

22 August 2021

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton
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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE.

There will be NO NEWSLETTER on 28/29 August as it is the Bank Holiday Weekend.

24 August	St Bartholomew, Apostle – Feast
26 August	St Teresa of Avila: The Piercing of Her Heart – Optional Memorial
27 August	St Monica – Memorial
28 August	St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church – Memorial
29 August	The Passion of St John the Baptist – Memorial
1 September	St Teresa Margaret Redi, Virgin of Discalced Carmelite Order – Memorial
3 September	St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church – Feast

Next **MONDAY 30 AUGUST** is a **BANK HOLIDAY** so there will be only **one morning Mass at 10am**.



We continue to broadcast all **MASSES** live from St Joseph's in real time via our live stream at www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: From now until Monday 6 September, our churches are open as follows:

Mass Times in **St Joseph's Church** are:

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm
- Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am only
- Monday to Friday Mass at 9am only
- Saturday Mass at 10am

Mass Times in **The Most Holy Name Church** are:

- Sunday Mass at 9:30am

Mass Times in the **Bridgettine Convent** are:

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm
- Sunday Mass at 9am

There is limited space in the chapel so people still need to [book in advance via Ann Saunders](#).

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH IS OPEN daily for morning Mass and remains open until 5:30pm. Please use the side door by the car park to access the church during the daytime.

CONFESSIONS: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available throughout the week by appointment.

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

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SUMMER READING: There is a varied selection of Christian books available at the back of the church. Please help yourself to anything you like. A small donation can be made using the bookshop moneybox.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be welcoming everyone back on Sunday 12 September and invite all children from pre-school to teens to join us. As well as running Children's Liturgy during the 9am Mass we will be celebrating with fun and games on the grass afterwards – weather permitting! More news to follow.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH TALK: The fifth in a series of talks organised by the Carmelites in Kensington to mark the year of St Joseph will take place on **Wednesday 1 September** at 10am, repeated again at 8pm. You can watch the talk on YouTube at "[Carmelites Kensington](#)". You can watch this and the three previous talks at any time on YouTube.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: St Joseph had a deep faith in God, even when things seemed to be working against him. He believed and fully trusted in the Providence of God and carried out the Lord's will. This month we continue our series of reflections with "[St Joseph Man of Faith](#)".

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for August 2021 is **The Church** – Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who are unwell. Whether in hospital, waiting for an operation or awaiting test results, we pray that those suffering will receive the support, care and attention they need to live pain free lives.

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYER REQUESTS: We are happy to receive these by phone, via email or by letter.

SEASON OF CREATION: Pope Francis and the Vatican are again calling on all Catholics to join the ecumenical [Season of Creation](#). It is a global celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting on 1 September, the [World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#), and ending on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

The 2021 theme is “A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God.” Oikos is the Greek word for “home” or “household.” By rooting our theme in the concept of oikos, we celebrate the integral web of relationships that sustain the well-being of the Earth.

This year’s symbol, [Abraham’s Tent](#), signifies our commitment to safeguard a place for all who share our common home, just as Abraham did in the Book of Genesis.

We hope that [this Season of Creation](#) renews our baptismal call to care and sustain an ecological turning so that life may flourish, and all creatures may find their place to flourish among our common home.

“There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions.”

Pope Francis, Laudato Si’, no. 211

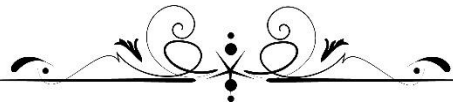
“The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion.”

Pope Francis, Laudato Si’, no. 219

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this Monday 23 August and next Monday 30 August (bank holiday). 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 GREEN TOP MILK, GREEN LONG LIFE (UHT) MILK, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED CUSTARD, CEREALS, COFFEE, TEA, SUGAR, RICE POUCHES, POT NOODLES and CHOCOLATE BISCUIT BARS** (penguins, kit-kats, etc). We do not require any clothing at present. Thank you to all our supporters who continue to donate each week, it is much appreciated.



ST JOSEPH’S GOLF DAY: Our annual St Joseph's Golf Society Day takes place on **Sunday, 19 September** at Oakland Park Golf Club in Chalfont St Giles. This year it will be dedicated to the memory of Liam Foy RIP. 18 Hole Stableford Competition with individual and team prizes. Tee off times from 1pm onwards, with bacon rolls to start and a presentation dinner in the evening. Cost is £60 per head for golf and dinner (£30 if you are an Oakland Park member) and £22 per person for guests attending dinner only. Places are filling up quickly so book early to secure your place. [Booking forms are available from our website.](#)



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

1. In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: ‘Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others...’ (Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel, No 10)
2. ‘This teaching is difficult’, complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?
3. ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.’ In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to your faith in Jesus because, like Peter, you found a more hopeful message in Jesus than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?
4. ‘The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life’. Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are words of life for you.

*John Byrne OSA
Intercom, August 2021*

Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph’s, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 9am and 11am *

The Most Holy Name, Denham: Sunday at 9:30am

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 9am, Saturday and Bank Holidays at 10am *

Rosary: Currently on summer break; resumes again on Tuesday 7 September

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