

21 May 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

25 May	St Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, Virgin of the Carmelite Order
26 May	St Philip Neri, Priest – Memorial
27 May	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop - Feast

THERE WILL BE NO 5:30PM MASS TODAY DUE TO CONFIRMATION TAKING PLACE AT 2PM AND 5PM.

CONFIRMATION: This Sunday Bishop Peter will confirm 81 candidates from our Pastoral Area. Please pray for these young people, that they may be strengthened and nourished by the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit as they continue their journey of faith.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,607. Your continued support is appreciated.

NEXT WEEKEND there will be a second collection taken at all the Masses for the Mass Media – the Catholic Communications Network.

PENTECOST NOVENA: You are invited to join the nine days of prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our world from **Friday 26 May to Saturday 3 June**. Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

MESSY CHURCH: Children are invited to celebrate “*The Day When God Made the Church*” after 9am Mass on Pentecost **Sunday 4 June**. There will be arts and crafts, a Fruits of the Spirit treasure hunt, a Birthday cake and refreshments for parents.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: After 5:30pm Mass on Pentecost **Sunday, 4 June** you are invited to watch the movie “*God’s Not Dead 2*” in the Parish Centre, with Birthday cake, popcorn and ice cream! This film is about a high school teacher who is questioned in class about Jesus and her response lands her in deep trouble...

“50 YEARS OF AMAZING GRACE”

Pope Francis has invited all Christians and their leaders, from every denomination, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal with him in Rome this Pentecost. This event will take place not at St Peter’s as might be expected, but in the Circus Maximus, and Charles Whitehead from our parish will be speaking at this prophetic and ecumenical event, along with other leaders.

For our local celebration, next **Thursday 25 May** you are invited to an evening which commemorates this movement of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church over the last 50 years. Charles Whitehead will tell us the story of the renewing work of the Holy Spirit. The evening begins at 7pm in the Parish Centre with a shared supper (bring your own contribution please). This will be followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music, after which Charles will give his talk.

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

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.

NEW men’s underpants/boxer shorts will be welcome – these can be placed in the bin outside the Parish Centre.

READING THE WORD OF GOD:

The Northampton Liturgy Commission is leading a Readers Course at St Columba’s, Chesham HP5 3HQ on Tuesdays 6, 13 and

20 June from 7:30pm until 9pm in the Hall. Topics include The Scriptures, The Lectionary and Proclaiming the Word of God. Booking forms available from the Parish Office.



PENTECOST NOVENA

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be
created
and You will renew the face of the earth.
Our Father ...
Our Lady, Spouse of the Holy Spirit,
Pray for us.
Glory be to the Father ...
Amen

Youth News

There will be no Youth Group tonight Sunday 21 May due to the Confirmation Masses.
Please pray for our Confirmandi!

Pope Francis is calling all Youth (13-29) to fill in a poll about their life, faith and vocational discernment. "Whatever your religious belief, feelings about the Catholic Church or circumstances we want to hear from you because you are important to us." Find the poll at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll>

Email: Isabel@stjosephs.org.uk



HELPING HANDS NEEDED: An 'assembling party' for the parish raffle mailing will be held on Thursday 25 May (this week!) from 9am in the First Committee Room. Any help will be gratefully received for as much or little time that you

have to give. It is organised and your help will be well used. Please stop by if you can.

The **CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP** is looking for new members to be part of a team working on Friday mornings on a rota basis. Training will be given to help new volunteers. Would YOU like to help with this enjoyable work for the Church? If so, please contact Maureen on 01753 885578 or office@stjosephs.org.uk.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £6,000 in May as follows:

The Parish	£3,000
Leonard Cheshire Disability	£500
The Stroke Association	£500
Helen & Douglas House	£500
Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust	£500
Myeloma UK	£500
Alzheimer's Society	£500

REPOSITORY: Cards for First Holy Communion are now on sale.

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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CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS - Parish Consultation: We would like to improve St Joseph's Cemetery. We propose to upgrade the entrance, providing a better, more distinctive gate. We also suggest building a memorial wall which would provide space for commemorative plaques and could be constructed so as to accommodate vaults for the interment of ashes. For full details please see the website, notice board or contact the Parish Office.

Parishioners are invited to consider this concept and comments are welcomed. Please submit your feedback in writing via email to pastoral@stjosephs.org.uk or via letter to the Parish Office, marked "*Cemetery Consultation*". This consultation period remains open until 12 noon on Friday 26 May.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS: As lay people we are called to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life but we are also called to give our gift of prayer to those already ordained. Priests have given up their lives to be as much like Christ as possible and this is never easy. We may love our priests or we may struggle with them but one of the best things we can do for them is pray for them. So the Emmanuel Community is inviting each of you to pray just a few minutes each day for priests. If you want to be part of this please take a prayer card from the back of the Church.

ORDER YOUR HANGING BASKETS NOW: Order Forms for hanging baskets, potted plants and summer bedding are available from the Church porch or via the website. Deadline for orders is Wednesday 31 May.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: Next meeting is on Thursday 25 May at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

200 Club Winners

The 200 Club draw took place at the **Catholic Women's League** on Wednesday and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Carmel Kealy
- 2nd John Forte
- 3rd Catherine Miller
- 4th Siobhan Chana

Congratulations!