



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

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24 March 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3

25 March The Annunciation of the Lord

CAMEROON APPEAL: The special appeal **NEXT WEEKEND** will be to assist not just with education fees of the orphaned and vulnerable children in the Diocese of Kumbo but also to help those internally displaced children who are currently unable to attend school due to the violence on the streets.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,168**. Your continued support is appreciated.

Thank you so much for supporting **CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY**. Our second collection amounted to **£3,113.49**.

CAFOD SOUP LUNCH: Thank you to everyone who marked Family Fast Day last Friday by attending our Soup Lunch. It was a very sociable occasion and there was a great atmosphere in the Parish Centre. The tremendous sum of **£1,080** was raised for CAFOD. Special thanks to all the ladies who made and served the eight delicious soups enjoyed by our guests.

RCIA: This Sunday at the 11am Mass The First Scrutiny will be celebrated for Yue Mei Mellon who is being Baptised and Marian Fitzpatrick who will be received into the Catholic Church. Please pray for them.

ROSARY GROUP: As there will be Adoration for 24 hours there will be no Rosary group on Friday 29 March.

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 or call 07412151517 to let us know.

"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.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

There will be 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 4:15-5:15pm.

With just one week to go, 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.

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

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD IN THE CHILTERN PASTORAL

AREA: During Lent Pope Francis asks us to spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and to link this with our Lenten reconciliation. There are also opportunities to take part at local Catholic Churches. Please see the flyer or website for details.

RETURN YOUR CENSUS FORM ASAP:

Please complete and return your yellow census form to the Parish Office this week. Households which do not return their form by the **deadline of next Sunday 31 March** will be deactivated on the Parish Register for GDPR compliance. 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. Thank you to the many parishioners who sent back their forms so promptly.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Sylvia Barclay** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 4 April at 11:30am at St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Shirley Hughes** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Thursday 11 April at 11am at St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

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.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN on Saturday 6 April at Our Lady of Grace, High Wycombe from 11am until 3pm. What does it mean to be holy in everyday life? A chance to consider Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation to "*Rejoice and Be Glad*" as we hear God's personal call to 'be holy', led by Kate Stogdon, a Cenacle Sister, Spiritual Director and Teacher of Ignatian Spirituality. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.



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*").



REMINDER: British Summer Time begins next weekend so don't forget to put your clocks forward!

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to the Sweeney, McDonagh, Hetherington and Margals families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on these children and their families.

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.



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

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.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £2,000 in March as follows:

The Parish	£1,000
Rennie Grove Hospice Care	£500
Slough Refugee Support	£500

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY TOUR: Once again there is an opportunity to join a tour to the ancient world of the Old Testament at the British Museum on Friday 29 March at 6:15pm on the steps of the Museum. To book go to www.goldhill.org/historytour or call 01753 887173. Price is £15 per person.



CONGRATULATIONS to

Maria Flannery and Cathal Sweeney who were married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

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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