



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 23 rd	<i>St Bridget</i>	No Mass		
Sun 24 th	<i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	Burford	Pro Populo
		11.00am	Carterton	Pro Populo
Mon 25 th	<i>St James, Apostle</i>	No Mass		
Tues 26 th	<i>Sts Joachim & Anne</i>	10.00am	Burford	Private Intention
Weds 27 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Carterton	Stuart Pearce RIP
	<i>Funeral Mass</i>	1.15pm	Carterton	John Harwood Stevenson
Thur 28 th	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am	Burford	Celebrants Ints
Fri 29 th	<i>Sts Martha, Mary, and Lazarus</i>	9.30am	Carterton	Roy Rosario RIP
Sat 30 th	<i>No Mass</i>			
Sun 31 st	<i>18th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	Burford	Pro Populo
		11.00am	Carterton	Pro Populo

Welcome to Holy Mass on this Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Pope Francis has called for the universal church to celebrate our grandparents on Sunday 24th July, the Sunday closest to the memorial of Jesus' grandparents, Ss Joachim and Ann. The following is part of a prayer written by the late Mgr Joseph Quinn, a former Parish Priest of Our Lady's Shrine in Knock.

Bless all grandparents and keep them in Your care. Bless them with peace, health and healing. Reward them for their faith and fidelity, for their work and goodness, for their love and thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers. Give them a long and happy life together. May old age come to them in the company of family and friends. And when life is over, unite them again, where parting will be no more, in the Kingdom of Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war: Anyone wishing to have their names on the sick list please give the name in to Fr Paul. Because of the new GDPR rules you must have the expressed permission of the sick person themselves before their name can be added to our sick list.

We pray for the soul of John Harwood Stevenson RIP, Patrick O'Neill RIP who died recently. May he rest in peace. John's Funeral Mass will be at St Joseph's at 1.15pm on the 27th July. Pat's Funeral Service will be at St Joseph's on the 2nd August at 11am. Please let us keep them, and all who mourn their passing in our prayers.

St Bernadette Relic Tour: There will be more details about this in the coming weeks.

Prayer for the People of Ukraine: O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, look with mercy upon the Ukrainian people. Protect them from aggression. Grant them peace and steadfast trust in your love. Give them courage to defend what is good, right, and holy; and provide for all their needs. Through the powerful intercession of the Mother of God, Protectress of Ukraine, and St Michael the Archangel, Patron of Kyiv, banish violence swiftly from their midst and wipe away all tears. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

New Mass Schedule for our Parishes:

From the first weekend in August Mass times in Carterton and Burford will be

Sunday: Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More Burford's Mass will be at 9.30am
 St Joseph's Carterton's will retain its current Mass at 11.00am.

Furthermore, from weekend of the 13th/14th August Holy Mass will be celebrated at St Mary the Virgin, Bampton at **5pm on a Saturday evening**. (This will allow me to celebrate the 6.30pm at Witney should the need arise.) My thanks to the Vicar and PCC for agreeing that this mass can be celebrated in their building for the present, maintaining something of the tradition which I know is important to many people..

While Mass times are always contentious matter, I hope you can appreciate that every effort has been made to accommodate people's needs whilst preserving that which people hold dear. Within the three local parishes alone you will have the choice of 6 mass times spread over 4 locations over the weekend, from 5pm & 6.30pm on Saturday, and then 8.30, 9.30, 10.00, 11 on Sundays. I realise that compromises may need to be made. Perhaps your preferred place and time won't necessarily coincide, but sacrifices must be made.

Presbytery grounds; Thank you, all who have helped, and please follow Ed's emails for updates!

Newsletter If you wish to receive the newsletter electronically by email do let me know. Perhaps the easiest way is to email me on the Parish Email Address stating that you wish to be added to the Newsletter circulation list.

Altar Servers. Whilst our dear Jose does a sterling job, it would be truly lovely to have a team of Altar Server's here at St Joseph's. I realise that it is incredibly difficult when our younger parishioners haven't seen teams of servers doing their important duties on the sanctuary, I really do encourage them to offer their services. These are such important ministries in the life of the parish, and could bring an incredible amount to our celebration of Holy Mass together. If you or your child/children would be willing to form a serving team here, please do speak to Jose or Fr Paul asap. Full training would be given.

Music Ministry Likewise it would be wonderful to form a music ministry here. Please speak to Fr Paul if you feel you could help in any way.

SVP We are blessed to have an active albeit small SVP conference in the parish. Never has their motto of 'Putting concern into action' been more timely. If you feel you could indeed do just this, put concern into action, perhaps think about it over these summer weeks and join our small group of volunteers in September. They arrange lifts for people, they visit, help with practical concerns, arrange masses for our sick and housebound and many other kindnesses that go unsung and unseen. Please do think about how you can help. Speak to Fr Paul or Benje Shirlaw if interested.