

4 October 2020

## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

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**SUNDAY MASS SHEETS:** We have decided to continue sending a weekly email with the Sunday Message, Look and Ichthus to registered parishioners during October.

7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary – Memorial
9 October	Saint John Henry Newman, Priest – Feast

● HANDS ● FACE ● SPACE ●  
The Most Holy Name Church, the Bridgettine Convent and the Parish Office remain closed until further notice.



We continue to broadcast **MASSES** live from St Joseph's in real time via our live stream at [www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live).

### MASS & PRIVATE PRAYER AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

We plan for the church to be open at the following times:

- Monday 5 to Friday 9 October for 7am Mass
- Tuesday 6 October from 1pm to 2pm for Private Prayer and 7:30pm to 8pm for Rosary
- Wednesday 7 October for 9am Mass
- Thursday 8 October for 9am Mass
- Saturday 10 October for 5:30pm Mass
- Sunday 11 October for 9am, 11am and 5:30pm Masses

There will be **NO HOLY HOUR** and **NO ROSARY CIRCLE** this coming **FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER**. There will be **NO PARISH MASS AT 10AM** this coming **SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER**.

**EVENING MASS:** Fr John will celebrate an evening Mass on **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October** at 7pm [via the live stream](#).

**OCTOBER** is the month of **THE HOLY ROSARY**, one of the greatest means of 'going to Our Lady' in intercession, seeking her protection and asking for strength. Why not join us for **ROSARY CIRCLE** which will take place in the church on **Tuesdays** and [via the live stream](#) on **Fridays**.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION** for October is **The Laity's Mission in the Church**. We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop David will be visiting us on 9 October to confirm 45 young people from across our Pastoral Area. Please pray for them, that they may be strengthened and nourished by the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit as they continue their journey of faith.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Children from St Joseph's School will make their first communion on 10 October. Please pray for these children who come together at God's table for the first time to share in the Eucharist.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **John McKenny** who died recently, may he rest in peace. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

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Please **PRAY FOR THE SICK** at home and in hospitals, especially those affected by coronavirus, that God may be with them and give them strength and healing.

**"MAKING IT REAL: A PARISH FOR THE POOR":** The Diocesan webinar series exploring the challenges and opportunities for the Church in the new reality continues this Monday evening at 7:30pm. This week **Francis Davis, Professor of Religion, Community and Public Policy** is the speaker. As Francis has also been involved in starting over 40 social enterprises, he's got a lot of practical knowledge to share about getting parish projects off the ground. This talk would be of interest to anyone involved in the SVP, homeless outreach or any other kind of pastoral project. The talk is **FREE**, but you [will need to register to receive the web link](#). You can [catch up on the previous two talks here](#).

**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – [GOOD NEWS FOR BAD TIMES](#):** What can we learn from the evangelist Luke about evangelisation, discipleship and fellowship and the way forward for the Church today? You are invited to this unique opportunity to hear world-renowned bible scholar and translator, **NICHOLAS KING SJ** in three **FREE** webinars (including opportunity for questions). The talks will take place on 7, 14 and 21 October from 7:45pm to 9:15pm. To register [email\\_orpington@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:email_orpington@rcaos.org.uk).



This month our parish is supporting **CAFOD's Family Fast Day** to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis.

We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected. Our usual soup lunch and second collection will not take place, but you can still donate by visiting [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or texting CAFOD to 70085 to make a £10 contribution.

This Harvest, CAFOD is hosting a [series of online events](#) so that we can come together and bring hope and help to those who are most in need.

- 8 Oct – [Primary & Secondary Schools' Assembly](#)
- 9 Oct – [11am live online talk](#) about the latest on CAFOD's coronavirus response
- 9 Oct – [6pm Harvest Family Fast Day Mass](#) livestreamed
- 10 Oct – [12 noon Global Family Food Event](#) from your own kitchen
- 10 Oct – [7pm Family Fast Day online quiz!](#)
- 11 Oct – [10am Children's Liturgy Live](#) Harvest Special
- 11 Oct – [7pm Prayer and Reflection](#) with Bishop John Arnold

The **SEPTEMBER 200 CLUB DRAW** was held at the Macmillan Drive-Thru Cake Sale in the car park last Saturday morning. The monthly prize-fund of £920 is shared by four lucky winners as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Siobhan Chana (£460)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Gardiner (£230)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Maria Brennan (£138)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Diana Waite (£92)

Many thanks to all members who support our 200 Club and congratulations to this month's lucky winners!

**COPIES OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATES:** Requests should be made [via email to the Parish Office](#). Please allow a minimum of five working days to turn around requests.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS:** If you need your child's school application signed or require a **Certificate of Catholic Practice**, Fr Michael will be available at 3:15pm and 7pm on Mondays 5 and 19 October. Please come to the front door of the Priory.

**THANK YOU:** In lieu of a coffee morning, Children's Liturgy hosted a drive-thru cake sale in aid of **Macmillan** last week. Although it was blustery, the rain stayed away and they raised the fantastic sum of **£803.47** which will be used locally by Macmillan in South Bucks.

This year's supply of **ST JOSEPH'S APPLE JUICE** is **SOLD OUT**. Thank you to everyone who bought some – enjoy!

**THE LONDON RUN** continues **Monday 5 October**. Please bring your sandwiches, boiled eggs, soft fruit, crisps, drinks, individually wrapped cakes and small chocolate biscuit bars (such as penguins or two finger kit-kats) to the **Parish Centre** **by 12 noon on Monday**. You can leave your donations from 7:30am onwards.

**THE SLOUGH RUN** continues to provide basic foods to needy local families and the guests we recently housed. Non-perishable foods and soft fruit are needed. Please leave your contributions at Parish Centre any day of the week and we will deliver them on your behalf.

**WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF BAKED BEANS, TINNED TOMATOES, COFFEE AND DOG FOOD.**

**WILL YOU [RISE TO THE CHALLENGE](#)?** Our parish SVP group has been doing vital work during the Covid-19 pandemic but now they need your help. They have been delivering grocery supplies to vulnerable people who are shielding, as well as providing food to those who are struggling to afford to feed their families. In addition, they've been phoning or writing to lonely and isolated people, providing friendship and someone to talk to for those who can't visit family and friends. But now they need your support in one of the following ways:

**Volunteer with the SVP:** Give a little bit of time to help; for example, with 'knock and drop' food deliveries  
**Donate to the SVP:** Send a cheque payable to "SVP – St Joseph Gerrards Cross E140305" c/o the Parish Office or Make a Bank Transfer – the bank is Natwest, the Account Number is 46078843 and the Sort Code is 60-60-04

**Fundraise for the SVP:** Have fun while raising money at the same time; there are lots of [fun and creative ideas on the SVP website](#)

Our [local SVP has been rising to the challenge](#) of helping those in need during the pandemic; will you now rise to the challenge of supporting them?

## 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: *Suspended until further notice*

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath: *Suspended until further notice*

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 \*

**Rosary:** Tuesday and Friday at 7.30pm \*

**\*ALL BROADCAST VIA LIVE STREAM\***

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