

17 March 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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19 March St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary – Solemnity

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£2,569**. Your continued support is appreciated.

**CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY** this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. Through CAFOD's global church network – one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. **This weekend there is an appeal and second collection at all Masses. Please use the Family Fast Day Envelope if you are a UK tax payer.**



**RECONCILIATION TALKS – Find forgiveness, peace and freedom in the Sacrament of Reconciliation:** The second of two sessions, presented by Fr Matt Blake to help us approach this sacrament of reconciliation and healing with renewed confidence, takes place in the First Committee Room on Wednesday 20 March at 7:45pm or Thursday 21 March at 9:30am.

Bishop Peter invites you to **CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE with your family** at a special Mass in St Mary's, Woburn Sands, MK17 8NN on Saturday 6 April at 12 noon. He will give his Pastoral blessing to couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage. If this is a special anniversary year for you please email [mfl@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:mfl@northamptondiocese.com) or call 07412151517 to let us know.

**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH:** Celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint on **Tuesday 19 March**. Mass takes place at 7am in the Oratory and at 9am in St Joseph's Church, followed by coffee and cake in the First Committee Room. Then at 10am we will be showing three short **FILMS ABOUT ST JOSEPH**; written by Robert Barham, filmed here in the parish and featuring some of our young parishioners. "The Trusted Man", "Exile" and "The Weight of a Man" tell of St Joseph's encounter with an angel at different points in his life as he does the best he can to carry out the mission assigned to him by God.

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Pope Francis calls us to link our Lenten reconciliation each year with time spent in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with churches around the world in offering **24 Hours for the Lord**. The theme chosen for this year is "*Compassion*".

*'As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him'. Psalm 103:13*

St Joseph's Church will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5:30pm Friday 29 March to 5:30pm Saturday 30 March and individual confessions will be offered on Friday evening 7-9pm; Saturday morning 10:30-11:30am and Saturday afternoon 4:15pm-5:15pm.

**This is the form our Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation will take this year.**

**Please sign up to cover an hour on the rota which can be found at the back of the Church (three names per hour).** Everyone is welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament at any time during the day, even if you are unable to commit to an hour on the rota.

**GLOBAL HEALING:** If you missed the DVD here at St Joseph's, you can see it in St Aidan's Hall (HP7 9NE) this coming Thursday 21 March at 7:30pm. It is a short and inspiring film showing how our faith helps us to care for the world around us.

**"LAUDATO SI"**, a follow-up to Global Healing, will take place on Thursdays 28 March and 11 April in St Aidan's Hall (HP7 9NE). These two evenings of presentation and reflection will use CAFOD's study guide, inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si" (Praise be to you, my Lord). The sessions offer the opportunity to reflect on the world around us and to respond to the signs of the times. Refreshments on arrival at 7:30pm for a 7:45pm start. Do come along and be inspired for Lent and beyond. Everyone most welcome.

**PARISH CENSUS 2019:** Please complete and return your yellow census form to the **Parish Office** as soon as possible – the **deadline is Sunday 31 March**. If you did not receive a letter then it means we do not have a record for you, please go to the parish website to register. If you have any questions email [admin@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.org.uk). Thank you to the many parishioners who returned their forms so promptly.

**DON'T FEED EXPLOITATION.  
CHOOSE FAIRTRADE.**



**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** may have just finished but it is vital that we continue to support those who grow our food in developing countries. By standing with producers through Fairtrade we can ensure farmers are paid fairly for their work and are able to live a dignified life. We believe a living income is not a luxury but a human right. Don't feed exploitation – buy Fairtrade and encourage your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to do the same. **St Joseph's Parish is proud to support Fairtrade.**

**COACH TO CHRISM MASS:** A coach is booked to take parishioners from our Pastoral Area to the Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral on Maundy Thursday 18 April. The Mass starts at 11am and we aim to arrive in good time, shortly after 10am. The first pickup point will be St Joseph's. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to reserve a seat.

**FROM THE SVP** for your clothing donations. If you have any lightweight (spring/summer) clothing for a tall, slim boy (age 10-11 or 10-12), also shoes size 2 If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.



#### **PLANT A POT FOR PARISH DAY:**

Calling all green-fingered parishioners – we need your help! Spring is in the air and many of us are turning our thoughts to flowers and plants for our homes and gardens. Would you please consider nurturing some seeds or plant plugs over the coming months and bring them along to **St Joseph's Parish Fête on Saturday 13 July** for our popular plant stall.



**WAITROSE GREEN TOKENS:** Shoppers at Waitrose in Gerrards Cross can support **The London and Slough Run** by popping their green tokens into their section of the 'Community Matters' box.

**BISHOP PETER'S PASTORAL LETTER FOR LENT** is now available on the website.

**CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP:** Join us for our Easter themed crafts and games workshop, organised by Children's Liturgy on **Tuesday 9 April** in the Parish Centre/Hall. Registration is at 10am and pick up is at 3pm. Children (ages 5-12) will have great fun doing craft activities and playing games, all with an Easter theme. Drinks/biscuits during the day and a lunch of hot dog or pizza are included in the price. Donation of £10 per child. Numbers are limited and spaces will fill up quickly so don't delay! Tickets in advance from the Parish Office; cash or cheque (to "St Joseph's Parish").



**NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE** will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral from **Friday 22 March until Sunday 24 March**. If you are interested, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604714556 and speak to Fr Mark Flood.

The **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. Please leave your donations in the metal box provided as this protects them from the elements; do not leave goods outside the Parish Centre. Many thanks for your continued support.

**APF MILL HILL MISSION** supporters are asked to pick up your copy of Mission Today from the back of the Church.

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

**GRAB A BARGAIN OR GET RID OF YOUR CLUTTER:** Join us for a Table Top sale in the Parish Centre and Hall on Saturday 6 April from 10:30am until

2:30pm. Come along for some shopping bargains or just relax and enjoy the refreshments/lunch on offer from our cafe. Entry is £10 for sellers and £1 for buyers. By attending this sale, either as a seller or a buyer, you are helping the Cameroon Education Fund, which the parish has supported since 2005. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to book a table.



#### **Sunday Mass Times**

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm  
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:** Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm in the Oratory (enter via Sacristy)

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory

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