

8 November 2020

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4



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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE.

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

Today is **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**, a time to remember all those who have given their lives during the two World Wars, and later conflicts, for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. We pray for all of those affected by war; those in the armed services who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who are innocent victims of war. May their memory prompt us all to pursue peace.

9 November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Feast
10 November	St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church – Memorial
11 November	St Martin of Tours, Bishop – Memorial
12 November	St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr – Memorial
14 November	All Saints of the Carmelite Order – Feast

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Grace Gaskell** who died recently, may she rest in peace. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

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HOLY SOULS: During November we pray especially for all the Holy Souls: those who have died in the past year, past members of our parish, our own departed relatives and friends and those who have no one to pray for them. As in recent years, we have the golden Holy Souls box on the altar throughout November. Parishioners are invited to place names of loved ones in the golden box so we can remember them in our prayers. If you are unable to visit the church for private prayer please call the priests at the Priory or [email the Parish Office](mailto:parish@stjosephs.org.uk) with names of family or friends you would like to be included.



MASSES: Although we can't physically gather together for Liturgies in our churches, we continue to broadcast live from St Joseph's in real time via our live stream at www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live.

As from Thursday, 5 November churches are only permitted to allow people to enter for private individual prayer and funerals.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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

- **Tuesday 10 November**
1pm to 2pm for Private Prayer
- **Friday 13 November**
5:30pm to 6:30pm for Holy Hour

EVENING MASS: Fr John will celebrate an evening Mass on **Friday** this coming week at **7pm**. All are welcome to [join him via the live stream](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live). Mass will be followed by **Rosary Circle**.

Please **PRAY FOR THE SICK** and those who have asked for our prayers. May they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for November is **Artificial Intelligence**: that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the **Barnes** and **Goodhew** families whose children were baptised recently. We pray that their lives be filled with the joy, love and endless blessings that come from God.

FAMILY SURVEY: Thank you to those parents who took the time to respond to our questionnaire about engaging with children and young people during these challenging times. Our Children's Liturgy Team will be reviewing the results and making plans based on your feedback.

"PRAYER IN DIFFICULT TIMES": Four talks by Fr **Matt Blake**, drawing on the Carmelite tradition to help us pray and live deeply our Christian lives during this time of lockdown. Mondays 9, 16, 23 and 30 November at 10am and repeated again at 8pm. Available from www.carmelitechurch.org or via YouTube "Kensington Carmelite Church".

“THINKING AHEAD – NEXT STEPS FOR THE POST-LOCKDOWN CHURCH: The [Diocesan webinar series](#) concludes with a talk by Fr **Matthew Nunes**, Moderator of the Liverpool Synod, Episcopal Vicar for Formation. He has a unique view of the challenges facing our parishes at this time and some of the ideas that are arising to meet these challenges. [Join us by clicking this link](#) any time from 7:20pm on Monday evening. The talk is FREE.

CHRISTIAN HEALING MISSION – RECEIVE & REFLECT: You are invited to this online prayer session which begins with a short scripture reflection followed by a time of Encounter Prayer, both led by Rev John Ryeland. The 45-minute session helps us to bring our concerns to God. The next opportunity is 11 November at 2pm followed by 19 November at 7:30pm or 27 November at 10am (more dates in December). [Please click here to register.](#)

REFLECTION DAY: Celebrate all the **Carmelite Saints**, those known and those unknown, with Fr **Matt Blake** on **Saturday 14 November**. 10am Mass will be followed by two different talks at 11am and 12:45pm, all delivered [via the live stream](#). You are able to join us from 2pm to 4pm in the church for Adoration. This is being run on behalf of the Diocese’s Spirituality Network. You do not need to register, but a donation of £10 towards the cost of the day would be appreciated. Contribute to NORES via bank transfer – the Bank is NatWest, the Account Number is 46738746 and the Sort Code is 60-06-11. Please use Ref SPIRREFL.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – OUR LITURGY OF THE WORD: An opportunity to develop our engagement with the Scriptures that we hear proclaimed at Mass. Led by **Mgr Kevin McGinnell** and **Alex Heath**, the first topic is “Preparing the Way for the Lord: Mark’s Gospel & The Season of Advent”. It takes place on **Tuesday 17 November** from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Register in advance [via email](#) or by phone on 01582 723312 (ext 1).

CLOSED – ST JOSEPH’S FURNITURE MARKET regrets that it is now closed until such time as matters improve. This means there are no furniture collections. Please do not leave any items outside the market as they will not be taken in. Thank you for your understanding. We will reopen in due course when it is deemed safe to do so. You can [follow us on Facebook](#) or [contact us by email](#).

CLOSED – The LIFE BOUTIQUE Charity Shop in Station Road, Gerrards Cross is now closed. They ask that donations are not left on the doorstep. Many thanks.

TRAIDCRAFT are passionate about trade, social and environmental justice. We’re the original fair trade pioneers in the UK and advocate the importance of organic farming, sustainability and transparency to the lives of growers and artisans around the world. **CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND CARDS** are now available online at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk. You can also order from your local Traidcraft organiser, **Margaret Dykes** [via email](#) or by phone on 01494 874511. Orders would be delivered safely to your doorstep.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues Monday 9 November. Our guests have not been allowed back into hotels, so they are still wandering the streets. Please bring your sandwiches, boiled eggs, soft fruit, crisps, drinks, individually wrapped cakes and small chocolate biscuit bars to the

Parish Centre by 12 noon on Monday. The number of families in need is increasing, especially due to one-hour contracts. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF INDIVIDUAL CARTONS OF APPLE/ORANGE JUICE, GREEN TOP MILK, SUGAR, COFFEE, RICE, CRISPS, TINNED MEAT AND TINNED VEGETABLES.** Very many thanks to everyone for their generosity so far.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

*Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD
Canadian Army (1872-1918)*

Thanks to amazing efforts we have managed to hand deliver 650 raffle letters across the parish saving £540! I am sure you will all be rewarded in heaven. Celia

Thank you!

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 *

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