

29 October 2017

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

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

1 November	All Saints – Solemnity and Holy Day
2 November	All Souls – Solemnity
4 November	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Memorial

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS on Wednesday 1 November:

Holy Day of Obligation Masses in St Joseph's are at 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.

MASS FOR HOLY SOULS: 7:30pm Mass in St Joseph's Church on Thursday 2 November is for Holy Souls departed during the past year. We have tried to contact each bereaved family who have had a funeral going from St Joseph's in the last 12 months. It is the first time we will have a special Mass for this. Anyone who has lost a relative or friend is invited to come along. Like last year, we will have a golden Holy Souls box on the altar during November where you can place names of those departed so we can remember them in our prayers.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES IN ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY

will take place next Sunday 5 November after the 11am Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY there is a second collection for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

THANK YOU very much for your contribution of £1,286.25 to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of peace with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting Missio throughout the year please go to www.missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,460. Your continued support is appreciated.

REGISTER NOW FOR PARISH FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION: Classes for children in Year 3 or above not attending catholic schools start in January 2018. To enrol for this programme, please download, complete and return the registration form available from the website. The parents meeting with Fr Michael will take place on Wednesday 22 November at 7:30pm. If you have any queries please call the Parish Office on 01753 886581.



FATIMA 100 – MIRACLE OF THE SUN: This month Children's Liturgy commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. Children and young people in each group, having learned about Our Lady's final apparition to the shepherd children, prayed together and created artwork which is now on display in the alcove. Please stop by, take a look and then perhaps linger for a few minutes longer, offering a prayer or lighting a candle by the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the Mortuary Chapel.

LETTING THE KINGDOM COME: Discovering a new way of experiencing the presence of God for yourself and for other people. On Saturday 2 December, Rev. John Ryland, the Director of The Christian Healing Mission (www.healingmission.org) will be coming to St Joseph's Church. More details to follow.

AGM MEETING MINUTES: Read this year's Annual General Meeting Minutes and see what the Finance Committee Chairman had to say about our parish finances. Copies are now available from the website or church porch, alongside the 2017 Parish Annual Report. Paper copies can be requested from the Parish Office.

BISHOP PETER'S PASTORAL LETTER FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY is available on the website.

RECRUITING CATHOLIC LEADERS: Are you someone could serve our children by teaching, working or volunteering in a Catholic school? We are looking for teachers, leaders and governors across the Diocese. For details contact NORES on 01582 723312 or main@nores.org.uk.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the Oberto, Emery, Simpson, Ballhatchet and Green families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessings on these children and their families.

Youth News

No Youth Group this Sunday as it is Half Term. Youth Group resumes next Sunday, 5 November from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Parish Centre. Open to all young people in Year 6 and above.

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.

We now require men's socks please.

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

APPLE JUICE NOW ON SALE: The apples from the orchard have been harvested and used to make apple juice which is now on sale at £2.50 per bottle. You can buy from the Parish Office; payment by cash or cheque payable to "St Joseph's Events".

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 on **Wednesday 1 November**. Why not have a clear out of your wardrobe and support our parish school. Please bring your bags to the car park on Wednesday morning **by 9am**. No bedding, curtains, towels or bric-a-brac please.



HORSES continue on the gallops and are showing good form. Tickets and horses are still available for our **FAMILY RACE NIGHT on Saturday 11 November 2017**. Please email Paul Smith at pwandmtsmith@gmail.com to reserve your tickets and buy your horses. Entrance to the Silver Ring is only £5 per person and it is free for children aged 10 and under. Buy and name your horse(s) for just £5 each.



CONGRATULATIONS to Lucy Bates and Darren St Ledger who were married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

APH MILLHILL MISSION: Members are asked to collect their Mission Today 2018 calendar from the back of the Church.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £2,700 in October as follows:

The Parish	£1,350
The Samaritans (Amersham)	£450
British Red Cross	£450
DEC Burma Appeal	£450

SLOUGH SLEEPOUT FOR THE HOMELESS: John Power, Chairman of the charity, said: "Our Emergency Winter Shelter is run by teams from churches in the area, across all faiths and in partnership with Slough Borough Council. Together, they welcome those with no homes and provide a hot meal, bedding, a safe place to sleep and breakfast the following morning. The positive impact this has on everyone involved is invaluable to the community. Unfortunately, though we face a real challenge; the numbers of rough sleepers in Slough is rising with 50 people using the shelter in 2017. We need funds to be able to reach as many as possible. The more people that join us for the "Slough Sleep Out" on **November 25**, the more we can help the community this winter. We are asking people to give for one night, so that we can help others during the hardest months of the year. This year we helped 22 guests find accommodation and 11 found employment." Slough Sleep out for the Homeless will take place at St Bernard's School, Slough and will be in a fully-managed and secure environment. Details can be found on www.thelondonandslooughrun.org

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION is asking the nation to **Rethink Remembrance** by recognising the sacrifices made by the Armed Force community, past and present. By wearing a poppy, you aren't just remembering the fallen: you're supporting a new generation of veterans and Service personnel that need our support. Poppies and associated items are available in the Church Porch and Parish Office.



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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