

26 February 2017

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



**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

1 March

Ash Wednesday



**ASH WEDNESDAY – 1 March is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.** Ashes will be distributed at all Masses in St Joseph's Church at 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.

**PANCAKE MORNING:** Tuesday 28 February is **Shrove Tuesday** and the St Vincent de Paul invites you to a pancake morning in the Parish Centre from 9:45am



**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,968. Your continued support is appreciated.

The **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** written by the Women of the Philippines will take place at Gold Hill Baptist Church on Friday 3 March 10:30 – 11:30am. Everyone is welcome at this ecumenical service. Parking will be here at St Joseph's.

**ITALIAN MASS:** Fr Alessandro will be celebrating Mass in Italian next Sunday 5 March at 11:30am in St Columba's Church – 432 Berkhamsted Road, Chesham, HP5 3HQ. All are welcome.

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Every Sunday, there are two people in the Oratory after the 9am Mass who are happy to pray with you.

*This can help people to encounter for themselves the presence of God the loving Father who desires to bring healing of mind, body and spirit to each one of us: God who desires that we know His closeness to us in all the circumstances of our lives and who guides us through them.*

An evening for those interested in healing prayer will take place on **Monday 6 March** at 7:45pm in the Parish Centre. This is for anyone who would like to know more about this way of praying to bring people into the presence of Jesus for healing, restoration and comfort. For more information please contact John Moroz on 07519 286638 or via the Parish Office.

**GET READY FOR**

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT**

The people who grow the food we take for granted can't always feed their own families. Buying Fairtrade goods means farmers and workers are able to fulfil a basic human need – to put enough food on the table for the

people they care about, all year round. This Fairtrade Fortnight – 27 February until 12 March – buy Fairtrade and encourage other to do the same.

#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.**



**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH:** Join us for our annual Lenten Soup Lunch on **Friday 10 March**. Home-made soup served from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre. Proceeds in aid of CAFOD.

### Season of Lent

During Lent we are asked to pray for the following intentions:

**Candidates for the Sacraments**  
especially on Sundays

**Women's World Day of Prayer**  
Friday 3 March

**The Needy and Hungry of the World**  
especially on Friday 10 March

**Penitents and Wanderers**

## Youth News

Youth Group is back! Come join us for Youth Group tonight **Sunday 26 February** after the 5:30pm Mass, 6:30 until 8pm.

We'll be having Nan's legendary pancakes to have an early Shrove Tuesday in preparation for Lent – see you there!

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

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

An **EMAIL "LENT 2017 AT ST JOSEPH'S"** was sent to all parishioners this week. If you are not online or we don't have your email address, there is a paper copy for you at the back of church today. This is also an opportunity to provide an email address or register with the parish. Get in touch via [admin@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.org.uk).



*giftaid it* **GIFT AID:** 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.

**ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET** has given away **£30,000** in the last calendar year. Half of this money was given to the parish and the other half donated to other, mainly local, charities – a full list is available in the Furniture Market.

This voluntary group has been operating from Priory Road for nearly 40 years. New volunteers are needed to work on a rota basis. If you are able bodied and are willing to give a few hours of your time either on a Saturday morning or an evening during the week, the market would love to hear from you. Email [furnituremarket@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:furnituremarket@hotmail.co.uk) or pop in on a Saturday morning between 9am and 12:30pm.

**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.



**LADIES FASHION SHOW AND POP UP SHOP:** The **Friends of St Joseph's School** are organising a Fashion Show with a Pop Up Shop at the school on Saturday 11 March. Doors open at 7pm with the show starting at 7:30pm. Admission is £5 which includes a welcome drink. There will be ex high street fashion garments from popular brands on sale at 50% or more off and you can try before you buy. For tickets and more information please contact [fashionstjos@gmail.com](mailto:fashionstjos@gmail.com).

**A RETREAT WITH A DIFFERENCE:** A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the new Retreat Centre in Walsingham, from Sunday 30 April (6pm) – Saturday 6 May (2pm). The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop by email [keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk) or phone 07879 953953.



### 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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