



**St Joseph's Catholic Church**

Arkell Avenue, Carterton, OXON OX18 3BS

**Twenty-fourth Sunday (B) 12.09.2021**

Sat 11 Sept 6.00pm (Burford)  
 Sun 12 Sept 9.00am (Bampton) Raymond Fella A  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday (B) 10.15am Fr Bengt-Ove Jakobsson LD  
 Mon 13 Sept 9.45am Fr Guy Colman A  
 St John Chrysostom  
 Tue 14 Sept 6.30pm  
**Exaltation of the Cross**  
 Wed 15 Sept **12.00noon**  
 Our Lady of Sorrows  
 Thu 16 Sept **9.45am Mass (N.B. earlier time)**  
 St Cornelius & St Cyprian  
 Fri 17 Sept 6.00pm (Burford ) Fr John Lopez A  
 Sat 18 Sept 6.00pm (Burford) Ron Wilkinson LD  
 Sun 19 Sept 9.00am (Bampton)  
 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday (B)10.15am Prince Joseph LD

N.B. Live-streaming of 10.15am Sunday Mass  
Details on website: [www.stjosephscarterton.uk](http://www.stjosephscarterton.uk)

**Wednesday Noon Mass followed by a simple light lunch in the hall.**

**CLEANING the church.** Ginny Roberts is compiling a rota. Could you be part of it please? Ring her on 01993-842895.

**Factoids**

- \*The most common way people give up their power is by thinking that they do not have any.
- \*A burnt loaf from the Great Fire of London (1666) sold for £322 at auction in 1996.
- \*'Almost' is the longest word in English with letters in alphabetical order.

**Deadly Fairy** Hidden in plain view  
A parishioner persuaded me to look at the small print on a back of a bottle of Fairy Original liquid. What I saw was: "Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects"

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**Please pray for those who have died:** Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Chris Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand, Graham Copping, Romy Sadler-Tomkins, Marie Whelan, Isalina de Freitas, Elaine Barry, John Pollock, Zena Miles, Dominic Lackschewitz- Martin, Susan Wiffen, Barbara Gianni, Gianfranco Formigli, Philip Buckingham, Dom Michael Phillips OSB, Gerardo Pama, Ron Wilkinson, Fr Bengt-Ove Jakobsson, Prince Joseph.

**Anniversaries:** Royston Hodges, William Hurst, Betty Murden, Margaret Sneddon, Frederick Hall.

**Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Rodrigo Bantug, Cynthia Brick, John Titcombe, Pat O'Neill, Antoinette Broad, Michael D'Souza, Maureen Reynolds.

**Parish Bank details for Standing Orders.**

Natwest sort code 60-24-60 and account 43009530. Thanks to all who support the parish in this way.

**Holy Communion.** Eight children have now been registered. Thank you. I will leave it to Fr Paul Smith to contact you all and arrange times for the sessions.

**Andrew is moving to Watlington** After more than 13 years the diocese has asked me to move. Thank you for your friendship! Please visit me: Watlington is not so far away. Fr Paul Smith will be the new Parish Priest. Fr Paul's first weekend is 2/3 October and **my last weekend is 25/26 September. Join me in the hall after 10.15am Mass on 25 September for a drink or coffee and nibbles.**

**Church open** as previously. Please drop in, light a candle and say a prayer.

Becoming a Christian is a gradual process. But God knows what he is doing. Are we willing as consistently as possible to listen and cooperate? Simon Peter recognised who Jesus was here. He was only rebuked because he was thinking too humanly. God's ways are not our ways. We want those we love to avoid suffering and harm and to avoid it ourselves. Peter thought he was doing Jesus a favour, but in fact he was doing Satan's work by trying to prevent God's plan being realised.

Jesus tells us all that if we want to be his followers, we must each of us renounce ourselves and take up our cross. We are flawed human beings. The great sculptor wants to chip away at the flaws and make masterpieces of us. Taking up our cross is part of this process and may involve enduring discrimination and worse. It sometimes involves making painful decisions and remaining true to them. It may involve sacrificing cherished plans, aspirations, and even friendships. But we need not fear: each of us has a cross that is made to measure.

Romans 8:17 *If we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, provided that we share his suffering, so as to share his glory.* The temptation for me on reading that when I was doing a seminar on Paul's Letter to Romans during my studies in Rome, was to concentrate on sharing the glory and ignore the necessary pre-condition of sharing the suffering. I was being Peter. Could we not simply enjoy Resurrection without the Cross? No. Grace builds on accepting our fallen nature and the painful process of letting the sculptor chip away at it to correct it. One cannot just wish away sin and our attachment to it: it needs to be chiselled away. We actively play our part when we dispose ourselves accordingly and allow this to happen. We need not fear since the chisel and hammer is in sure hands not our own.