

18 April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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Thank You!

On behalf of our Carmelite Community, I would like to thank parishioners for their thoughtfulness and generosity this Easter, received in the form of cards, treats, gifts and offerings. We are especially grateful for your prayers and support throughout the difficulties and challenges of this pandemic.

Thank you to everyone involved in the complexities of organising the Holy Week and Easter liturgies, as well as the flower ladies who did a wonderful display. I know a lot of effort went on behind the scenes to ensure everything was in place so we could reverently and safely mark the Triduum and celebrate the Resurrection. We are indebted to our stewards who enabled us to open the church for services and thankful for the talents of our gifted musicians/singers who provided uplifting music.

Thanks to the Children's Choir who took us on a special journey as they re-enacted Jesus' road to Calvary. It was both poignant and heartwarming.

Finally, special thanks to the many volunteers who helped us to reach out with "Easter Friendship".

Fr Martin



We continue to broadcast all **MASSES** live from St Joseph's in real time via our live stream at www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live.

This weekend St Joseph's Church will be open for **Saturday 5:30pm Mass** and **Sunday 11am Mass**.

This coming week St Joseph's Church will be open **Monday to Friday for 7am Mass** and **Wednesday for 9am Mass**.

See [MASS TIMES](#) for latest information.

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

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LIVE STREAMED MASS FOR THE SICK: Bishop David invites the sick and housebound of our Diocese to a special live-streamed Mass on **Saturday 24 April at 3pm**. The Mass is for all those suffering with illness, especially for anyone who is housebound. You can access the Mass via the [Cathedral live-stream](#) page. A [service sheet will be available to download](#) nearer the time. All welcome.

ADOREMUS – COME LET US ADORE: **Saturday 1 May from 10:45am to 12:30pm**. On the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, following the live streamed 10am Mass, the church will be open for two hours of quiet prayer and adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

As Pope Francis wrote at the start of this Year of St Joseph, "*The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.*" (Patris Corde).

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: Perhaps the "[Silence of Saint Joseph](#)" is his most profound witness. This month we reflect on this particular aspect of our parish patron saint.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE.

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St George, Martyr, Patron of England – Solemnity



The Most Holy Name Church in Denham and the Parish Office remain closed until further notice.

ROSARY CIRCLE has resumed following the Easter break. You are invited to join us in prayer for peace in the world and the needs of our parish on Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm. [Contact Christine Cornwell](#) for Zoom details.

EASTER MESSAGES: In his [Easter message](#), Cardinal Vincent Nichols expresses his joy at celebrating Easter liturgies with a congregation. The two key words of Easter, he explains, are sacrifice and service, embodied in Jesus, an example that is held up before us. The Cardinal also gave the [Pause for Thought](#) reflection on BBC Radio 2 on Easter Sunday morning. In his [Easter Urbi et Orbi message](#), delivered inside St Peter's Basilica on Easter Sunday, Pope Francis said the 'Risen Christ is hope that does not disappoint'.

DIVINE RENOVATION READ-ALONG – SUMMER WEBINAR SERIES: Join with people across the Diocese as we read Fr James Mallon's Divine Renovation and explore together the possibilities for making our parishes truly missionary communities as we come out of lockdown. How can we be open to the Holy Spirit to grow into a new awareness of ourselves as open, welcoming communities, alive with the Gospel message? Sessions will take place on Monday evenings starting 19 April until 24 May from 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Bishop David Oakley will lead the first session "Remembering our Identity and Purpose". [CLICK HERE to register](#).

HOW HAS THE PANDEMIC YEAR IMPACTED ON OUR FAITH LIFE? Bishop David asks 'What has been your experience over the past year? How have you experienced prayer, liturgical worship, service and witness to others? It would be very helpful to those of us seeking to discern the way forwards, if you were able to share your experiences by engaging with a survey which seeks to learn from everything that has happened since the pandemic took hold of our world.' [CLICK HERE to complete the survey](#).

ST JOSEPH – A MAN FOR OUR TIMES: An opportunity to get to know St Joseph from a Carmelite perspective with keynote speakers Rev Joseph F Chorpenning OSFS (Saint Joseph's University Press Philadelphia) and Rev Mother Mary of St Joseph OCD (Notting Hill Carmel). "I took for my patron and Lord the glorious St. Joseph ... I cannot call to mind that I have ever asked him at any time for anything he has not granted. I am filled with amazement when I consider the great favours God has given me through this blessed saint." St Teresa of Avila. Saturday 1 May from 2pm to 5:15pm. [CLICK HERE to register](#).

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION by Richard Q Greatex: Registration for these groups has now closed.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION: You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for his intentions each month. For April 2021 it is **Fundamental Rights** – Pope Francis asks us to pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Please **PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK** and those who care for them. May they know the presence of Christ in their illnesses and in their work. We pray especially for those affected directly by the coronavirus pandemic and those struggling with their mental health. May they seek the support they need and turn to God in prayer for divine assistance.

APF MILL HILL MISSION: In 2020, our community of St Joseph's Parish raised **£4,801** through our Red Boxes (£4,143) and direct donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries (£658). Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Gerrards Cross are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by Covid-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at missio.org.uk.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET is now open again on Saturday mornings from 9am to 12:30pm. Please be aware that there are protocols in place for everyone's safety. Latest news can be found on [our Facebook page](#). You can also [contact us by email](#).

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this Monday 19 April. 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**. You can leave your donations on the table just inside the door from 7:30am onwards. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED CUSTARD, SUGAR, TEA, COFFEE, RICE POUCHES, CHEDDAR CHEESE and SOFT SPREAD BUTTER.** **We have plenty of pasta** at the moment. Many thanks for your continuing support which is much appreciated.

"We are invited to approach Christ with faith, opening our hearts to peace, joy and mission."
Pope Francis

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: See the [Bridgettine Order website](#) for details of Masses and Services.

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 via Zoom

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