



## St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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19 November 2017

## Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3

20 November	St Edmund King & Martyr – Memorial
21 November	Presentation of the BVM – Memorial
22 November	St Cecilia – Virgin & Martyr – Memorial
24 November	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions Martyrs of Vietnam - Memorial

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,731. Your continued support is appreciated.

### MEETING ABOUT PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Children in Year 3 or above not attending catholic schools are invited to take part in our Parish First Holy Communion preparation. **The parents meeting with Fr Michael takes place on Wednesday 22 November at 7:30pm** in the First Committee Room. If you have not already registered, please download, complete and return the form available from the website. If you have any queries please call the Parish Office on 01753 886581.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Loraine Williams** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday, 23 November at 10am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

### 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.**

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

**BABY LOSS:** Remembering the all too brief lives of babies who did not live to birth or beyond infancy. If this has affected you or someone you know, you might like to visit the quiet prayer space in the side alcove of the Church and light a candle. This memorial will stay for the month of November.

**BOOK NOW FOR ADVENT WORKSHOP:** Places are filling up quickly for our Children's Liturgy Advent Workshop on Sunday, 3 December after the 9am Mass until 12 noon in the Hall. All children (Pre-school to Year 6) are invited to join us for Christmas crafts and carol singing, whilst remembering the true meaning of Christmas. Cost is £4 per child or £3.50 per child if more than one sibling. **Advance booking and payment by next Sunday 26 November is required.** Book online now via the website.



**Discovering a new way of experiencing the presence of God for yourself and for other people.** On Saturday, 2 December, Rev John Ryeland, Director of The Christian Healing Mission, ([www.healingmission.org](http://www.healingmission.org)) will be coming with his wife Gillian to St Joseph's Church.

As John speaks around the country, people encounter Jesus in a new way, lives and situations are transformed and frequently healing takes place.

The morning is for those who wish to find out about Encounter Prayer and to experience this kind of healing prayer for themselves (10.45am to 1pm). For those who wish to learn how to minister more confidently to others, the day will continue after lunch and end at 4.30pm. (Bring a packed lunch).

See flyers in the porch for more details and phone Maureen on 01494 870396 or Sally on 01753 883270 to register your interest.

### HOLY SOULS

During November we pray especially for all the Holy Souls; those who have died in the past year, past members of our parish, our own departed relatives and friends and those with no one to pray for them.

You are invited to place names of loved ones in the golden box on the altar so we can remember them in our prayers.

## Youth News

Youth Group continues this Sunday 19 November.  
From 6:30pm until 8pm in the Parish Centre.  
Open to all young people in Year 6 and above.  
**NO YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY.**

**SLOUGH SLEEPOUT FOR THE HOMELESS:** The London and Slough Run are organizing a sleep out to raise funds for the Homeless Emergency Winter Night Shelter on **Saturday, 25 November** at St Bernard's School, Slough. Get involved and support those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It will be opened by the singer **Patti Boulaye**, who will be singing a few of her songs during the evening and talking to those taking part. Details can be found on [www.thelondonandsloughrun.org](http://www.thelondonandsloughrun.org).

### THE ALISTAIR ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND (ARMF)

Christmas cards will be on sale at all Masses at St Joseph's from this weekend. The cost is £5 per pack of six cards and envelopes. All monies raised will support young people who wish to go to Lourdes to help the sick but do not have the financial means to afford the trip. We deeply appreciate your continued support.  
Jane & Kim Roberts.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** All parishioners are invited to join us for Christmas lunch on Sunday 10 December at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. The cost is £15 per person which includes a two course traditional Christmas dinner followed by tea/coffee with mince pies. Buy your tickets individually or as a table of 10 from the Parish Office by Monday, 4 December.

**CHILDREN'S CLOTHING NEEDED:** The SVP is looking for boys winter clothing (age 8-9 years). Please contact the SVP via the Parish Office. All your donations will be greatly appreciated.

**RAFFLE IN AID OF THE LONDON RUN:** Commencing after the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday, 19 November. CWL members will be selling raffle tickets. The draw will take place after the 11am Mass on Sunday, 26 November. There will be a Christmas hamper and other prizes to be won.

**ROCKIN ROBIN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** St Joseph's School annual bazaar takes place this coming Saturday, 25 November from 10am to 1pm. There is something for everyone – Santa's Grotto, Christmas shopping area, pocket money stall, tombolas, homemade cakes, tasty hot food etc. New for this year is the Reindeer Rodeo and the Children's Science Boffin Show. Everyone is most welcome; entry is just £1.

**URGENT APPEAL FOR COUNTERS:** There is a critical need for more volunteers to join our Counting Team which has diminished significantly as people have moved away and/or retired after lengthy service. The job is very straightforward and the commitment is just six times per year. Please contact the parish Office if you can help.

The next **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** takes place on Tuesday, 21 November at 8pm in the Priory.



### Sign Up Now for next year's 200 Club!

This year the 200 Club raised £6,575 for the parish. An equal amount was paid out in prizes to winning members. Enrolment Details and Membership Forms for next year are now available from the church porch, website and the Parish Office. The closing date for applications is 30 November 2017.

Our 200 Club is a form of private lottery. The name refers to the number of subscribers and also defines the set number of lottery tickets available. You pay to become a member, which gives you a chance to win one of four cash prizes every month. There is a bonus Christmas draw in December.

So why not join the club to be in with a chance of winning and at the same time make a valuable contribution towards the upkeep *of our parish*.

### 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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