

27 June 2021

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



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28 June	St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr – Memorial
29 June	Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles – Solemnity
3 July	St Thomas, Apostle – Feast

**TUESDAY, 29 JUNE** is the **FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at St Joseph's will be at 7am and 9am.



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 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](#).

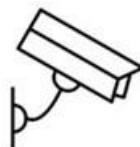
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Higgins** who died recently. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We pray for all who are sick, that they will find comfort and consolation in God's healing presence. Bless all those who care for the sick.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jessica Li and Brian Nolan** who were all married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

**MUSIC AT MASS:** Whilst the restrictions continue for a few more weeks, 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.



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** and **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for 9am Mass**

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

### **NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS IN CHURCH**

The benches have now been reinstated in the church. There are a few individual chairs with arms for those who need them. Unfortunately, this could reduce our seating capacity as only one household or social bubble can occupy each bench. We are using the ends of benches on alternate sides as the allocated seating area. This maintains a 1.5m social distance and avoids people sitting directly behind each other or crossing over each other's space as people go forward for Holy Communion.

When you enter the church, please follow the directions of the stewards. We will be filling up the benches each side from front to back in the order that people arrive.

For Holy Communion, please remain in your place until you are invited to move by a steward. We will return to our familiar route of up the middle aisle and down the side aisle. Those seated on Our Lady's side of the church will move forward row by row and receive Communion first. Then those seated on St Joseph's side of the church will follow suit, row by row, until everyone has received.

After Mass, the stewards will direct the congregation to exit the church in the following order:

- Those seated on the side aisle on Our Lady's side.
- Those seated on the centre aisle on Our Lady's side.
- Those seated on the centre aisle on St Joseph's side.
- Those seated on the side aisle on St Joseph's side.

Please follow the instructions given by stewards on duty and be patient with them as they adapt to these new protocols. Remember we are not permitted to open our church without them. Don't forget they are volunteers.

**ONLINE TRIDUUM RETREAT TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL: Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 July.** Join the Carmelite family during these special days in what Carmel is all about: **Prayer.** Pope Benedict reminded us of this total commitment to prayer when he said, "Carmel teaches the Church how to pray." Carmelites – nuns, seculars and friars – will be sharing what this means and why it matters for you, the Church and for our world today. Featuring talks by Sr Pauline Mary White OCD, Fr Anthony Parsons OCD and Dr Roderick Campbell Guion OCDS. The retreat is FREE (with optional donation). [Learn more and register here.](#)

*"All of us who wear this holy Carmelite habit of Mary are called to prayer and contemplation. This is our vocation. We are descended from those holy fathers of ours on Mount Carmel, those who went in search of that treasure – the priceless pearl of God's friendship."*  
St Teresa of Avila

**POPE FRANCIS TO ELDERLY: THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS LIKE 'A DEEP BREATH':** In January, the Pope established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, who are so important to our communities and our Church. It will take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Anne and Joachim. The theme this year is "**I am with you always,**" taken from Matthew 28:20. The Vatican has released the [Holy Father's message for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#), which will be celebrated on Sunday, 25 July.

[Cardinal Vincent Nichols is echoing the Pope's words](#) to young people encouraging them to talk to their grandparents if they want to be a sign of hope for the world. Promoting the important connection between generations, he said: "Elderly people get isolated, grandparents often get forgotten. But a day of prayer will help us to remember that we are gifts to each other because we are gifts of God. And if we give thanks for those gifts, we'll appreciate them."

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE:** After a century and a half, the Catholic Universe has ceased trading, a casualty of Covid. The vast majority of newspapers were sold in churches so when they had to close the implications were severe. Despite establishing direct to the letterbox and digital subscriptions as well as an online Catholic shop it has not been possible to continue. [CLICK HERE for a free copy of the final edition.](#) [Cardinal Nichols thanked the team for their service](#) to the mission and witness of the Church.

### 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\***

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### THOUGHTS ON PETER & PAUL

We would probably go to confession to Peter sooner than to any of the other apostles. He is perhaps a more striking example of the simple fact of holiness. Jesus says to us as he said, in effect, to Peter: "It is not you who have chosen me, but I who have chosen you. Peter, it is not human wisdom that makes it possible for you to believe, but my Father's revelation. I, not you, build my Church."

Paul's experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made him one of the most zealous, dynamic, and courageous ambassadors of Christ the Church has ever had. But persecution, humiliation, and weakness became his day-by-day carrying of the cross, material for further transformation. The dying Christ was in him; the living Christ was his life.

**THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this Monday 28 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.** We were desperately short of sandwiches last week. Please mark each sandwich bag clearly, stating what the contents are. Preferred fillings are ham, cheese, tuna, peanut butter, marmite or jam. You can leave your donations on the table just inside the door from 7:30am onwards. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF COFFEE, SUGAR, TINNED MEAT, TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED VEGETABLES, GREEN TOP MILK, GREEN LONG LIFE (UHT) MILK and TUNA.** 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 continued support.

**"How beautiful is the gaze with which Jesus regards us – how full of tenderness! Let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God."** *Pope Francis*

Thank you to the small team of helpers who came along this week to help move chairs and benches (twice), clean the benches and the prayer space, re-set the church and choir loft and sort out the signage and social distancing protocols. Your hard work is much appreciated.

**THANKS!**