

20 June 2021

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



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.

21 June	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious – Memorial
22 June	Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs – Feast
24 June	The Nativity of John the Baptist – Solemnity



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

For details of Masses and Services at the Bridgettine Convent in Iver Heath please [contact the Bridgettine Sisters](#). There is very limited space in the chapel and people need to book in advance if they wish to attend Mass. [Bookings for weekend Masses must be made via Ann Saunders](#).



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 for 7am Mass**

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED from Tuesday 22 June to Friday 25 June inclusive. All Masses will be live streamed.**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Higgins** who died recently. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Georgette McCarney** who died recently. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.



Today we celebrate [Day for Life](#). This day, inaugurated by Saint John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. Once more, we are faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come, it is now a question of 'when?' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons.

This year's theme for Day for Life focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life. The online resources below are produced to inform Catholics about this threat to life and to share with people our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person.

[The Art of Dying Well](#)  
[Living and Dying Well](#)  
[Right to Life: Assisted Suicide](#)

Bishop John Sherrington, the Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Church in England and Wales, has written about this year's Day for Life. [Click here to read his message](#).

Pope Francis has made 2021 the Year of St Joseph. As we focus on caring for the sick and dying and promoting the respect owed to life in all its vulnerability, we hold this important intention up to the Lord by [praying to St Joseph, patron saint of the sick and dying](#).

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY:** Today we pray for all the fathers in our parish community and hope they have a lovely day with their families. May the Lord bless them, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in the guidance and care they give their children.

*"We should be comforted by what Jesus tells us: 'There is a Father. There is a Father who loves you. There is a Father who cares for you.'" Pope Francis*



**SUMMER SCHOOL 2021**  
Monday 5 July to Friday 9  
July from 3:30pm to  
7pm. Presented by Fr Iain  
Matthew OCD.

St John of the Cross is one  
of the greatest Christian  
mystics and a Doctor of  
the Church. His writings  
have proved invaluable for

spiritual guidance but understanding them can present a  
challenge. This summer school aims to help participants  
read his writings as he intended. This will mean  
examining the criteria which he gives us for correctly  
interpreting his work.

This will greatly benefit you if you wish to read John with  
greater ease and relish, hearing John speak to you with  
his authentic voice. You will discover the criteria which  
John gives for correctly interpreting his work and draw  
insights from John's spiritual wisdom. Be nurtured by the  
word of God through *lectio divina* and join us this  
summer for this formative programme that promises to  
nurture the whole person – body, mind, soul and spirit.

[Learn more about the Summer School here.](#) The cost is  
£180 but there is a discount of 20% for our parish; use  
coupon code SUMMER21. [Click here to register.](#)

*“In the inner stillness where meditation leads, the Spirit  
secretly anoints the soul and heals our deepest wounds.”*  
St John of the Cross

**CAFOD UPDATE:** Thanks to your support, CAFOD has  
been helping communities around the world cope with  
the pandemic. In Zambia for instance, in the past year  
we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with  
messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with  
access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers  
from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and  
respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and  
donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in  
communities to support handwashing measures. Thank  
you for standing alongside our brothers and sisters in  
Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other  
countries worldwide.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** The new set of  
envelopes is available for collection from the porch as  
you enter church from this weekend. Thank you for your  
continued support.

### 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: [Contact the Bridgettine Sisters](#) for details of Masses and Services. Pre-booking required.

**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)

**MUSIC AT MASS:** Whilst the restrictions will be in place  
for another month, we will continue to provide live music  
at the 9am and 11am Mass on alternate weeks. At 9am  
children will sing familiar hymns from the Family Mass. At  
11am Mass the music will be more traditional. For other  
Masses the priests will continue to use the music system.

**THE CHURCH SERIES:** Each Wednesday at 6:30pm  
Bishop David is broadcasting a teaching series focused  
on 'The Church'. You are invited to [join him on YouTube](#)  
as he unpacks the nature of our Church and her role in  
our society. These [bitesized videos](#) are open to all and  
we encourage you to share them with your friends and  
family, regardless where they are in their journey of faith.

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** God entrusted his only Son to  
Joseph to protect, guard, teach and love him. He shows  
us the important role that all parents – biological,  
adoptive, foster or spiritual – can play in the lives of all  
children. So, in this month where we celebrate Father's  
Day, we continue our series of reflections on his qualities  
and virtues with "[St Joseph, Foster Father](#)".

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for June 2021 is**  
**The Beauty of Marriage** – Let us pray for young people  
who are preparing for marriage with the support of a  
Christian community: may they grow in love, with  
generosity, faithfulness and patience.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** Congratulations to **Cathy Vennix** for  
her wonderful achievement of reaching the maximum of  
200 members for St Joseph's 200 Club 2021. This is an  
important fundraiser for the parish, particularly at this  
time given the impact of the pandemic on our finances.  
Thank you to Cathy and all our 200 Club members.

**THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this Monday**  
**21 June.** 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 COFFEE, SUGAR, JAM, TINNED**  
**TOMATOES, TINNED MEAT, GREEN TOP MILK,**  
**GREEN UHT MILK and RICE POUCHES.** We also need  
**SHAVING GEL/FOAM, RAZORS, SMALL BARS OF**  
**SOAP, SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER** as well as **NEW**  
**MENS PANTS and BOXER SHORTS ONLY.** No other  
clothes yet. Very many thanks for your support.