

5 March 2017

First 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

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,561. Your continued support is appreciated.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY is

Friday 10 March: Florence is a

hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago, she was only just making enough to feed her family.

However, CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, recognised how determined Florence was to stand on her own two feet and so they gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school.



Please take home your Fast Day envelope and return with your donation next week in the second collection.

Our **LENTEN SOUP LUNCH** in support of CAFOD takes place this coming Friday 10 March. Come along and enjoy a selection of delicious home-made soups which will be served from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre.



Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing.

FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTISED AND CONFIRMED THIS

EASTER: This Sunday Suzanne David, Yvonne Li and Elena Dulay from our Parish will go to the Cathedral in Northampton for the Rite of Election with Bishop Peter and all the other people seeking Baptism, Confirmation or Entrance into the Catholic Church from our Diocese. Please pray for them.

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

Join the **CWL for Mary's Way of the Cross** on Wednesday 15 March at 2pm in St Joseph's Church.

TAIZE EVENING: Fr Alessandro will be leading an Ecumenical Taize Evening next Saturday 11 March at 7:30pm in St Columba's Church – 432 Berkhamsted Road, Chesham, HP5 3HQ. All are welcome to join the congregation there for a service of song, silence and contemplation.

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 tomorrow **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.

BISHOP PETER'S PASTORAL LETTER FOR LENT which was read at all Masses last weekend is now available on the website.

The next **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** takes place on Tuesday 14 March at 8pm in the Priory.

NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL CENTRE: Next weekend there will be a presentation at all Masses about the future of our Cathedral. You will find out about the plans for building a much needed new centre as well as how you can support this campaign. Fr Mark will be at St Joseph's for the 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm Masses and is happy to discuss the project with anyone who wants to know more and/or lend their support.

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.

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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.

Youth News

Come join us for Youth Group **tonight Sunday 5 March** after the 5:30pm Mass, 6:30 until 8pm.

Email: isabel@stjosephs.org.uk

An EMAIL "LENT 2017 AT ST JOSEPH'S" was sent to all parishioners recently. 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.



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 next 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.

PART TIME CATHOLIC CHAPLIN FOR HMP GRENDON: We are looking for candidates who are experienced in working with people on the edge of society, who have some pastoral experience, a love for the Church and an ability to work in a multi faith environment. The job is for 20 hours a week, working arrangements will be worked out later. HMP Grendon is a cat B therapeutic community mainly focusing on enabling prisoners to examine and explore their past in order to understand the way they have been shaped in terms of offending behaviour. Further details from Monsignor Roger Reader at Roger.Reader@cbcew.org.uk. Closing date for applications is 13 March.

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. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop by email keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk or phone 07879 953953.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION: Ken Keen FRPS presents "*Light from the Darkness*" in St Joseph's Church from Saturday 25 March until Sunday 9 April. These unique, handcrafted images feature Christian art and places of worship; all produced using a historical process on watercolour art paper.

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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 27 February until 12 March. Having the perfect cuppa or a snack is an important part of our daily routine, yet millions of farmers who produce the treats we enjoy are struggling to make a living. However hard they work to provide the products we depend on, they still aren't paid what they deserve. Choose Fairtrade when you next shop and encourage your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to do the same.

SALE OF TRADICRAFT GOODS TODAY – SUNDAY 5 MARCH after 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and after 11am Mass in the First Committee Room.
#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.

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SIMPLY PERFECT will hold a sale of First Holy Communion wear and accessories in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 15 March from 5 – 8pm.

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

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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