

25 April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



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29 April	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe – Feast
1 May	St Joseph the Worker – Optional Memorial

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as **Good Shepherd Sunday** and is the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest*" (Matthew 9:38). Pope Francis' Message for this World Day of Prayer for Vocations is entitled "[Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation](#)". In it he urges us to look to St Joseph as a model of unreserved fidelity to God's invitation to service and writes that God's dreams for us can lead to "profound and unexpected horizons." We pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We also pray for one another; that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons and religious.



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



We continue to broadcast all **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).

This weekend St Joseph's Church will be open for **Saturday 5:30pm Mass** and **Sunday 9am Mass**.

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

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

*Please be reminded that congregational singing is not permitted in church at this time.*

**PASTORAL AREA NEWS:** Bishop David has decided to amalgamate the two pastoral areas of South Bucks and Chilterns into one larger area. The new Pastoral Area (PA) is made up of ten parishes and the Dean is Mgr Seán Healy, Parish Priest of St Teresa's, Beaconsfield. The combined PA Councils are to meet shortly to see how we can further the mission of the Church in this part of the Diocese.

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

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.

**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).

**"REBUILD MY HOUSE":** The Diocesan summer webinar series reading [Divine Renovation](#) and exploring together the possibilities for making our parishes truly missionary communities continues this Monday 26 April at 7:30pm. This session covers Chapters 2 and 3 and the speaker is **Fr David Boyd from St Bernadette's Parish, Erskine**. He's a down-to-earth Glaswegian who's found Divine Renovation to be transformative of his parishes and ministry. He will reflect on the challenges of parish life and what some practical responses might be. [CLICK HERE to register](#). The first talk "*Remembering our Identity and Purpose*" by Bishop David is now [available here](#).

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** Perhaps the "[Silence of Saint Joseph](#)" is his most profound witness. He was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

**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.  
Next Saturday 1 May from 2pm to 5:15pm. [CLICK HERE to register.](#)

**CATHOLIC BASICS:** This engaging introduction to the Catholic faith, with its own bespoke course text, is open to anyone wishing to learn more about our Catholic faith. It is offered in four parts: God, The Church, The Moral Life and Prayer. Sessions take place on Monday evenings 7, 14, 21 and 28 June via Zoom from 7pm to 8:30pm. There is a £20 cost for course literature.

For more information and booking please contact Ann Collon at [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or call 01582 723312.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for April 2021 is Fundamental Rights** – The Holy Father 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.

**THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN** continues this Monday 26 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.

### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*Loving Father, you call us by name.*

*As we journey through life help us to be confident in our own unique identity and to find opportunities to develop our own gifts and passions.*

*We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour on us wisdom and guidance to help us realise and follow our dreams, discerning your plan for our lives.*

*Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous people from our families and friends who will serve as Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers.*

*May we support one another in response to God's call. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

*Lord, we pray for our priests. Draw them close to you and give them your joy and strength. Help us to support and assist them to fulfil the ministry you have given them. Amen.*

**APF MILL HILL MISSION - MISSIO:** It is hoped Parish Supporters of [Missio](#) will have seen in a recent Parish Newsletter that our Parish's Red Boxes yielded **£4,143.22** in 2020 to aid the UK's mission work but it was a difficult year for fund raising due to Covid and the difficulties remain. If any supporter has a full Red Box, requires a replacement Red Box or simply wishes to become a supporter please call at the Parish Centre on Monday 3 May between 3pm and 5pm where the Parish Missio Representative will be happy to assist.

**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](#).

**A BIG THANK YOU** to parishioners for their generous response to the **SVP's** recent appeal for clothing for three boys and a girl who were in desperate need and difficult circumstances. It was very much appreciated.

““Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He seeks us out and He stays near us, even though we are sinners, indeed because we are sinners.”  
*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

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

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