



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

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22 April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4

23 April	St George, Martyr, Patron of England - Solemnity
25 April	St Mark, Evangelist – Feast

THIS WEEKEND there will be a second collection for the Priest's Training Fund.

THE OFFERTORY

COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,507. Your continued support is appreciated.

The second collection on Good Friday for the **HOLY LAND SHRINES** amounted to £1,085.85. Thank you for your generosity.

APF MILL HILL MISSION: Fr Donie O'Connor wishes to thank everyone for their warm welcome last weekend and express his gratitude to the parish for their generosity, support and prayers. If you wish to become a member of this wonderful Association by taking a Red Box please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION: The 11am

Mass on Sunday 6 May will be a First Holy Communion Mass for parish children who do not attend catholic schools.

PILGRIMAGE TO AVILA – In the Footsteps of St Teresa:

Fr Matt Blake will lead a pilgrimage to Avila from 1 - 8 October 2018; visiting Toledo, Avila, Alba des Tormes, Segovia, Fontiveros and Medina del Campo. For more information, please visit the parish website or speak to Fr Matt. Reservations may be made through Barbara Thacker via email at barbarathacker57@googlemail.com. Please book early as places are going fast.

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

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION:

April is a month of prayer celebrating our Baptismal vocation, especially the contribution of single people to the Church.

The saint to accompany us in April is **St Frances of Rome.**

St Frances was married for forty years but her husband was away for much of the time in intercity wars and she became a single parent. She took responsibility for running the family estates. Additional tragedy came when two sons died of the plague. She opened her own house to the poor and sick and led other wealthy ladies of Rome in prayer and nursing the needy. We are asked this month to set aside time to pray at the beginning and end of the day.

THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY:

JOY FOR THE WORLD is the theme for this year's World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018 in Dublin. Pope Francis will be taking part in the 'Festival of Families' as well as presiding at Holy Mass. This event is open to anyone. Information about the full programme, tickets and registration can be found via the

link on the parish website or www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

This international event of prayer, catechesis and celebration brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect on the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

Fr. Michael hopes to go and would love to hear from anyone else who is interested. If you are holidaying in Ireland at that time, you might consider visiting for a day.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of David Lineham who died recently. The funeral will take place on Friday 27 April at 11am in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

FEAST DAY - 1 MAY ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Did you know that St Joseph is patron saint of the Universal Church, of a happy death, of families, of fathers, of expectant mothers, of craftsmen, engineers and working people in general? There is a beautiful stained glass window in our Church depicting St Joseph the Worker.

In preparation for his Feast Day, we can pray this prayer as a novena, beginning today, 22 April.

Dear St Joseph, the Father called you to be the protector and provider for His Son and His Holy Mother Mary. In this year of prayer and vocation, guide each one of us to recognise our own unique vocation.

Teach us to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God gives us to support. May we work diligently to provide for and protect our own families and the family which is your universal church. St Joseph, Patron of Workers - pray for us.



YOUTH GROUP continues this **Sunday 22 April** from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Hall. If you are in Year 6 or above why not come and join us for fun, games and food.

FUN WAY TO EXPLORE CSP: Young people and their families are invited to join our Youth Group next **Sunday 29 April** for a treasure hunt themed **Treasure Trail** around Chalfont St Peter. Spend the afternoon exploring the village in teams as you follow the trail route, solving clues, discovering hidden corners and taking in the sights! If you want to take part please contact Joan Barham in the Parish Office by 12 noon on Thursday.

PARKING – PRIORY SIDE & BULL LANE: Please be reminded that the driveway on the Priory side of St Joseph's Church must be **kept clear at all times** (even during Mass) for emergency access. Drivers who park there not only hinder the emergency services in the event of an incident; they also prevent our priests responding to urgent call-outs. We also respectfully request that vehicles are not parked on the pavement near the main door of the church or anywhere along the junction of Bull Lane. This is illegal and dangerous to other road users.



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.

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

The beautiful **NEW LIFE COLLAGE** at the back of the church was made by the children who attended the Easter Workshop. A great day was had by all.

FAMILY BINGO last Saturday had people of all ages enjoying the fun and excitement of getting a "full house". **£300** was raised for **Action Against Hunger**. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: Next meeting is on Thursday 26 April at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

TODAY! – THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE is holding a **National Coffee Morning:** Parishioners are invited for coffee and cake after 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and after 11am Mass in the First Committee Room. They will also have a display of their interests.



THE HEART OF THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM: The St Vincent de Paul invites you to join them for a talk on Thursday 3 May at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre. Scott Albrecht from the Catholic Worker Farm will be speaking about their work with asylum seekers, victims of honour based violence and trafficked women. Scott and his wife Birthe currently live with 20 wonderful 'sisters' and their children. They have lived with, and supported, over 500 women and children since they moved into the farm 12 years ago. African beans, rice and plantain will be served for supper, accompanied by a 'taster' of traditional African music. This evening is **FREE** and all are welcome. thecatholicworkerfarm.org

Please book your table for the **ANNUAL SHOC QUIZ** being held on **Saturday 28 April** in Stoke Poges. Several parish families will be there and it would be great to see some new faces. It's a fun evening and tickets (£12) include a light supper. Please contact alanmadgeslough@aol.com ASAP and see the parish website Diary Dates for the flyer.



CAFOD: Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent or call 0303 303 3030".

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £2,600 in April as follows:

St Joseph's Parish	£1,300
Stroke Association	£300
Helen and Douglas House	£500
Cervical Cancer Trust	£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
Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory