

12 March 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 2



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 Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

17 March St Patrick, Bishop – Patron of Ireland - Feast

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,782. Your continued support is appreciated.

### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION

**TODAY:** Please put your donation/envelope in the second collection. Please be as generous as you can and help CAFOD.



**OUR CATHEDRAL IN NORTHAMPTON** is the Mother Church of our Diocese. If you have ever visited it, you will be aware of its beauty, but also its limitations in being able to offer hospitality and in accommodating special events and groups. Exciting plans for the future of the Cathedral, including the building of a much needed centre, will be presented at all Masses this weekend. Find out what the project entails and how you can help make it a reality. Fr Mark will be at St Joseph's for the 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm Masses and is happy to discuss the project with anyone who wants to know more and/or lend their support.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** take place every Friday morning after 9am Mass throughout Lent.

**MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS:** Join the Catholic Women's League next Wednesday 15 March at 2pm in St Joseph's Church for this intimate journey of faith, reflecting on the suffering of Jesus through the sorrowful heart of His Mother.

**12 HOURS FOR THE LORD:** Our Lenten celebration of reconciliation takes place on Friday 31 March. From 9am until 9pm in St Joseph's Church there will be Eucharistic Adoration with the opportunity for Confession. These "12 Hours For The Lord" start with Mass and finish with Benediction. Come and encounter Jesus through reflection, prayer and penance.

The next **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** takes place next Tuesday 14 March at 8pm in the Priory.

## Novena to Saint Joseph

St Joseph is the patron of our parish. He protected Mary and Jesus and provided for them. He was a man of faith, a human model of fatherhood that Jesus grew up with; providing him with his first ideas of human fatherhood and thus the fatherhood of God. We can **pray a novena** for our families or for a special need starting this Sunday for his feast which takes place this year on Monday 20 March.

**St Joseph, you are a model of obedience in fulfilling the commands of God.**

**He revealed the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God to you through an angel.**

**Intercede for us so that the Holy Spirit can enlighten us with His grace, and teach us to co-operate with Him faithfully on the way leading to salvation.**

**May He guide our will and strengthen it particularly when we have to take important decisions that they may be in accordance with the will of God. Amen.**

**Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...**

**THE UPPER ROOM:** The 24-7 Prayer Room in the centre of Chalfont St Peter has a Lenten theme as from Ash Wednesday. This prayer space has been formed by local churches for the local community. A place to seek and encounter God, to pour out our hearts in intercession for our community, our churches and our world. For more details visit [www.247communityprayer.co.uk](http://www.247communityprayer.co.uk).

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please collect your boxes of envelopes for the next twelve months from the back of 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 Parish Office.

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**SIMPLY PERFECT** will hold a sale of First Holy Communion wear and accessories in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 15 March from 5 – 8pm.

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

## Youth News

Come join us for Youth Group **tonight Sunday 12 March** after the 5:30pm Mass, 6:30 until 8pm.

Email: [isabel@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:isabel@stjosephs.org.uk)



A **CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** will take place on **Saturday 25 March** with doors opening at 7pm for 7:30pm start in the Parish Centre. Join us for a fun night with raffle prizes and refreshments. Bring your own bottle. Entrance £4 with tickets available from the Parish Office. All proceeds to Northampton Cathedral.

**"LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS"**: Ken Keen FRPS presents a unique and spiritual photographic exhibition in St Joseph's Church from Saturday 25 March until Sunday 9 April. His collection of handcrafted images features Christian Art and Places of Worship; all produced using a historical process on watercolour art paper. You are invited to experience the intrinsic beauty of these pictures which capture the peace and tranquillity of medieval and holy places.

**JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL – Temporary Full Time Teacher of French** is required as soon as possible until July 2017. We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic teacher who will engage, challenge and support our high achieving pupils. The successful candidate will be sympathetic to the aims, ethos and values of our Catholic foundation and traditions. Salary will be discussed at interview and will depend on qualifications and experience. For an application pack please visit our website at [www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk) or contact the school office on 01923 773881. Closing date for applications is Friday 17 March by 12 noon.

**PAMPER EVENING:** Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Ladies Pamper Evening. **£820** was raised which will be split between the parish and a local young mum suffering from terminal cancer who needs financial help. We are very grateful to those who generously donated their time to make the evening a relaxing experience.

**FAMILY BINGO** was another success with people of all ages enjoying the fun and excitement of getting a "full house". **£530** was raised for Action Against Hunger. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause.



## GIVE FARMERS A BREAK: CHOOSE FAIRTRADE

The food on our tables and the tea and coffee in our mugs are all from farmers who toil, sweat and slog. However hard they work to provide the things we depend on, millions of farmers in developing countries aren't paid what they deserve. It's not a new problem. We need to amplify the voices of marginalised producers as much as ever in 2017. This Fairtrade Fortnight – 27 February until 12 March – buy Fairtrade goods and take exploitation out. Support the drive for much-needed change because farmers deserve sustainable incomes. **#FairtradeFortnight**

### 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. Many thanks for your continued support.

**No second hand clothing needed until further notice.**  
Thank you.

**Please use the metal box provided: do not leave goods outside the Parish Centre.**

**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:** Next meeting is on Thursday 16 March at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** to the Young and Daniel families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on these children and their families.

**APH MILL HILL MISSION:** Supporters are asked to collect the Spring Edition of 'Mission Today' from the back of 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

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory

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