

3 March 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



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 March	Ash Wednesday
7 March	SS Perpetua & Felicity, Virgin Martyrs, Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,886**. Your continued support is appreciated.



ASH WEDNESDAY – 6 March is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses in St Joseph's Church at 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Anne Lipscomb** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 13 March at 12 noon at St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

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.



GLOBAL HEALING – How our faith helps us to care for our common home.

"There is a real danger that we will leave future generations only rubble, deserts and refuse ... We cannot afford to waste time" Pope Francis

Responding together to Pope Francis' call (in his encyclical "Laudato Si") to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to future generations, the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales commissioned a DVD to be shown in all Parishes. If you missed the showing here at St Joseph's, it is now available for viewing on our Parish website.

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



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT runs from **Monday 25 February until Sunday 10 March. Calling all chocolate fans!**

Fairtrade is campaigning for a living income to become a reality for cocoa farmers in West Africa. If we can work together with governments, chocolate companies and retailers to make the commitments and policies necessary, then we can make it happen. A living income means enough money to live a simple but dignified life, paying for essentials such as clothing, medicine and school. We believe this is not a luxury but a human right. One of the simplest ways to support these cocoa farmers is by buying Fairtrade chocolate and cocoa. While this doesn't immediately solve all the issues, keeping up the demand allows farmers to sell more of their cocoa on Fairtrade terms, thus increasing their income.

#SheDeserves

SALE OF TRADICRAFT GOODS TODAY – SUNDAY

3 MARCH after 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and after 11am Mass in the First Committee Room. Why not stop by the stall and see what's on offer? Please show your support.

JUSTICE AND PEACE: Next meeting is on Thursday 7 March at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the next twelve months are now available for collection from the back of the

Church. Many thanks for your continued support of this scheme. Parishioners who wish to join the scheme may do so by completing a Gift Aid Declaration form which is available from the website or Parish Office.

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The **NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2019** is now available from the bookshop priced at £4.

ST PATRICK'S DAY cards, rosettes and ribbons are now on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED:

An 'assembling party' for a parish mailing will be held on **Thursday 7 March** (this week) from 9am in the First Committee Room. Any help gratefully received for as much or as little time as you have to give. It is very organised and your help will be well used. Please stop in if you can.



DISRUPTION TO CAR PARK OVER COMING WEEKS:

Remedial works must be undertaken to the church roof as a matter of urgency. Contractors are now on site to effect these essential repairs. Scaffolding has been erected on both sides of the church to provide access to the roof. It is anticipated that these works will be completed before Easter. Every effort is being made to minimise disruption to the car park. Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

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.

CLOTHING WANTED: The **SVP** is desperately looking for clothing for a tall, slim boy (age 10-11 or 10-12). Items such as nightwear, coat/jacket, tops, trousers particularly needed, also shoes size 2 or size 3. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

HR ADMINISTRATOR is required by the All Saints Catholic Academy Trust, based at St Joan of Arc Catholic School. The term time only role (15.5 hours per week) will cover all aspects of HR administration. Application forms are available at www.joa.herts.sch.uk. Closing date for applications is Thursday 14 March.

PANCAKE MORNING: The St Vincent de Paul invites you to join them on **Shrove Tuesday 5 March**, for a pancake morning. Come along to the Parish Centre between 9.30am and 11.30am and enjoy freshly prepared pancakes.



CALLING ALL GOLFERS! Home-Start is Slough's most needed Children's' and Family Charity and is having its biennial Charity Golf Day at The Lambourne Golf Club, Burnham on Thursday 18 July. The format is a stapleford competition in teams of four, morning golf followed by lunch and many raffle prizes. To enquire or request a Registration Form please contact Alison at 01628 661029 or office@hsslough.co.uk.

JOB VACANCY - Full Time Youth Ministry Coordinator – NYMO: A rare opportunity has occurred to join our youth ministry office (NYMO) and take youth ministry in the Diocese of Northampton into its next phase of development.

The offices are based in Luton, but the role will involve travel throughout the diocese. Support with relocation can be provided if necessary, the detail of which would depend on the needs of the candidate. For full details of the role, job profile and an application form, please visit www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call 01604 714840.

The closing date for applications will be Tuesday 26 March 2019 and interviews will take place on Tuesday 9 April 2019.

Please pick up this month's copy of **THE VINE** from the Church porch.

Thank you to all the members who have joined **ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2019**. The monthly prize fund equates to 50% of the proceeds and the remaining 50% provides a valuable contribution to parish funds. Your support is very much appreciated.

200 *Club* **Winners**

The 200 Club, worth £740 in prizes was drawn at **Tea and a Chat** on Thursday and the lucky winners are:

- 1st P.B. Miller
- 2nd Michael Davitt
- 3rd Nathalie Parnis
- 4th Mary Keenan

Congratulations!

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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