pm start in the Parish Centre. Join us for a fun night with raffle prizes and refreshments. Bring your own bottle. Entrance £4 with tickets available from the Parish Office. All proceeds to Northampton Cathedral.



ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET has given away **£30,000** in the last calendar year. Half of this money was given to the parish and the other half donated to other, mainly local, charities – a full list is available in the Furniture Market.

This voluntary group has been operating from Priory Road for nearly 40 years. New volunteers are needed to work on a rota basis. If you are able bodied and are willing to give a few hours of your time either on a Saturday morning or an evening during the week, the market would love to hear from you. Email furnituremarket@hotmail.co.uk or pop in on a Saturday morning between 9am and 12:30pm.

IT'S BEEN A GOOD LIFE: This is the title of the book of Memoirs of Ian Ainsley who was a very devout Catholic and parishioner at our neighbouring parish of St Aidan's, and who died in July 2015 at the age of 100. The book is a very good read both for those who knew Ian and for those who didn't. The book was published recently by Fr Ken Payne and is priced £5.90 available from him at St Aidan's on 01494 763518 or staidansinfo@yahoo.co.uk.

LADIES FASHION SHOW AND POP UP SHOP: The **Friends of St Joseph's School** are organising a Fashion Show with a Pop Up Shop at the school on Saturday 11 March. Doors open at 7pm with the show starting at 7:30pm. Admission is £5 which includes a welcome drink. There will be ex high street fashion garments from popular brands on sale at 50% or more off and you can try before you buy. For tickets and more information please contact fashionstjos@gmail.com.

A RETREAT WITH A DIFFERENCE: A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the new Retreat Centre in Walsingham, from Sunday 30 April (6pm) – Saturday 6 May (2pm). The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop by email keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk or phone 07879 953953.

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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