

2 April 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 1



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

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for flowers for the Church.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,421. Your continued support is appreciated.

THE THIRD SCRUNITY is celebrated this Sunday in the Catholic Church for Yvonne Li and Susanne Davis who are being baptised and Elena Dulay who is being confirmed this Easter. Please pray for them.

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

ITALIAN MASS: Fr Alessandro will be celebrating Mass in Italian today **Sunday 2 April** at 11:30am in St Columba's Church – 432 Berkhamsted Road, Chesham, HP5 3HQ. All are welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sarah Joyce Shakeshaft who died recently. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 5 April at 11am at Holy Name, Denham. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

PLEASE READ AND KEEP THE EASTER CARD which is intended to be one per family and can be found in the Church porch. This gives the details of all services for Holy Week and Easter in our South Bucks Pastoral Area.

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.

SALE OF TRADICRAFT GOODS TODAY – SUNDAY 2 APRIL after 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and the 11am Mass in the First Committee Room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: I am very pleased to announce that Fr Michael has approved the appointment of Malcolm Johnstone to the parish's Finance Committee. Many parishioners know Malcolm through his involvement with the London and Slough Run. However, as a member of the Finance Committee, we will be using his vast knowledge and experience in all aspects of building maintenance and construction to advise the parish on all such related matters. I warmly welcome him to the team. *John Forte*

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

SOUTH EAST BUCKS PASTORAL AREA: The minutes from the March Pastoral Area Council (PAC) meeting are now available on our parish website.

NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL CENTRE: If you missed Fr Mark's presentation, you can find out about the plans for building a new centre by picking up a brochure from the church porch. To view the video see more details about the project, please go to our website and follow the link.

EASTER CRAFTS & GAMES DAY:

Last few tickets remaining for our Easter themed crafts and games workshop, organised by Children's Liturgy. It takes place this coming Wednesday, 5 April in the Parish Centre/Hall. Registration is at 10:30am and pick up is at 3pm. Children (ages 5-12) will have great fun making Easter crafts, taking part in an Easter Egg hunt and a 'Rolling the Egg' competition. Drinks/biscuits during the day and a lunch of hot dog or pizza are included in the price. The cost is £10 per child and £8 for any additional siblings. Numbers are limited and spaces filling up quickly so don't delay! **Tickets to be bought in advance** from the Parish Office; payment by cash or cheque (payable to "St Joseph's Parish"). All profits to the Northampton Cathedral Centre project.

THE VINE: Please pick up the latest edition from the back of the Church.

Youth News

Youth Group is not on tonight due to the holidays.
Our next Youth Group will be on the 23 April.
But hopefully see you at some of the Easter services!

Just a reminder that on **Friday 7 April** at 7pm,
St. Columba's, Chesham, are having a *Youth Stations
of the Cross*.

Email: isabel@stjosephs.org.uk

"LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS": Ken Keen FRPS presents a unique and spiritual photographic exhibition in St Joseph's Church which **runs until next Sunday 9 April**. The exhibition comprises handcrafted images of Christian Art and Places of Worship; all made using large format cameras and various methods that date from the very early days of photography.

Ken, who is visually impaired, says *"by virtue of being handcrafted each original picture has its own intrinsic beauty, and that makes the image unique. There is a special aesthetic when photographs are made using a historical process. The composition and the appearance of these images resonate with a spiritual and romantic undertone. The alternative processes give this collection of images a timeless feel. This allows the viewer to experience the photographer's presence, proof that the artist is an integral part of the work."*

An **Exhibition Guide** provides a commentary on the pictures, guiding you around the exhibition. You are welcome to take a copy away for a suggested donation of £1. A selection of prints can be viewed and purchased in the First Committee Room. They are also available to order in various sizes, please see the **Order Form**. All proceeds to the Parish.

Our **CHARITY QUIZ** last weekend was an enjoyable night and raised the terrific sum of **£400**. Thank you to the many quizzers who came along and exercised their grey matter in support of the Northampton Cathedral Centre project.

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.

VACANCIES AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL:

Senior Kitchen Assistant (31.5 hours per week) – Successful applicant should have experience within a similar environment and be able to work effectively as part of a team, with the ability to supervise others when necessary. They will assist with food preparation, sandwiches and salads, general cleaning duties and any other requirements requested by school chef in addition to helping with school meal ordering and planning.

Maintenance & Premises Operative (37 hours per week) – Successful applicant will be responsible for maintaining the school building and grounds to a high standard. They will be a key holder and the first point of contact for undertaking maintenance jobs so DIY skills are essential. Reporting to the caretaker, they will also undertake cleaning of all areas.

For more details please see the parish website or email businessm@st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk. Closing date for applications for both positions is Tuesday 18 April.

JOURNEY TOWARDS HOLY WEEK

Lord,
We come to your cross
to come closer to you.
We seek the company of Mary
who stood there with you
whom you gave to us
to be our Mother.
Bless us on this journey of prayer.
May the blood and water
that flowed from your side
refresh us in faith and love.
Amen.



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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