

26 November 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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 Robert Davies OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

29 November Bl. Denis and Redemptus, martyrs of the Carmelite Order - Memorial
30 November St Andrew, Apostle, Feast

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,407. Your continued support is appreciated.

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING will take place on Saturday 9 December at 3:30pm in St Joseph's Church. Fr Michael will celebrate Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent and there will be anointing with the oil of the sick and the opportunity for prayer. All of us need healing be it in mind, body or spirit so everyone is most welcome to attend. The SVP invites you for tea and cake after the service in the First Committee Room.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Jeffrey Kuo** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 30 November at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

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

DO YOU SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

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.



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) 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.

ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT FOR ADVENT WORKSHOP: There are just a few spaces left for our popular Children's Liturgy Advent Workshop which takes place **next Sunday 3 December**. All children (Pre-School to Year 6) are invited to join us for Christmas crafts and carol singing after 9am Mass until 12 noon in the Hall. We have lots of new and exciting activities this year! Cost is £4 per child or £3.50 per child if more than one sibling. **Advance booking and payment is required.** Book online now via the website and hand your payment into the Parish Office.

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.



If you've never been to Youth Group – interested/curious – come along **next Sunday 3 December** at 6.30pm to the Parish Centre for fun, food, games, laughs and meet new friends. A “trial” evening to see if it inspires you to come again. Open to all young people in Year 6 and above. See you there!

An **EMAIL OF ADVENT ACTIVITIES** was sent to all parishioners this week. If we don't have your email, there is a printed out copy for you at the back of church today. This is an opportunity to provide an email address or register with the parish or get in touch on admin@stjosephs.org.uk. Any help with delivery to the 160 families would be appreciated. We have a list by postcode and surname to facilitate! Please ask at the back after Mass.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR 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 pie. There will be a cash bar as well as a festive raffle, for which donations

would be gratefully received. Buy your tickets individually or as a table of 10 from the Parish Office by Monday 4 December.



Our **SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY** will take place on Sunday 16 December between

2pm and 4:30pm in the Parish Centre. Parishioners are very welcome to join us for festive food, fun and fellowship. Guests please RSVP to Nan Jacobson via the Parish Office as soon as possible. Offers of help with transport would be appreciated.

RAFFLE IN AID OF THE LONDON RUN: CWL members will be selling raffle tickets with the draw taking place after the 11am Mass **TODAY**. There will be a Christmas hamper and other prizes to be won.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, ADVENT CALENDARS AND DIARIES are now on sale in the Repository.

THANK YOU to all those kind parishioners who supported Alistair's fund either by buying cards or donations over the last two weekends. With your generosity £2,334 was raised, for which we are deeply grateful.
Jane & Kim Roberts

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.

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



“IF YOU'RE NOT IN YOU CAN'T WIN!”

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.

This year the 200 Club raised £6,575 for the parish. An equal amount was paid out in prizes to winning members. 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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