

27 August 2017

Twenty-First 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

28 August	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor - Memorial
29 August	The Passion of St John the Baptist – Memorial
1 September	St Teresa Margaret Redi, Virgin of the Carmelite Order - Memorial

MONDAY 28 AUGUST is a Bank Holiday so there will be only one Mass at 10am at St Joseph's.

MASS TIMES will return to normal next weekend 2/3 September.

VOLUNTEER MISSIONARY MOVEMENT (VMM) APPEAL will take place at all Masses (except 5:30pm on Sunday) at St Joseph's next weekend. The VMM send Catholic volunteers overseas to work in fields such as healthcare, education and community development. There will be a second collection at all Masses.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,341. Your continued support is appreciated.

PRAYING THE ROSARY will recommence on Tuesday 5 September.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will recommence on Wednesday 6/Thursday 7 September.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ADORATION: In the peace and quiet of the Oratory, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Wednesdays and Thursdays where you are invited to spend time resting, reading or praying in the presence of the Lord. Currently we only have skeleton cover and sadly for some hours we have no volunteers so the Blessed Sacrament has to be put away. *Can you offer one hour of your time once a week? Or even once a fortnight?* If no one comes forward, we will have no choice but to reduce the hours and/or days Eucharistic Adoration takes place when we resume in September. For more information please contact Joan Barham at the Parish Office.

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

SAVE THE DATE: "Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador" is a new play by RISE Theatre in association with The Archbishop Romero Trust, looking at the life and legacy of a man who chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. The story of Oscar Romero and the 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. Join us on Wednesday 4 October at 7:30pm in the Hall.

ALPHA: Explore the Christian faith at an Alpha course - a talk, ask questions, share your thoughts. Bring a friend or neighbour who may be interested in the Christian faith. An inter-church Alpha course starts with an introductory dinner on Monday 18 September at the Breadhouse in Market Place, Chalfont St Peter at 7.45pm. It continues on Monday evenings until 4 December - www.alpha.org. Collect a flyer from the porch or contact St Joseph's Church representative, John Moroz, on 07519 286638.



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for August is "For Artists: *That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.*" Pope Francis has dedicated the month of August to praying for artists, praising them in his latest prayer video as heralds of God's beauty, and asking that through their work, they would help humanity discover the wonder of creation – "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Gn 1:31). He says "The arts give expression to the beauty of the faith and proclaim the Gospel message of the grandeur of God's creation. When we admire a work of art or a marvel of nature, we discover how everything speaks to us of Him and of His love."

TEA IN THE POT resumes on Wednesday 6 September in the Parish Centre from 8:30am onwards. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and make new 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 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.



THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be starting back at the 9am Mass on Sunday 3 September. All new members are very welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA will take place from 23 to 28 October flying from Gatwick to Lisbon by Monarch. Staying at Hotel Lux Mundi with meals including breakfast and dinner. Cost is £580 for five nights (plus single room supplement of £100). The Spiritual Director is Fr Stan Maciuszek. Places are limited so make contact early to avoid disappointment. Please ring Matthew Fernandes on 01753 675786 or mobile 07958 666067.

SVP CASH4COINS: Turn your leftover holiday foreign currency or old, obsolete coins into cash for the SVP. Pop your redundant currency into our collection bottle in the Parish Office and support the work done locally in the parish. Thank you for your support.



SVP AWARENESS MONTH: September is SVP awareness month and the theme this year is "**Welcoming the Stranger**". Over the coming weeks we will cover the different aspects of the Society's work in our parish.



Lord, let us see everyone as a friend.

The SVP offers practical and emergency financial help to those in need like Alan. It also helps individuals on low income support in local hostels and sheltered accommodation by way of clothing furniture and appliances. Contact the Parish Office to find out more about the work of the SVP here in St Joseph's.

"Let us allow ourselves to be evangelised by the poor." This is the very strong message of the Pope, which we consider is the core of our Vincentian commitment.
Bertrand Ousset, Former National President of SVP France

TEA AND CHAT: All welcome for Tea and a Chat in the first Committee Room from 2pm to 4pm every Thursday, continuing without any break throughout the summer holidays.



SONGS OF PRAISE: Our Holy Name choir are joining with St Mary's choir for a special "Songs of Praise" get together. This is for their patronal feast day on Sunday 10 September from 2:30 – 3:30pm at St Mary's Church in Denham Village. All are welcome. Come along and support the choir whilst enjoying some of your favourite hymns.

Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am and 11am
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 – will resume on 5 September

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory – will resume on 6 September

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