

29 April 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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1 May	St Joseph the Worker - Feast
2 May	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church – Memorial
3 May	SS Philip and James, Apostles – Feast
4 May	Martyrs of England and Wales - Feast

BISHOP PETER'S PASTORAL LETTER FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (last weekend) is now available on the website.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION:

April is a month of prayer celebrating our Baptismal vocation, especially the contribution of single people to the Church.

The saint to accompany us in April is **St Frances of Rome**. St Frances was married for forty years but her husband was away for much of the time in intercity wars and she became a single parent. She took responsibility for running the family estates. Additional tragedy came when two sons died of the plague. She opened her own house to the poor and sick and led other wealthy ladies of Rome in prayer and nursing the needy. We are asked this month to set aside time to pray at the beginning and end of the day.

THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY: JOY FOR THE WORLD is the theme for this year's World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018 in Dublin. Pope

Francis will be taking part in the 'Festival of Families' as well as presiding at Holy Mass. This event is open to anyone. Information about the full programme, tickets and registration can be found via the link on the parish website or www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

This international event of prayer, catechesis and celebration brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect on the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

Fr. Michael hopes to go and would love to hear from anyone else who is interested. If you are holidaying in Ireland at that time, you might consider visiting for a day.

FEAST DAY - 1 MAY ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Did you know that St Joseph is patron saint of the Universal Church, of a happy death, of families, of fathers, of expectant mothers, of craftsmen, engineers and working people in general? There is a beautiful stained glass window in our Church depicting St Joseph the Worker.

In preparation for his Feast Day, we can pray this prayer as a novena.

Dear St Joseph, the Father called you to be the protector and provider for His Son and His Holy Mother Mary. In this year of prayer and vocation, guide each one of us to recognise our own unique vocation. Teach us to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God gives us to support. May we work diligently to provide for and protect our own families and the family which is your universal church. St Joseph, Patron of Workers - pray for us.

THE OFFERTORY

COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,625. Your continued support is appreciated.

The second collection on Good Friday for the **HOLY LAND SHRINES** amounted to £1,085.85. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION: The 11am Mass next Sunday 6 May will be a First Holy Communion Mass for parish children who do not attend catholic schools. They have been preparing for this sacrament since January. We ask you to remember these children and their families in your prayers.

FOLLOW ME : MEETING

JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: A reminder for those who have registered and paid for this Bible study course, the first session starts this **Wednesday evening 2 May** at 7:45pm for 8pm and also this **Thursday morning 3 May** at 9:30am. It will be in the First Committee Room and refreshments will be available at the start of each session.

PILGRIMAGE TO AVILA – In the Footsteps of St Teresa:

Fr Matt Blake will lead a pilgrimage to Avila from 1 - 8 October 2018; visiting Toledo, Avila, Alba des Tormes, Segovia, Fontiveros and Medina del Campo. For more information, please visit the parish website or speak to Fr Matt. Reservations may be made through Barbara Thacker via email at barbarathacker57@googlemail.com. Please book early as places are going fast.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Brenda Snuggs who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 10 May at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Helen Robertson Creasey was an active member of the parish with her husband John for 37 years and was the Parish Office secretary for the last ten years of her working life. For the past two years she has resided in a Residential Care Home in Kent close to her two children. If anyone wishes to attend, the Funeral Service and Requiem Mass for Helen is at 2pm Friday 4 May at the Church of Our Lady Dover, 24 Old Park Hill, Dover CT16 2AW.

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

FUN WAY TO EXPLORE CSP: Young people and their families are invited to join our Youth Group **TODAY** for a treasure hunt themed **Treasure Trail** around Chalfont St Peter. Spend the afternoon exploring the village in teams as you follow the trail route, solving clues, discovering hidden corners and taking in the sights! **Meet in the Parish Centre at 1:45pm.**

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.

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

THE HEART OF THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM: The St Vincent de Paul invites you to join them for a talk next **Thursday 3 May** at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre. Scott Albrecht from the Catholic Worker Farm will be speaking about their work with asylum seekers, victims of honour based violence and trafficked women. Scott and his wife Birthe currently live with 20 wonderful 'sisters' and their children. They have lived with, and supported, over 500 women and children since they moved into the farm 12 years ago. African beans, rice and plantain will be served for supper, accompanied by a 'taster' of traditional African music. This evening is FREE and all are welcome. www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org

THANK YOU PARTY: All The London and Slough Run volunteers and benefactors together with their partners are invited to the party which will be held on Saturday May 12 at 7pm in the Parish Centre. There will be an update on all the activities and achievements of the Charity over the last year. There will be a buffet and cocktails which have been kindly donated. Please RSVP to thelondonandslooughrun@gmail.com by 5pm Monday 7 May.

PAMPER EVENING: *Calling all ladies in the parish...* you are invited to join us for a relaxing evening of pampering on Friday 18 May from 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Why not have a catch-up with friends over a glass of fizz, pamper yourself with a mini treatment or simply enjoy some retail therapy! Admission is £5 and includes a glass of bubbly and nibbles. Tickets on sale now from the Parish Office.

BAGS2SCHOOL collects good quality second-hand clothing (adult/children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags) and soft toys that can be re-used. St Joseph's School has organised a collection this coming **Friday 4 May**. All bags are weighed and the School gets paid by the kilo for donations. Why not have a clear out of your wardrobe and support our parish school. Please bring your bags to the car park on Friday morning **by 9am**. No bedding, curtains, towels or bric-a-brac please.



COMING SOON HANGING BASKETS: Order Forms available shortly for our very popular hanging basket and plant sale.

200 Club Winners

The 200 Club draw was drawn by the **London Run Packers** on Monday and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Kathleen Cornwell
- 2nd Gerry and Maria Brennan
- 3rd Kate Turner
- 4th Christine Cornwell

Congratulations!

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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