

5 August 2018

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

Fr Michael Spain OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Robert Davies OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD, Fr Matt Blake OCD

6 August	The Transfiguration of the Lord - Feast
8 August	St Dominic, Priest - Memorial
9 August	St Teresa Benedict, Martyr of the Carmelite Order – Feast
10 August	St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr – Feast
11 August	St Clare, Virgin – Memorial
14 August	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr – Memorial
15 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation
20 August	St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor – Memorial
21 August	St Pius X, Pope – Memorial
22 August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial
24 August	St Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses at St Joseph's are 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,628. Your continued support is appreciated.

ALPHA COURSE – All are invited from all the different denominations. It will be held in the Breadhouse in Chalfont St. Peter with an introductory dinner and talk on 17 September to see if you would like to take the course. If you do, we will meet every Monday evening up until Tuesday 3 December to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes a main talk, a chance to say what you think and dessert and drinks. It's fun, relaxed and free. Come and ask anything you like, which is why over 22 million people have tried Alpha around the world. To sign up go to www.goldhill.org/alpha or call 01753 887173.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION:

In August we are asked to pray for families.

The saints to accompany us this month span a wide range of family life. **St Joseph** the step-father, who took on the responsibility for the child Jesus and, as a result, became (for a time) a refuge. **St Margaret Clitherow** who, at her trial for harbouring priests, refused to plead to save her family from being called as witnesses and incriminating themselves. **Sts Louis Martin** a watchmaker and his wife **Zelie** a lacemaker were the parents **St Therese of Lisieux**, and their priority as parents was to create a warm nurturing home for their children.

This month it is suggested that we begin our prayer time by asking for the grace to see where God has blessed us through our families. We might give thanks for times of joy or ask for the gift of reconciliation and the courage to place painful times into the Lord's hands.

WORK STARTS SOON ON MEMORIAL WALL:

On **Monday 10 September**, building works begin to erect a Memorial Wall in St Joseph's Cemetery, replacing the hedge that runs adjacent to the Furniture Market. This wall will provide space for commemorative plaques and will be constructed so as to accommodate vaults for the interment of ashes. Construction will be completed by Christmas. Application Forms for plaques/vaults will be available from the Parish Office late September.

LET IT BE – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: This course is an inspiring DVD exploration of Mary, past and present. Produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration), this five week course will be running at St Joseph's parish in October on both Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings (starting **3 and 4 October**). It shows how Mary helps us to be filled with God. *"Mary once gave us the Saviour of the world, today she helps us to be filled with the Spirit of God."*

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Mass times in St Joseph's will be:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm; Sunday Masses at 7:45am and 11am only

Mass in Holy Name, Denham (near UB9 5AR) at 9:30am on Sunday

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath, SLO ONR - Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday at 9am

Normal Mass times will resume from Saturday 8/Sunday 9 September

RCIA –Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults/Sharing our Faith: Becoming a catholic is one of the most profound and joyous experiences of life. Life is a journey and all are welcome on this journey to discover more deeply God in their lives. RCIA is a process of conversion by studying the Gospel, professing faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, with help and support from sponsors and the whole community. Do you wish to join the Catholic Church? Also were you baptised in the Catholic Church but never Confirmed or received the Eucharist? Do you know anyone who is interested in the Church and would like to know more or would you yourself like to know more about your faith and the Church– perhaps it will help you answer some of your children’s questions? The RCIA Group/Sharing your Faith meet on a Tuesday evening starting on 18 September at 7:30 for 8pm, for sessions of teaching and discussion - all are welcome. Please speak to Fr Bob.

CONGRATULATIONS to

Whitney Barrett and Patrick Sweeney;
Hannah Murphy and Paul Finch;
Kathryn Forsyth and Felix Blumschein;
Francesca Fernandes-Dwyer and Jamie Griggs
who were married recently at St Joseph’s. We wish them God’s blessing and every happiness for the future.



ST JOSEPH’S GOLF DAY: Join us for our annual golf competition on **Friday 21 September** at **Oakland Park Golf Club** in Chalfont St Giles. Booking forms available now from the Parish Office.

LONDON AND SLOUGH RUN FOR THE HOMELESS:

Please bring your sandwiches, boiled eggs, crisps, drinks, fruit, biscuits, etc to the Parish Centre by 3:30pm on Monday. We especially **need sandwiches and food during the holiday period** as donations decrease whilst people are away on their summer break. Many thanks for your continued support.

During August we also need socks, pants, T-shirts and sleeping bags.

Please use the metal box provided: do not leave goods outside the Parish Centre.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

CREAM TEA: Parishioners and friends are invited to the CWL Cream Tea to be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 15 August** from 2-4pm. There will be delicious homemade cakes to enjoy, along with a raffle and Bring and Buy Stall. We look forward to seeing you.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for the sick of our Parish and for those who have asked for our prayers.

WANTED!! The London Run is in urgent need of volunteers, but particularly males, to help out on our regular Monday evening runs into London with food, clothing and a word of comfort to our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are on the streets. This is a very rewarding experience and only involves one Monday evening a month for our volunteers from 7:30pm until we return to St Joseph’s about 11:30pm. Why not come along for a ‘sampler’ evening to see what goes on? Please contact Eugene – eugene_walsh@hotmail.com or 07583 822752 for more information.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the Wallace, Cross, Martin, O’Connor, Donavon, Stickland, Richards, Sheehy, McDonald, Tate, Scott, and Bickers families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God’s blessing on these children and their families.

We are still currently experiencing technical difficulties with our **PARISH WEBSITE**. Thank you for your patience.

The **NEXT PRINTED NEWSLETTER** will be **Sunday 26 August** – articles to be included should be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Thursday 23 August.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED on **Thursday 9 and Friday 10 August**, as well as on **Thursday 16 and Friday 17 August**. For enquiries please email office@stjosephs.org.uk or phone 01753 886581, press 1 and leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as we can. In the event of an emergency call 01753 886581 and follow the instructions if you need to speak to a priest.

Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph’s, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am and 11am
Holy Name, Denham: Sunday Mass at 9:30am
Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath: Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm, Sunday at 9am

All 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 10:30 – 11am and 4:45 – 5:15pm

Rosary: None during the summer holidays. Recommences on Tuesday 11 September

Eucharistic Adoration: None during the summer holidays. Recommences on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 September