

15 March 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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17 March	St Patrick, Bishop – Patron of Ireland – Feast
19 March	St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity

**DON'T RETURN THIS NEWSLETTER TO THE TRAY – PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU.**

**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.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£1,995**. Your continued support is appreciated.

Our parish raised a fantastic £3,055.79 for **CAFOD's Family Fast Day**. Your support will help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity, and please keep our sisters and brothers in your prayers throughout Lent.

**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH:** Thank you to everyone who marked the Lent Family Fast Day by attending our Soup Lunch. It was a very sociable occasion and there was a great atmosphere in the Parish Centre. £700 was raised for CAFOD. Special thanks to all the ladies who made and served the delicious soups enjoyed by our guests.

**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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Ronald Weeks** who died recently. The funeral will take place at 1:15pm on Monday 23 March at St Joseph's Church. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

**YEAR OF THE WORD – BOOKS & GIFTS:** This weekend the Daughters of St Paul are visiting our parish with a selection of Bibles and prayer books for adults and children, books on lives of the saints, spiritual reading, First Holy Communion gifts, DVDs, rosaries and religious articles which can help us open our hearts to the God who speaks. The sisters will be available the back of the church after all Masses, please give them a warm welcome and stop to take a look at what they have on offer.

**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 9 April. The Mass starts at 11am and we aim to arrive in good time. Our pickup point is from St Aidan's at 8:15am.

Please contact the IHM Parish Office to reserve your seat by calling 01494 862049 or email [ihmparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ihmparishsecretary@gmail.com). The coach is FREE but reservations must be made by Monday 23 March.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY : THE GIFT – A Life in the Spirit Course:** On Wednesday evenings 6, 13, 20 May and 3, 10 and 17 June. With live speakers. More details to follow.

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:** Several measures have been put in place here in St Joseph's to help keep our parishioners safe. Holy water stoups have been removed, use of hymns books and Order of Mass cards has stopped, passing of the collection basket is by collector only and the physical

sign of peace has been suspended. For Communion only the Host will be given, and only on the hand. There will be no refreshments after Mass. These measures are effective at all Masses until further notice and aim to reduce the physical contact between individuals. If you have cold or flu symptoms, or a temperature, please refrain from attending Mass until you are well again. The situation will remain under review.

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

Our Lenten celebration of reconciliation takes place at St Joseph's Church this week.

There will be 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.

**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 (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.

**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.

**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.

**THE DOWRY EXHIBITION - Westminster Cathedral**  
**19 -21 March:** This is to help people to prepare for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary. It explains the history of the Kings and early Saints and of the tradition that England is Our Lady's Dowry and the message that was given to the Lady Richeldis in Walsingham in 1061, making Walsingham one of the oldest shrines to the Mother of God in the World.  
[www.dowrytour.org.uk](http://www.dowrytour.org.uk)

**POSTPONED CWL DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** The Catholic Women's League has postponed their Lenten Day of Recollection and Mary's Way of the Cross scheduled for next Saturday, 21 March. The Retreat will be rescheduled for the autumn and a new date will be advised in due course.

**ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET** distributed £6,000 to date this year as follows:

The Parish	£3,000
Citizens Advice Chiltern	£500
Macmillan Cancer Support	£500
Rennie Grove Hospice Care	£500
Slough Refugee Support	£500
Chalfont St Giles Youth Centre	£500
Chalfont St Peter Youth Centre	£500

### 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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**APF MILL HILL MISSION** supporters are requested to pick up the Spring edition of Missio Today from the back of the Church.

**WAITROSE GREEN TOKENS:** Shoppers at Waitrose in Gerrards Cross can support SHOC by popping their tokens into their section of the 'Community Matters' box.

**WANTED - VOLUNTEER READERS:** St Joseph's School is looking for volunteers to sit with children of various ages and hear them read. Timings are flexible to suit volunteer availability. If you can help or would like to know more please email [office@st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk) or call 01753 887743

**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.

### CARMELITE CONTEMPLATIONS

St. Teresa tells us she learned to pray looking up at a painting of this Gospel passage that hung in the home where she grew up. Later in life she writes: "Oh! How many times do I recall the living water that the Lord told the Samaritan woman about! And so I am very fond of that Gospel passage. Thus it is indeed, that from the time I was a little child, without understanding this good as I do now, I often begged the Lord to give me the water. I always carried with me a painting of this episode of the Lord at the well, with the words inscribed: Lord, give me this water."

St. John of the Cross writes: "The person calls faith a spring because from it the waters of all spiritual goods flow into the soul. Christ our Lord, speaking with the Samaritan woman, called faith a spring, declaring that in those who believe in him he would make a fountain whose waters would leap up unto life everlasting. This water was the Spirit that believers were to receive through faith.....the soul is flooded with divine waters, abounding in them like a plentiful fount overflowing on all sides....thus the Spirit of God hidden in the veins of the soul is like soft refreshing water that satisfies the thirst of the human spirit."