

15 November 2020

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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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 November.

Today is **WORD DAY OF THE POOR**. Pope Francis writes that "keeping our gaze fixed on the poor is difficult", but that it is "more necessary than ever if we are to give proper direction to our personal life and the life of society." He draws on the Book of Sirach as a guide for reflection and action following the pandemic. "Now is a good time to recover the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world", he says. "Until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbour and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue." We are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. As we reach out with love and support, let us hold all members of our global family in our prayers.

16 November	Commemoration of all the Dead of the Carmelite Order
17 November	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious – Memorial
19 November	St Raphael of St Joseph Kalinowski, Priest of Carmelite Order – Memorial
21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial

● **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 **Alex Trillo** who died recently, may he rest in peace. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

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

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.



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.

Currently 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 17 November**
1pm to 2pm for Private Prayer
- **Friday 20 November**
5:30pm to 6:30pm for Holy Hour

There will be **NO EVENING MASS** or **ROSARY CIRCLE** via live stream this coming Friday 20 November.

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.

Please **PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK** at home, in hospital or in care homes. May God comfort, heal and strengthen them. Remember their caregivers as well as anybody who is anxious or fearful about what the future might hold.

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

"PRAYER IN DIFFICULT TIMES": The 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, continue on Mondays 16, 23 and 30 November at 10am and repeated again at 8pm. Available from www.carmelitechurch.org or via YouTube "Kensington Carmelite Church".

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 19 November at 7:30pm followed by 27 November at 10am (more dates in December). [Please click here to register.](#)

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).

ONLINE MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Is your marriage under stress? SmartLoving BreakThrough can help! Identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Available anywhere, anytime through our online platform, the course is completely private and doesn’t require your spouse to participate. And it’s subsidized by a generous UK donor. Restore hope for your relationship now – [click here for details.](#)

ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL invites prospective parents and pupils to its virtual open event. [Watch a video about life at St Joseph’s](#) and/or [read the school prospectus.](#) [Contact the school](#) for more details.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT: Due to coronavirus restrictions there was no Parish Annual General Meeting this year. However, an abridged annual report has been produced. Please see [St Joseph’s Parish Annual Report 2020.](#)

WANTED: The SVP is looking for a warm winter jacket in good condition for an 11-year-old boy. If you can help it would be very much appreciated. Please [email the office.](#)

PHISHING SCAM: Emails claiming to be from Fr Michael asking you to handle something discreetly for him are a scam. Please delete these messages; do not open them. Fr Michael would not email you in such circumstances.

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 16 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.

ST JOSEPH’S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £5,000 in November as follows:

£2,500	The Parish
£250	Bone Cancer Research Trust
£250	The Samaritans (Amersham)
£250	Sebastian’s Action Trust
£250	Myeloma UK
£250	RBL Poppy Appeal
£250	Padstones
£250	British Red Cross
£250	SHOC (Slough Homeless Our Concern)
£250	Slough Talking Books

The **Furniture Market** is currently closed but will reopen as soon as it is permitted to do so. This means there are no furniture collections. Please do not leave any items outside the market as they will not be taken in. You can [follow us on Facebook](#) or [contact us by email.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Children’s Liturgy are planning an **ADVENT ZOOM session for families** at on Sunday 29 November at 10am. More details next week.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE.

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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