

12 September 2021

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



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EDUCATION SUNDAY

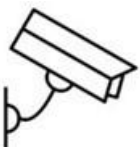


2021: A Word in Season

As the new academic year begins, we mark **EDUCATION SUNDAY**. The theme is 'A Word in Season', taken from Isaiah 50:4. It is an opportunity to give thanks for all who teach, for all who study and for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness. This is all the more poignant as we try to recover from the pandemic. Teachers, pupils and leaders in our schools have suffered 18 months of disruption and uncertainty.

This Sunday, we pray that God will fortify all those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education and vocational training.

13 September	St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church – Memorial
14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast
15 September	Our Lady of Sorrows – Memorial
16 September	Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs – Memorial
17 September	St Albert, Patriarch of Jerusalem, Legislator of Carmelite Order – Feast



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

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

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.

Welcome Back Sunday

Children's Liturgy is back **this Sunday 12 September** at the 9am Mass – we really look forward to seeing you.

We also invite everyone of all ages to join us for some outdoor games on the grass after Mass along with coffee and biscuits to celebrate the start of the new school year.

ADOREMUS – COME LET US ADORE: Wednesday 15 September from 7pm to 9pm. On the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, there will be two hours of Adoration in St Joseph's Church. Mary invites us to pray with the heart before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!"

St Pope John Paul

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for September is An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle – We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: The Bible refers to Joseph as a just man. This means he was a man of integrity. He was well respected in the community. He was a man of justice. He believed in doing what is right at all times. We reflect on this virtue in "[St Joseph the Just Man](#)".

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the Sweeney, Doran, French, Killeen, Cash, Carhart-Harris, Williams, McCarron 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.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Claire Vanner and Peter Muhley who were married recently in St Joseph's Church. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

BOOKS FOR 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.



SEPTEMBER IS SVP AWARENESS MONTH. The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. It has been present in the

parish for over 40 years, throughout this time providing social contact, services like shopping and the collection of medicine, transport (for example to Mass or medical appointments) and occasional material support for those in need. As Pope Francis says in *Evangelii Gaudium*, “Works of love directed to one’s neighbour are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit.”. Next week will cover how activities have been adapted to the Covid-19 pandemic.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY: September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are all based on scripture and help us recall Mary’s role in salvation history. Reflect upon the Seven Sorrows below:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:34–35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13–21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41–50)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18–30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your divine compassion.

Be mindful of us and have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life’s hardships.
Mary, Mother of Sorrows, pray for us. Amen.

SEASON OF CREATION: Pope Francis [encourages participation in the Season of Creation](#) and says that it is a “season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home.” The theme for 2021 is “[A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God.](#)”

MAGNIFICAT contains readings and prayers for Mass, with meditations, and part of the Prayer for Morning and Evening inspired by the Liturgy of the Hours. It also has articles on the Saints, spiritual topics and reflections in each monthly issue. For the month of September only, you can have free access to the digital version of Magnificat. [Click here for more information.](#)

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this **Monday 13 September**. 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, COFFEE, TEA, SUGAR, JAM, TUNA, TINNED MEAT, CEREALS, CORDIALS and TOILET PAPER.** 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 FURNITURE MARKET distributed £12,000 for the three-month period July to September as follows:

- £6,000 The Parish
- £1,000 Voices for Choices
- £1,000 Red Cross Red Crescent Afghanistan Appeal
- £250 Sense
- £250 MS Wendover
- £250 Sign Health
- £250 Buckinghamshire Mind
- £250 Bone Cancer Research Trust
- £250 Slough Talking Newspapers
- £250 Connection Support
- £250 Chalfont St Peter Youth Club
- £250 Chalfont St Giles Youth Club
- £250 British Red Cross Bucks
- £250 Scan Appeal
- £250 Sebastian’s Action Trust
- £250 SHOC
- £250 SBASCH
- £250 Scan Appeal
- £250 Thames Hospice Care

The market is open on Saturday mornings from 9am to 12:30pm. For all our latest news please see [our Facebook page](#). You can also [contact us by email](#).

“The road is narrow. He who wishes to travel it more easily must cast off all things and use the cross as his cane. In other words, he must be truly resolved to suffer willingly for the love of God in all things.”
St John of the Cross

Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph’s, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm *

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 7am and 9am, Saturday and Bank Holidays at 10am *

Rosary: Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm via Zoom

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