



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton  
Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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18 July 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4

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20 July	St Elijah, Prophet – Feast
22 July	St Mary Magdalene – Feast
23 July	St Bridget, Religious, Patroness of Europe – Feast
24 July	BB Maria Pilar, Teresa and M Angeles Virgins and Martyrs of Our Order and Bl Maria Merceded Prat, Virgin and Martyr of Our Order – Optional Memorial



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

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

### **SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE**

This year we will resume our practice of reducing the number of Masses during the holiday season.

**As from next Sunday 25 July 2021**

Mass times in St Joseph's Church will be:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm

Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am only

Monday to Friday Masses at 9am only

Saturday Mass at 10am

*Our normal Mass schedule will resume as from Monday 6 September.*

# Congratulations

This week the **BRIDGETTINE SISTERS** celebrate their **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** in our parish. What a blessing their presence is, and has been, since they arrived in 1931. We are very grateful to the sisters for all they have done and hope they continue to serve our community for many years to come. We hope they enjoy this special celebration. Please keep the sisters in your prayers.

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** St Joseph is known as 'the just man' and, as such, was a man of singular virtue. This strength of character extended to all aspects of his life and his person – including his heart. This month we continue our series of reflections on his many qualities with "[St Joseph Most Chaste](#)".

Please **PRAY FOR ALL THOSE 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.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for July 2021 is Social Friendship** – We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2021:** A reminder to our members who pay by instalment that your second payment of £60 is due by next Sunday, 25 July. Thanks to all members for your continued support.

**"The Church that 'goes out' is a Church with open doors. To go out to others, to the peripheries of humanity, does not mean running out into the world without rhyme or reason. Many times it is better to slow down, letting go of our anxieties to look someone in the eyes and listen, or set aside what is urgent for us in order to accompany someone who is stopped at the side of the road."** Pope Francis

St Joseph's Parish will be adopting a gradual, cautious approach to the easing of restrictions over the summer and into the autumn, in line with guidance from the Catholic Bishop's Conference. The Diocese has advised us to continue operating as we are for the time being, until official guidance is updated, see extract below:

"We will be expected to follow the relevant guidance for our setting to ensure that we have ongoing insurance cover in the event of an alleged breach of our duty of care due to insufficient CV-19 mitigations. Our approach has been to follow, as a minimum, the guidance provided by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). We understand that CBCEW will be providing updated guidance shortly but in the meantime **we must continue to act in accordance with the current guidance which is effectively how we are operating now.** This will apply in any event for the forthcoming weekend but also after 19th July 2021 until the guidance is updated or removed.

Whilst the majority of legal restrictions are being lifted by the Government from 19th July 2021, we are being urged to continue to act carefully, remain cautious and exercise personal judgement to manage our own risk and be sensitive to the concerns of others. As Catholic communities obligated to love our neighbour that request has particular resonance."

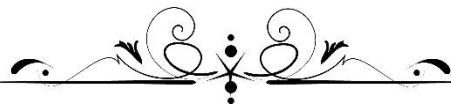
Tony McNiff  
Chief Operating Officer, Northampton Diocese

**VACANCY – PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** St Teresa's Beaconsfield and St Dustan's, Bourne End are currently recruiting for a Parish Administrator. The role will be for 20 hours per week, working pattern to be agreed.

This is a great opportunity to work in a parish environment for someone with proven administration, financial and secretarial experience. Full information about the position and an application form can be found by visiting the [Diocesan Vacancies webpage](#) or by [contacting the HR Department](#). Applications should include an Application Form, CV and a covering letter.

The closing date for applications is next Friday 23 July and interviews will take place during week commencing 26 July. The start date is Wednesday 1 September 2021.

**THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this Monday 19 July.** 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.** 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 TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED FISH and MEAT, CEREALS, SUGAR, GREEN TOP MILK, GREEN LONG LIFE (UHT) MILK, MARMITE, JAM and TOILET ROLLS.** 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 to all our supporters who continue to donate each week, it is much appreciated.



**SEEING YOUR LIFE  
THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL**  
*Mark 6:30-34*

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm? Did your experience during the Covid19 pandemic give you any new insights about this?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

*John Byrne OSA  
Intercom, July 2021*

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### 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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