

8 March 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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Fr John Williamson OCD, Fr Matt Blake OCD

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to **£2,324**. Your continued support is appreciated.



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, a nun in an out-of-town

health centre in Zimbabwe, is one of these people. She is a trained pharmacist who saves lives every day. Without your support, her brilliant work just couldn't continue as there wouldn't be enough funding to support it. This Lent support CAFOD by giving up a meal, or having a simple meal, and give what you save to help people like Sr Consilia continue her life-saving work – helping the health of the world's poorest people. **Please use the Fast Day Envelope to give what you can at our second collection this weekend.**

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.

BISHOP PETER'S PASTORAL LETTER FOR LENT which was read at all Masses last weekend is now available on the website.

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.

YEAR OF THE WORD – BOOKS AND GIFTS: Next weekend the Daughters of St Paul will visit 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 the 3:30pm and 5:30pm Masses on Saturday 14 March and after 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm Masses on Sunday 15 March.

"CHRISTUS VIVIT": If you are **15-18 YEARS OLD...** why not do something different this Lent? Discover Pope Francis' message for you by joining us this Sunday 8 March from 6:30pm to 8pm in the First Committee Room. Food included!

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: 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 also suspended at all Masses until further notice. This precautionary measure is temporary and will remain under review until the risk of infection is significantly reduced.

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 this Sunday 8 March. Calling all chocolate fans! Join the campaign to ensure that cocoa farmers are paid

fairly for their work. £1.86 is the amount a cocoa farmer in West Africa needs to earn each day to achieve a living income. This means enough money to live a simple life, paying for essentials such as clothing, medicine and school. Currently, a typical farmer earns around 74p a day, so almost all live in poverty. For the women the situation is even worse. They may plant and harvest on the farm, look after children, carry water, collect wood, cook and clean for the family, and transport the cocoa beans to market but often with fewer rights than men. This Fairtrade Fortnight, support cocoa farmers – buy Fairtrade chocolate and cocoa and encourage others to do the same. #SheDeserves

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.

GIFT AID enables the parish to increase your donations under the government's Gift Aid scheme. The government tops up your offering by 25p for every £1 at no extra cost to you, the giver. 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.

GIFT AIDERS please collect your boxes of offering envelopes for the next twelve months from the back of the Church.

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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CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Mulkern, Tommy Mulkern and Arlene D'Souza who were awarded their Guild of St Stephens medals in recognition of their service to altar serving in the parish. Well done and thank you!

The **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** invites you to join them 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.

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

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.

LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS FOR ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT: If you're planning on joining us for our Celebration of the British Isles next Saturday 14 March you need to get your tickets by this Monday 9 March. Come and join us for a two course supper and a lively evening's entertainment, with music by Richard Cottle, solos by guest singers and a bit of dancing! Doors open at 7pm. Tickets cost £15 per person which includes food, entertainment, free raffle and spot prizes. Cash Bar.

CARMELITE CONTEMPLATIONS

Among those we meet in the Gospel today is the prophet Elijah. Carmelites from the very beginning have seen Elijah as a spiritual father and guide. Elijah is known as the "Prophet of Prayer" or the "Prophet of a right relationship with God". Through this season of Lent may we become people of prayer, may our relationship with God become more real and life-giving.

The words of Elijah were chosen as the motto of the Carmelite Order, we see them written in Latin every time we come into St. Joseph's Church: "*I am filled with jealous zeal for the Lord God of hosts*". May the word of God fill us with zeal this Lent.

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