

30 July 2017

Seventeenth 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 Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest - Memorial
1 August	St Alphonsus de Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church - Memorial
4 August	St John Vianney, Priest - Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,506. Your continued support is appreciated.

PRAYING THE ROSARY will recommence on Tuesday 5 September.

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

WHAT IS R.C.I.A. and why is it important? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way in which we welcome and share with others our faith and our way of life as Catholic Christians. The R.C.I.A. is not a programme but the process by which we engage with others who seek the face of Christ. It involves the whole parish and is the responsibility of all the Baptised. This is the way adults are welcomed into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. If anyone is seeking any of these Sacraments and so become into full communion with the Church please contact Fr. Michael. Our Sessions start in September with the Inquiry stage when people come and see and ask questions, checking it out, but aren't yet ready to commit.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Rob Fox who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 3 August at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

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

PASTORAL AREA CHANGES – STATEMENT FROM BISHOP PETER

"Statement for the Parishes in the three Pastoral Areas of Aylesbury, Mid Bucks and South East Bucks.

Following the visitation of the three Pastoral Areas and the meetings with clergy and people in each Pastoral Area, the Bishop, after consultation with all the clergy, has decided the following:

That the three Pastoral Areas will be reconfigured as two Pastoral Areas

That Great Missenden will become part of the South East Bucks Pastoral Area and will be served by the priest at Chesham.

That the Parishes of Haddenham and Long Crendon and Princes Risborough will become part of the Aylesbury Pastoral Area together with Wendover which will be served by the priest at Bedgrove.

The new configuration will take effect from the weekend of 23/24 September 2017.

Bishop Peter prays for God's blessing on the new configuration and asks for a positive response from all the communities involved, and especially from the Parish of Great Missenden and Wendover which now divides with a priest no longer being resident in Great Missenden."

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN. We really appreciate your cooperation by not bringing food or sticky drinks into the church. It has made such a difference in keeping our lovely church clean and looking beautiful.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

As in previous years, Mass times are reduced during the holiday season.

Mass times in St Joseph's will be:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm; Sunday Masses at 7:45am and 11am only

Mass in Holy Name, Denham (near UB9 5AR) at 9:30am on Sunday

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath, SLO ONR – Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday at 9am

Normal Mass times will resume from Saturday 2/Sunday 3 September

Youth News

As you hopefully will have heard by now I've sadly left St. Joseph's so just wanted to write a few words to say thank you so much for welcoming me into the parish. I've really enjoyed being here! Thank you to all who've been a part of anything to do with 'youth' whether it has been helping me to run something or just turning up. I pray that things keep moving forward and that we all continue to discover the love God has for us.

Isabel

FINAL CHANCE TO BOOK FOR ST JOSEPH'S GOLF DAY:

Join us for our annual golf competition on **Friday 4 August** at **Oakland Park Golf Club**, Chalfont St Giles. Tee off times from 1pm to 3pm, with presentation dinner at 7:30pm. Teams of 4 at £55 per head; dinner only at £20 per person. Sponsors and prizes are very welcome. All proceeds and donations are to St Joseph's Church. For further information please phone Liam Foy on 01923 770023 or Fr Michael on 01753 886581. Booking forms available from the Parish Office or can be downloaded from the Parish website.

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.

No second hand clothing needed until further notice. Thank you.

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

The **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES** from the recent meeting are now available on the website.

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE: Niall Jones, a young parishioner is representing Southampton University on University Challenge on Monday 31 July at 8pm BBC2.

CREAM TEA: Parishioners are invited to the Catholic Women's League Cream Tea in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 9 August, in aid of the Thames Hospice Care and CWL Funds. We will have delicious homemade scones and cake, along with a selection of raffle prizes and a Bring & Buy stall. Please bring a friend with you.



JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: Next meeting is on Thursday 3 August at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

An **EMAIL: Summer Mass Schedule and Parish Golf Day**



was sent to all parishioners this week. If you are online and didn't receive it then it means we don't have your email address. This is an opportunity to provide your details or register with the parish – contact us via admin@stjosephs.org.uk.

BRASS CLEANERS NEEDED: Can you spare an hour or so once every three months? We need help keeping the church brasses (such as candlesticks) clean and in good condition. Please let the Parish Office know if you can help.

NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL DEVELOPMENT

CAMPAIGN: Father Mark Floody is delighted to share with us that due to recent gifts and pledges received; the Cathedral development campaign total has reached over £2.29m. This includes donations from the Cathedral community, parishes like ours, local supporters and grant-making trusts.

For further information about the project and how you can lend your support, if you haven't done so already, please visit the Cathedral website at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/the-cathedral/cathedral-centre> where you can watch a video presentation about the proposed Cathedral Centre. The Campaign Office is based in Bishop's House and Angela Madge, the Campaign Administrator, will be happy to hear from you. Angela can be contacted on 01604 712065 or via email: cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com.

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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