

25 March 2018

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – 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 Robert Davies OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD, Fr Matt Blake OCD

29 March	Holy (Maundy) Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
30 March	Good Friday, Day of Fast and Abstinence Veneration of the Cross
31 March	Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
1 April	Easter Sunday

There will be a collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land Shrines. The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday collection are for the Clergy of the Parish.

PLEASE NOTE Mass times on Wednesday 28 March will be at 7am and 9:30am. St Joseph's school children will be attending the 9:30 Mass.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,182. Your continued support is appreciated.

The **SECOND COLLECTION** for Church Flowers was £563.48.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: Please read and keep the Easter booklet (available from the church porch) which gives times of all the services across the five parishes in our Pastoral Area over Easter. This includes details of all Masses in St Joseph's, Holy Name and the Bridgettine Convent. Please take one booklet per family.

CHRISM MASS will be celebrated at the Northampton Cathedral at 11am on Holy (Maundy) Thursday.

SINGERS FOR EASTER: All singers are invited to join us for our Good Friday and Easter Vigil services whether you are a regular choir member or not. Help us to make these Triduum services truly reflective and uplifting, especially the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday which is the pinnacle of our Liturgical Year. If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact Joan Barham at the Parish Office.

There will be **NO ROSARY CIRCLE** during Holy Week or Easter Week. Rosary will resume on Tuesday 10 April.

There will be **NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** during Holy Week or Easter Week. It will start again on Wednesday 11/Thursday 12 April.

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

FOLLOW ME - Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John: An eight week Bible study course at St Joseph's Church. This course will guide you through John's Gospel and invite you to encounter Christ every step of the way.

This course will run on Wednesday evenings starting 2 May at 7:45pm for 8pm. It will run simultaneously on Thursday mornings starting on 3 May at 9:30am. If you wish to register, please contact the Parish Office to sign up. Payment of £20 per person must be made by Wednesday 18 April so the books can be ordered. Leaflets can be found at the back of the Church.

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER: If you missed our Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation with Adoration – “24 Hours for the Lord” – you can still receive the Sacrament of Penance before Easter. There will be Confessions in St Joseph's Church next Saturday 31 March from 10:30am until 11:30am. *God never, ever tires of forgiving us.*

ADOREMUS - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress Liverpool – 7-9 September:

“We seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society.”

Cardinal Vincent Nicholls

Who is the Pilgrimage and Congress for? Anyone who wishes to deepen their love and understanding of the Lord's gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

A small group will be going from our parish. Please speak to Fr Michael if you are interested in going to some or all of the weekend. More information can be found by following the link on the Parish website.

EASTER WORKSHOP: Join us for our Easter themed crafts and games workshop, organised by Children's Liturgy on **Thursday 12 April** in the Parish Centre/Hall. Registration is at 10am and pick up is at 3pm. Children (ages 5-12) will have great fun making Easter crafts and taking part in a beetle drive/treasure hunt. Drinks/biscuits during the day and a lunch of hot dog or pizza are included in the price. The cost is £10 per child. Numbers are limited and spaces will fill 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”).



EYES DOWN on Saturday 14

April for our family bingo which starts at 4pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets are £5 each; these include your bingo card as well as food (hot dog or pizza). Drinks and sweet treats will be on sale. Why not get out for a few hours of family fun and support **Action Against Hunger**. Pay on the door (cash only).



The ANNUAL SHOC QUIZ is being held on Saturday 28

April in Stoke Poges. Following the very successful appeal on Homeless Sunday to support our local homeless, might you consider taking a table at this annual enjoyable event? Light supper

included, tickets £12. Please contact alanmadgeslough@aol.com and see the parish website [Diary Dates](#) for the flyer.



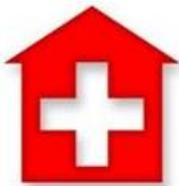
SAVE THE DATE – PAMPER EVENING: *Calling all ladies in the parish* ... take some time out and enjoy a relaxing evening of pampering on Friday 18 May the Parish Centre – put this date in your diary now!

EASTER CARDS are now on sale in the Repository.

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.



FAMILY FIRST AID COURSE: Have you ever wondered how you would react to an emergency? This short course will provide information on how to cope with first aid emergencies in the home.

It takes place on Thursday 19 April in the Parish Centre from 6:30pm until 9:30pm. The cost is £30 per person, which includes a First Aid manual, handouts and certificate. For more information or to book a place please contact Joan Barham at the Parish Office.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: In August, Pope Francis will be visiting Dublin, Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. NYMO are inviting young adults aged 16-30 years to be a part of the amazing opportunity. If you are interested and require more information then please email fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627.

DEADLINE FOR EASTER SUNDAY NEWSLETTER is 5:30pm on Wednesday 28 March. The next regular Newsletter will be Sunday 15 April.

The **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** from 5:30pm Thursday 29 March until 9:30am on Monday 9 April. For information and/or enquiries during this time please visit the website at www.stjosephs.org.uk or email office@stjosephs.org.uk. Alternatively call 01753 886581 and follow the prompt to leave a message or speak to a priest. Please note that the Parish Centre, Hall, First Committee Room and Library will also be closed so **NO BOOKINGS** will be taken during this time.

Lent at St Joseph's

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on the back of a colt, people spread their garments and branches on the road before him. They cried out "Hosanna!" as they acknowledged Jesus as their Saviour and King. The colt was a sign of peace and humility which Jesus would bring to humanity.

Today, the beginning of Holy Week, we honour and praise Jesus as our Saviour who died and suffered for us. He died and suffered to show his great love for us. If we truly believe and acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God, it gives meaning to our lives.

Each of us should ask:

Do I believe that God is my creator;
Do I believe his Son, Jesus died to save me.

If I answer, 'yes' it makes me realise how meaningful, how important my life really is in God's eyes.

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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