

1 March 2020

# First Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

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7 March

SS Perputua and Felicity, Virgin-Martyrs

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£2,467**. Your continued support is appreciated.



This Lent **FAMILY FAST DAY** is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters

and brothers. Your donations go to highly-trained,

highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sr Consilia is one of these people. She is a trained pharmacist who saves lives every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just couldn't continue as there wouldn't be enough funding to support it. We urgently need your help to fund more local experts like Sr Consilia to help even more people who need treatment, care and love.

On Friday 6 March, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sr Consilia to continue her life-saving work – helping the health of the world's poorest people? Please use the Family Fast Day Envelope attached to the newsletter this week and give what you can next week.

**SOUP LUNCH:** Join us this coming Friday 6 March from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre for our Lenten Soup Lunch. Enjoy a selection of delicious home-made soups in a very welcoming and pleasant atmosphere. All donations in aid of CAFOD.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **John Gregory** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 10:30am on Friday 6 March at St Joseph's Church. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Anne Pollard** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 11:30am on Monday 9 March at St Joseph's Church. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** takes place every Wednesday during Lent after 9am Mass.

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

**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. The SVP invites you for tea and cake after the service in the First Committee Room.

**15-18 YEARS OLD...why not do something different this Lent?** Discover "CHRISTUS VIVIT" – a letter written by Pope Francis addressed to all young people. Come and join us for five Sundays in Lent, starting 1 March from 6:30pm to 8pm in the First Committee Room. Food included!

**CORONAVIRUS:** The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has advised Catholics with cold or flu symptoms to refrain

from receiving Communion on the tongue or from the Chalice in order to help contain the spread of the coronavirus. Here in St Joseph's Parish, the Sign of Peace handshake has been suspended at all Masses also until further notice. This precautionary measure is temporary and will remain under review until the risk of infection is significantly reduced.

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

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD "YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN"

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. This year we are called to meditate on the words that Jesus addressed to the sinful woman: **'Your sins are forgiven'** (Luke 7:48) found within the story in the Gospel of Luke 7:36-50.

St. Joseph's Church will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 20 March from 9.30am – 10am on Saturday 21 March and individual confessions will be offered on Friday from 9.30 - 10.30am, from 2 - 3pm and from 8 - 9pm.

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 (3 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.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** runs until next Sunday 8 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** after 9am and 11am Masses – please show your support.

**REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY:** All Cathedrals will celebrate this rededication on 29 March. There is an invitation for each person to make a personal consecration to Our Lady, called the True Devotion. Follow this personal retreat online each day (approx. 10 minutes) with Fr Adrian Farrelly by visiting [www.ewtnireland.com/33days/](http://www.ewtnireland.com/33days/).

**TICKETS ON SALE FOR ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT:** Get your tickets for our celebration of the British Isles after Mass this weekend. Join us on Saturday 14 March for a two course supper and an evening's entertainment, with music by Richard Cottle and solos by guest singers. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets cost £15 per person which includes food, entertainment, a free raffle and spot prizes. Cash Bar. Bookings and payment by Monday 9 March for catering purposes.

**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.

### 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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## 200 Club Winners

The 200 Club for February was drawn at the **SVP Shrove Tuesday Pancake Morning**

The lucky winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> J. Roberts (£455)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Fagan (£227.50)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> A. Rayner (£136.50)
- 4<sup>th</sup> W. Moubarak (£91)

***Congratulations!***

**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.

The next **JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING** takes on Thursday 5 March at 7:30pm in Holy Cross Convent.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** 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.

### CARMELITE CONTEMPLATIONS

*"Prayer is nothing more than conversation with one whom we know loves us".* St Teresa of Avila  
 A friend has one's good in their heart, they wouldn't know how to harm us or have the will to drag us down or sully our name.

*"Where there is no love put love and you'll find love".* St John of the Cross  
 A gift is usually a sign of love. Many is the gift we were given; many is the gift we gave - pointless trying to count. This Lent give the gift of yourself, like Jesus did, *"...into your hands I commend my spirit"*.

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