

24 September 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



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

27 September St Vincent de Paul, Priest - Memorial
29 September SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels - Feast
30 September St Jerome, Priest & Doctor - Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,646. Your continued support is appreciated.

RCIA/Focus on Faith: We resume our evenings when we explore our Faith this **Tuesday 26 September** at 7:30/8pm. If you are seeking Baptism, Confirmation or wishing to come into full communion with the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr Michael.



CONFIRMATION SPRING 2018: Parents of year 9 pupils are invited to a meeting on **Thursday 28 September** at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre about the confirmation course and registration for candidates to be confirmed in Spring 2018. Families in the parish register will be sent an email – please get in touch via youth@stjosephs.org.uk if you don't receive the email but would like to be kept informed of the programme.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The agenda, together with this year's **Parish Annual Report**, are posted on the website and available in church porches. Parishioners wishing to table questions must do so in writing no later than Wednesday 27 September. The AGM will take place next **Sunday 1 October** at 3pm in the Parish Centre.

Our **HARVEST SOUP LUNCH** in support of CAFOD takes place on Friday 6 October. Come along and enjoy a selection of delicious home-made soups which will be served from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre.

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

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS coming soon – more details next week.



RISE THEATRE PERFORMS "Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador" in the Hall on **Wednesday 4 October** at **7:30pm**. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn about the life and legacy of a man who chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. The true story of Blessed Oscar Romero and his heart for the oppressed people of El Salvador is brought to life with explosive energy and passion from the RISE theatre team, accompanied by an original sound track and inspiring graffiti set design. The performance lasts approximately 75 minutes and is suitable for adults and children 11+. Tickets priced at £8 (£6 concessions) are on sale after Masses this weekend or from the Parish Office.

"A challenging and moving production about the life and legacy of this great man of justice."

Bridget Fenwick, CAFOD

INDUCTION MASS FOR NEW HEADTEACHER:

Parishioners are invited to the Induction Mass for **Caroline Lovegrove**, the new head of St Joseph's School, this coming **Wednesday 27 September** at **7pm** in **St Joseph's Church**, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

WAITROSE GREEN TOKENS: Shoppers at Waitrose in Gerrards Cross can support **The London and Slough Run** by popping their green tokens into their section of the 'Community Matters' box.

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 men's pants/boxer shorts, socks and pullovers please. Thank you.

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

NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE (NPVS) & THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO:

Visitation at the Cathedral of St Mary & St Thomas, Kingsthorpe Road, Northampton, NN2 6AG on Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October. Enthronement and Crowning of the NPVS of Our Lady of Fatima, Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Doyle, followed by Veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. For details call Canon Mark Floody on 01604 714556.

Youth News

Youth Group restarts **TODAY** in the Parish Centre at 6:30pm to 8pm and includes food. For 11-18 year olds – come along and give it a try.

PASTORAL AREA CHANGES: As of this weekend, the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Great Missenden becomes part of the South East Bucks Pastoral Area and will be served by Fr Alessandro Renò from Chesham. Our Pastoral Area, dedicated to the Venerable Mary Ward, already includes St Aidan's in Little Chalfont, St Columba's in Chesham and Our Lady's in Chesham Bois as well as ourselves here in St Joseph's.

OFSTED RESULTS FOR ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: The Head Teacher, staff and governors are delighted to announce the School has received a **GOOD** overall rating following its recent inspection:

Personal development, behaviour and welfare:

Outstanding

Effectiveness of leadership and management: **Good**

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment: **Good**

Outcome for pupils: **Good**

Early years provision: **Good**

Open Mornings for prospective parents and pupils take place on Wednesdays **11 and 18 October** from 9am until 12 noon.

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL is delighted to invite prospective pupils and parents to an Open Evening on Thursday 5 October from 6-9pm and also an Open Morning on Friday 6 October between 9-11:30am. For more details please go to www.joa.herts.sch.uk.

QUIZ NIGHT: Join us for a charity quiz on Saturday 21 October at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Entry is £4 per person which includes light refreshments. Bring your own drinks. There will also be a raffle.

RACE NIGHT: A Race Night with a difference, no film, but with spectator participation and tote, will be held in the Hall on Saturday 11 November. Why not make a diary date? More information to follow.



September is SVP awareness month and the theme this year is "**Welcoming the Stranger**". Over the past few weeks we have seen how the SVP works with those who are homeless, grieving, lonely and hungry.

Volunteers, motivated by their faith, seek and find those in need and offer them sincere friendship as well as practical and personal help. Last year the SVP supported 78,748 individuals and families across the UK. 8,029 full members made 445,527 visits, giving material assistance such as food or transport on 97,665 occasions – this includes the work carried out by our local district. Read more about "**Our Work in 2015/16**" on the notice board or via the website or contact the Parish Office to find out more about the work of the SVP here in St Joseph's.

Next weekend there will be an appeal and second collection at all Masses. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS: If you require your child's school application or Certificate of Catholic Practice to be signed, Fr Michael will be available on **Thursday 5 October at 9:30am and 2:30pm, 12 and 19 October at 9:30am; 2:30pm and 7pm.** Please come to the Parish Office



CONGRATULATIONS to Marie Mule and Scott Stanton who were married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to Cannon family whose daughter Lucy was baptised recently. We ask God's blessings on this child and her family.

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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