

21 April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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Thank You!

On behalf of the Carmelite Community, I would like to thank parishioners for their thoughtfulness and generosity this Easter, received in the form of cards, messages, chocolates, sweet treats and offerings. We are truly blessed to receive such magnificent support and are especially grateful to you all for your prayers.

Thank you to those who organised the Holy Week and Easter liturgies in all our churches, as well as the cleaning teams who ensured they were beautifully presented and the flower ladies who once again created gorgeous displays. Our thanks to everyone who welcomed, ministered, served, provided music or volunteered their help in any way during the services; this coming together enabled us to reverently mark the Triduum and joyfully celebrate the Resurrection.

Fr Bob



We broadcast all Masses/Services live from St Joseph's Church (not the Oratory) in real time via our live stream at www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live.

This weekend is **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** and the 61st **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The theme of the [Papal Message for Vocations Sunday](#) is "Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace". You will find a special newsletter and a prayer card from our diocesan vocations team in the church porch.

"Without priests, we do not have a church. What makes the church is the Eucharist and priests are those who celebrate the Mass with us and for us."
Bishop David Oakley

Along with the whole Church, let us pray for vocations today. Let us take time to stir the hearts and minds of the people around us to think about the topic of Vocation

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Carmelite Priests Training Fund

23 April	St George, Martyr, Patron of England – Solemnity
25 April	St Mark, Evangelist – Feast

This Sunday there will be a **CHILDREN'S MASS** at the 9am and a **YOUTH MASS** at the 11am. At 9am, the children will stay in the church and the Mass will be all inclusive with as many as are able/wish to join in, having the opportunity to do so, whatever their age. Likewise, at 11am, the young people will be actively involved in many aspects of the Mass, including music. Afterwards young people will mix socially with activities in the Hall, followed by delicious food in the First Committee Room.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Paul McCarthy** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Tuesday 30 April in St Joseph's Church at 11am**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

TEA AND CHAT: Our bi-monthly social group will meet together on **Thursday 25 April** from 2pm to 4pm in the First Committee Room at St Joseph's Priory. Everyone is most welcome – we look forward to seeing you there.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our April talk was 'You are my witnesses' (Isa 43:10): **Chosen and Sent** and the speaker was Fr Pius Amoako. [Click here to watch a recording](#). For more details about forthcoming talks and links to recordings of previous talks, go to www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus or pick up a flyer from the church porch.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for April is FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN – We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. [Click here to watch the Pope's video](#).

PILGRIMS OF HOPE TOUR: This year we are preparing for the Jubilee Year 2025, by hosting a "year of prayer." As part of this, Bishop David is touring the diocese to help us reflect on what it means to be a pilgrim of hope. He will answer questions from those present and accompany us as we pray together as a community. A local [Pilgrims of Hope Tour](#) evening is on **Thursday 25 April** at 7pm at Our Lady of Peace Church in Burnham.

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER: With a general election due soon, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A **Year of Encounter** is a joint initiative between [CAFOD](#) and the [St Vincent de Paul Society](#), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. [Click here for more information](#), including online sessions on **Thursday 25 April** and **Saturday 4 May** to learn more.

RETURN TO THE UPPER ROOM: Mission Northampton will host a virtual gathering exploring the call to return to the upper room and prepare our hearts for Pentecost. Join them on **Friday 10 May** at 7:30pm on Zoom. [Click here for more details and to sign up](#).

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN FRANCE: From 15-22 **October**, you are invited to spend 3 nights in Lisieux, 1 night in Chartres and finally 3 nights in Paris. Our spiritual guide will be **Canon John Udris** and the pilgrimage will be led by Bishop David Oakley. [More information can be found here](#).

ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2023/2024: The 200 Club draw for **March** was made during Holy Week. The lucky winners are:

- 1st Antonia O'Neill (£265)
- 2nd Carmel Kealy (£132.50)
- 3rd Tad Potworowski (£79.50)
- 4th Daphny Westlake (£53)

Thanks to all those who have joined recently. The club continues to grow and new memberships are still available. For more details and to register please contact Alastair by email at 200club@stjosephs.org.uk or pick up an application form from the church porch.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues this **Monday 22 April**. Please bring your donations to the **First Committee Room by 12 noon**. There will be tables set out by the side door to the car park where you can leave your contributions. **WE ARE DESPERATELY SHORT OF INDIVIDUAL CARTONS OF ORANGE/APPLE JUICE and CRISPS. WE ARE IN NEED OF FRESH GREEN MILK, UHT GREEN MILK, TEA, COFFEE, SUGAR, TINNED FISH and TINNED MEAT.** Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated.

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

The following take place at St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter

Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday at 7am (in the Oratory) and 9am*, Saturday and Bank Holidays at 10am*

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

*BROADCAST VIA LIVE STREAM

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT DEMENTIA? Maybe how to cope as a carer or with a family member with the disease? How to take a positive approach? There will be an informal talk which will give you really useful information on dementia and its impacts. Also, ideas of activities and stimulation to help the person with dementia. The talk is open to everyone. Carers, family members and those experiencing early stages of dementia. It will be in the First Committee Room on **Wednesday 1 May**. You can choose between 2 sessions either 2pm in the afternoon or 7:30pm in the evening. The talk will be given by **Sally Blackden** who has over 20 years of experience in this field.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £4,500 in April as follows:

£2,000	Parish
£250	Parish (Reserve)
£500	South Bucks Hospice
£500	Samaritans Amersham
£250	Lovell End School PTA
£250	Chalfont St Peter Youth Centre
£250	Age Concern
£250	Chalfont St Peter Academy PTA
£250	Chalfont St Giles Youth Club

The Parish is very thankful for its donation which makes an important contribution towards essential day-to-day running costs. Thank you to all the volunteers who work so hard in all weathers to make the Furniture Market the success it is.

You can now contact us at this **email address**:

stjosephsfurnituremarket@gmail.com

You can also **Follow us on Facebook** at:

www.facebook.com/groups/150493297972

If you have any furniture you would like to donate, please bring it, or at least a photograph, to the Furniture Market on a Saturday morning so that we can discuss.

EASTER GIFTS: Many thanks for your very generous response to our Easter Gifts appeal organised by the Children's Liturgy Team. All gifts were gratefully received and the Easter cards beautifully coloured in by our parish children were very much appreciated.

THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM would like to thank the Children's Liturgy Team for their wonderful Easter gifts which were given to the women and children in our care. They were greatly appreciated.