

25 March 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,655. Your continued support is appreciated.

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

THE SECOND 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.

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING will take place **next Saturday 1 April** at 3:30pm in St Joseph's Church. Fr Michael will celebrate Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent and there will be anointing with the oil of the sick and the opportunity for prayers. All of us need healing be it in mind, body or spirit so everyone is most welcome to attend. The SVP invites you for tea and cake after the service in the First Committee Room.

ITALIAN MASS:

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

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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: Today we pray for all mothers in our Parish and hope they have a lovely day with their families.

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.

12 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Our **Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation** takes place on **Friday 31 March** in St Joseph's Church. Pope Francis has called us to link our Lenten reconciliation with time spent in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and we are responding to that call with "*12 Hours for the Lord*".

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 9am Mass and Stations of the Cross. A priest will be in the church to hear individual **confessions from 10am – 12 noon, 2pm – 4pm and 7:30pm – 9:30pm**. Our Confirmation candidates will join those in the church around 8pm, at which time there will be three priests available to hear confessions. The day will end with Benediction.

These 12 Hours for the Lord will be quiet and reflective, an opportunity for us to encounter the Lord in the silence. **Please sign up to cover an hour on the rota which can be found on the board 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.

BAPTISM

CONGRATULATIONS to the Mule and Acheson families whose children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on these children and their families.

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.

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.

THE SVP has an urgent need for a replacement washing machine for a family of five. If you have a surplus machine in good working order, please contact the SVP via the Parish Office.

Youth News

Tonight 26 March will be our last youth group before Easter! Come join us in the Parish Centre from 6:30pm – 8pm!

On **Friday 7th April** at 7pm, St. Columba's, Chesham, are having a *Youth Stations of the Cross*. Anyone aged 8+ can take part.

There will be opportunities to read, control the sound and lights and take part in *non-speaking tableaux of each station*.

Practices will be 6:30-7:30pm on **Thursday 30 March and 6 April** at St. Columba's and we still need adult volunteers to help as well!

Please email me at isabel@stjosephs.org.uk or parishsecstcolumba@gmail.com for more information.

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NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL CENTRE: If you missed Fr Mark's presentation last weekend, 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.



*****NEW*** EASTER CRAFTS & GAMES**

DAY: Children's Liturgy are running an Easter themed crafts and games workshop in the Parish Centre/Hall on Wednesday 5 April. 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. Tickets are on sale from Monday at the Parish Office or after 9am Mass next week. Numbers are limited so don't delay! Payment by cash or cheque (payable to "St Joseph's Parish"). All profits to the Northampton Cathedral Centre project.

"LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS": Ken Keen FRPS presents a unique and spiritual photographic exhibition in St Joseph's Church which opened Saturday and **runs until 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 and prints are available to order in various sizes.

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.

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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