

4 July 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE.



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.

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 been reinstated in the church. There are a few individual chairs with arms for those who need them. 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.

When you enter the church, please follow the directions of the stewards. We are 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 are using our familiar route of up the middle aisle and down the side aisle. Everyone seated on Our Lady's side of the church receives Communion first, row by row. Then those seated on St Joseph's side of the church follow suit.

After Mass, please wait to be guided by the stewards before leaving your pew and exit per their instructions.

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

ADOREMUS – COME LET US ADORE: Friday 16 July from 10am until 12 noon. On the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the church will be open for two hours of quiet prayer and adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

"We must gaze upon the Virgin Mary. In the centre of her life stands her son."

St Edith Stein

"ST JOSEPH IN THE EXPERIENCE AND WRITINGS OF ST TERESA OF AVILA" – Talk by Fr Matt Blake OCD: Third in a series of talks to mark the year of St Joseph. Fr Matt will give the reflection on **Wednesday 7 July** at 10am, repeated again at 8pm. You can watch the talk on YouTube at "[Carmelites Kensington](#)". You can watch this and previous talks at any time on YouTube.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Sr Immaculata Finnegan from the Holy Cross Convent** who died recently. We extend our sympathy to all her family, friends and the Holy Cross Sisters.

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BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the Totty, Fundell, Delaney and McDonagh families whose children were baptised recently in St Joseph's Church. We pray that their lives be filled with the joy, love and endless blessings that come from God.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick, elderly, housebound, those close to death and all who are troubled in mind, body or spirit. May the compassion of Christ who suffered for us be their hope and their comfort.

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.

POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY: The full text of the Pope's message, delivered at Mass in St Peter's Basilica on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, [can be found here](#).

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](#)".

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this Monday 5 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 VEGETABLES, TINNED MEAT, COFFEE, SUGAR, 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.

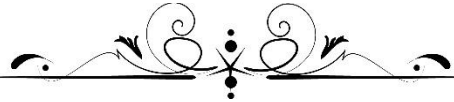
“The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.” Pope Francis

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2021: The draw for the month of June was held last Saturday at St Joseph's Furniture Market and the winners are:

1st Jackie Higson (£500)
2nd Jane Dawson (£250)
3rd Lynn O'Loughlin (£150)
4th Kevin Carney (£100)

Congratulations to the lucky winners!

A reminder to our members who pay by instalment that your second payment of £60 is due by Sunday, 25 July. Thanks to all members for your continued support.



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

1. Personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to the what another person has to say. Who do they think they are? Perhaps you have experienced this. What difference has it made to you when you were able to focus on the content of what was being said and leave to one side your own prejudices about the speaker?
2. It has been said that there is nothing as useless as the right advice at the wrong time. We may want to reach out to another but may be unable to because at that moment the other person is not ready to be helped. Like Jesus we can 'do no deed of power'. As Jesus had to be patient and wait for another opportunity, so do we. What have you learned about the importance of patience in working with others?
3. Religion easily brings up prejudices. Some dismiss religion as superstition, old hat, or based on an outdated world view. Even among believers, prejudice can make it hard for individuals to listen to an alternative way of looking at things, to consider a different way of celebrating liturgy, or to live at peace with difference. Yet a closed mind can lead to a stagnant faith. When have you found that a willingness to consider a different perspective led to a deepening and strengthening of your faith?

*John Byrne OSA
Intercom, July 2021*

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

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