

9 May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

Fr Martin McDonald OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr John Williamson OCD, Fr Robert Davies OCD,

Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

THIS NEWSLETTER IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE.

13 May	The Ascension of the Lord – Solemnity
14 May	St Matthias, Apostle – Feast

**THURSDAY, 13 MAY** is the **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at St Joseph's will be at 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.



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 for **both Sunday 9am and 11am Masses**.

This coming week St Joseph's Church will be open **Monday to Friday for 7am Mass** **Wednesday and Thursday for 9am Mass** and **Thursday for 7:30pm Mass**

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

**FAMILY PENTECOST ZOOM:** Children's Liturgy will be running another Zoom session for families on **Sunday 23 May at 10am**. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church and is a cause for celebration. Everyone is welcome to this fun and interactive session! We will briefly talk about the great feast of Pentecost. There will be singing with actions and we will be having some themed craft activities as well. If you would like to join us for this session, please [CLICK HERE to sign up](#) and we will then email you the Zoom meeting details.

**PENTECOST WITH NYMO ONLINE:** Young people are invited to join Fr Brendan, Hannah and Finn as they celebrate Pentecost live from the NYMO studio. You can enjoy the usual fun and prayer with engaging talks, beautiful music, grill the priest and much, much more. [Join NYMO on Youtube](#) on **Thursday 20 May at 8pm**.

#### EPHRAIM LUKONG RIP

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our good friend Ephraim Lukong in Cameroon. Ephraim died from COVID-19 in Shisong Hospital in his home village on Monday 26 April at the age of 70. His wife Theresia, who also contracted the virus, has now been discharged from hospital and is living with her family whilst she recuperates.

Some of you will remember their visit to our Parish in 1995. They inspired everyone with their commitment to the family through their work as Co-Directors of the Family Life Apostolate in the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon. The Family was seen as the tree, with the branches representing the various needs. These included everyone especially the vulnerable and the poor. They offered Marriage preparation and help, supported single mothers especially when faced with the pressure of abortion of the unborn baby in the womb, HIV support and young people. The **Cameroon Education Fund** was set up at Ephraim's suggestion to support the education of the orphaned and vulnerable children following the visit of two of our parishioners to Cameroon. We thank the Carmelites and parishioners for their generous support and continued commitment over the years.

Please pray for Theresia and all her family in your prayers at this sad time.

**VIA LUCIS:** Join us in continuing our Easter celebration by praying the **STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION** after 9am/10am Mass from **Friday, 14 May until Saturday, 22 May** (except Sunday). This devotion is similar to the Stations of the Cross, but instead of focusing on Jesus' Passion and Death, it highlights Jesus' Resurrection, his appearances to the disciples, his Ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**PENTECOST NOVENA:** The novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas, since it was Jesus himself who sent his apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. We are all encouraged to join the nine days of prayer in preparation for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our world. The novena **starts** this coming **Friday, 14 May** and ends on the eve of Pentecost, Saturday, 22 May. [CLICK HERE for the novena prayer and daily intentions](#).

“TRANSFORMING OUR PARISH CULTURE”: The Diocesan summer webinar series reading [Divine Renovation](#) and exploring together the possibilities for making our parishes truly missionary communities continues this Monday 10 May at 7:30pm. This session covers Chapter 5 and the speaker is **Jo Boyce of CJM Music**, an internationally renowned worship leader and musician. She has a very powerful mixture of inspiration and practical advice to offer as we look to the future and will discuss identifying parish priorities and creating a culture of growth and welcome. [CLICK HERE to register](#). You can [catch up with any sessions you've missed here](#).

Some parishioners from across the ten parishes in our Pastoral Area are meeting via Zoom to discuss the Divine Renovation talks after each session. If you would like to join us, please [email Deacon Paul Priestly](#) for details.

**MARY IN SCRIPTURE:** There are 10 beautiful reflections on [Mary in Scripture prepared by the Glasgow Jesuits](#). They will be available for several months to use whenever you wish. If you'd like to join a small group praying them together on Zoom from 7:45am to 8:15am on weekday mornings, we'll start after Pentecost, from the wonderful new feast 'Mary, Mother of the Church' on Monday 24 May, for the next two weeks finishing on 4 June. [Contact Joanna Hale](#) if you would like to join the online group.

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH – Talks by Fr Matt Blake OCD:** To mark the year of St Joseph there will be a talk on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am, repeated again at 8pm. The talk will be a reflection on an aspect of the life of St Joseph and his significance as the Patron of the Church and of our families. Watch the talks [via Kensington's live stream](#) or on YouTube at “Carmelites Kensington”. The first talk, given on 5 May, [can be found here on YouTube](#).

**DIOCESE COVID SURVEY:** Bishop David asks 'What has been your experience over the past year?' [He invites us to take part in a multi-diocesan survey](#) to explore the effects and responses to the coronavirus pandemic. [CLICK HERE to complete the survey](#).

**PRAY IN MAY WITH POPE FRANCIS:** The Holy Father has invited Catholics and 30 Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the pandemic. After more than a year, with the world still in the grips of COVID-19, the Pope and the Church are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear. Please see [Pray in May with Pope Francis](#) for intentions, prayers and resources.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for May 2021 is The World of Finance** – Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

“THE DAY OF THE LORD”: Our Bishops have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments. [Download “The Day of the Lord” reflection here](#).

**CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL:** As coronavirus brings devastation across India, [CAFOD](#) is working with an experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID and vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation and quarantine centres. You can [donate online here](#). Please keep praying for

the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

**THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this Monday 10 May.** 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 RICE POUCHES, SUGAR, COFFEE, JAM and TOILET ROLLS.** [We have plenty of pasta](#) at the moment. Many thanks for your continuing support.

### ASCENSION PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, you became man and came to live among us. For love of us, you suffered and died for us. Because you are God, you conquered death and rose on the third day.*

*Today you return to your Father and our Father, but you promised to remain with us till the end of time, and to send us the Holy Spirit.*

*We rejoice and thank you, Lord Jesus. Come Holy Spirit, purify and transform us, kindle within us the fire of your love.*

*Amen.*

---

### 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\***

Website: [www.stjosephs.org.uk](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk)

Telephone: 01753 886581  
Registered Charity Number 234091

Email: [office@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephs.org.uk)