

St Joseph's Parish

Lent 2020

PRAY | FAST | GIVE

"Come back to me with all your heart."

Shrove Tuesday

The St Vincent de Paul invites you to join them on **Tuesday, 25 February** for a pancake morning. Come along to the Parish Centre from 9:45am onwards and enjoy freshly prepared pancakes. All are most welcome.

Ash Wednesday

Ash **Wednesday, 26 February** is the start of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Mass with distribution of ashes at 7am in the Oratory as well as at 9am and 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church.

Stations of the Cross

Since early times, on Wednesdays, Catholics have made a special devotion to St Joseph and it has also been a day of fasting in remembrance of the Betrayal of Christ. This year after the 9am Mass **every Wednesday in Lent** there will be Stations of the Cross.

Christus Vivit

15-18 YEARS OLD...why not do something different this Lent? Discover "CHRISTUS VIVIT" - a letter from Pope Francis to all young people. He has a message for you, "*Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive.*" Come and join us for five Sunday evenings in Lent, **starting on 1 March**, from 6:30pm to 8pm in the First Committee Room. Food included! Please RSVP to youth@stjosephs.org.uk.

Year of the Word - World Book Day

Children from Pre-School to Year 6 are invited to join us on World Book Day, **Thursday, 5 March**, as we celebrate the bestselling book of all time - The Bible. Come along to the Parish Centre after school from 3:15pm onwards where we will explore the characters, stories and messages in the Bible for different age groups. Snacks provided for children and refreshments for parents/carers.



Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from **Monday, 24 February until Sunday, 8 March**. Join the campaign to ensure that cocoa farmers - in particular the women - are paid fairly for their work and are able to live a dignified life. A living income means enough money to live a simple life, paying for essentials such as clothing, medicine and school. We believe this is not a luxury but a human right. Don't feed exploitation - buy Fairtrade and encourage others to do the same. #SheDeserves.

Traidcraft

Traidcraft are the original fair trade pioneers in the UK, advocating the importance of organic farming, sustainability and transparency to the lives of growers and artisans around the world. On **Sundays 1 March and 5 April** pop into the Parish Centre after 9am Mass or the First Committee Room after 11am Mass and browse through the traidcraft products on sale.

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Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Women’s World Day of Prayer

This global ecumenical movement, led by Christian women, welcomes you to join them in prayer for peace and justice. The 2020 Prayer Service, *“Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk”*, has been written by the women of Zimbabwe, who need our support as they seek love, peace and reconciliation within their country. We celebrate with local churches on **Friday, 6 March** at 10:30am in St James, Fulmer.

Soup Lunch

Come and join us for delicious home-made soup on **Friday, 6 March** to mark the CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Lunch will be served from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre. All donations in aid of CAFOD.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Fr John will celebrate Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent on **Saturday, 14 March** at 3:30pm. There will be anointing with the oil of the sick and the opportunity for prayer. All of us need healing be it in mind, body or spirit so everyone is most welcome to attend. The St Vincent de Paul invites you for tea and cake after the service in the First Committee Room.

Year of the Word - Books & Resources

Pauline Books & Media is run by the Daughters of St Paul. Their ministry is to communicate the word of God through every form of media. On **Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March** they will visit our parish with a selection of books and resources which may help us open our hearts to the God who speaks.

Entertainment Night

Celebrate the British Isles in style by joining us on **Saturday 14 March** for an evening of music, song and dance from 7pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets now on sale from the Parish Office. £15 Admission includes entertainment, supper and a free raffle. Cash Bar. Book by 9 March for catering purposes.

Feast of St Joseph

Celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint on **Thursday, 19 March**. Mass at 7am in the Oratory and 9am in St Joseph’s Church.

Ordination of Bishop Elect David

Canon David Oakley has been appointed as our new Bishop. His Episcopal Ordination will take place on **Thursday, 19 March** at Northampton Cathedral and will be live streamed via the internet. *St Aidan’s in Little Chalfont* is hosting a screening of the Ordination Mass for the Pastoral Area, starting at 10:45am. All are welcome.

24 Hours for the Lord

Following 9am Mass on **Friday, 20 March** until 10am Mass on **Saturday, 21 March**, there will be an opportunity to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and receive the Sacrament of Penance in St Joseph’s Church. Pope Francis again invites us all to observe this time of prayer and especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation - he says *“Do not be afraid of Confession”*. Encounter Jesus through reflection, prayer and penance.

Retreat Day

All are invited to join the Catholic Women’s League on **Saturday, 21 March** for a Lenten Day of Recollection. It begins with Mass at 10am, is followed by a talk in the First Committee Room by Fr Matt Blake and concludes after lunch with Mary’s Way of the Cross at 2pm in St Joseph’s Church. Come along for all or part of the day.

Charity Quiz

Join us for a Fun Quiz on **Saturday, 28 March** in Parish Centre. Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7:30pm. Tickets are £5 and include refreshments. Buy in advance from the Parish Office or pay on the door. Bring your own drinks. Proceeds in aid of MIND and the London & Slough Run.

Lenten Devotions

Rosary Circle Join in the beautiful prayer of the Rosary on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30pm in the Oratory.

Eucharistic Adoration Spend time resting, reading or praying in the presence of the Lord on Wednesdays or Thursdays any time from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory.