

9 April 2017

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – 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 Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

13 April	Holy (Maundy) Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
14 April	Good Friday, Day of Fast and Abstinence Veneration of the Cross
15 April	Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
16 April	Easter Sunday

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,272. Your continued support is appreciated.

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

**CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER:** If you missed our Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation with Adoration – “*12 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 15 April from 10:30am until 11:30am. Pope Francis encourages us to seek this sacrament, saying: “*Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you.*”

**THIS EASTER VIGIL** Yvonne Lee and Suzanne Davis will be baptised and along with Elena Dulay will be confirmed. Please pray for them on their journey of faith with Christ.

**CAMEROON EDUCATION FUND:** On 22/23 April there will be an appeal for the fund to support the education of the vulnerable and orphaned children in the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon. In recent months, the political situation in the English speaking provinces of Cameroon has made communication very difficult. We will expand on this during our appeal. Now more than ever, we need to support the education of these children. We appreciate your support over the last 15 years and would ask you to be as generous as possible in your giving. Thank you.

There will be **NO ROSARY CIRCLE** during Holy Week or Easter Week. Rosary will resume on Tuesday 25 April.

There will be **NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** during Holy Week or Easter Week. It will start again on Wednesday 26/Thursday 27 April.

**EASTER CARD:** If you haven't picked up the Easter Card (one per family) which gives times of all the services in St Joseph's as well as those across our Pastoral Area, there are some in the church porch. These details are also available on the website and on the outside notice board.

**BRIDGETTINE CONVENT:** Please note that Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will be at **7:30pm** and not 4:30pm as published in the Easter Card.

An **EMAIL: Holy Week & Easter at St Joseph's** was sent to all parishioners this week. If you are online and didn't receive it then it means we don't have your email address. This is an opportunity to provide your details or register with the parish – contact us via [admin@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.org.uk).

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** I am very pleased to announce that Fr Michael has approved the appointment of Malcolm Johnstone to the parish's Finance Committee. Many parishioners know Malcolm through his involvement with the London and Slough Run. However, as a member of the Finance Committee, we will be using his vast knowledge and experience in all aspects of building maintenance and construction to advise the parish on all such related matters. I warmly welcome him to the team. *John Forte*

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

**THE VINE:** Please pick up the latest edition from the back of the Church.

**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.**

The **ANNUAL SHOC QUIZ** is being held on Saturday 29 April. Our parish gives great support to SHOC – would you be able to get a table of 8 together to join in? Light supper included, tickets £12. Please contact [alanmadgeslough@aol.com](mailto:alanmadgeslough@aol.com).

## Youth News

Our next Youth Group will be on the 23 April.  
Hopefully see you at some of the Easter services!

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

### PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

**CLOSES THIS SUNDAY:** Over the past two weeks visitors to St Joseph's Church have viewed Ken Keen's collection of handcrafted images which feature Christian Art and Places of Worship. "*Light from the Darkness*" has been a unique experience, with people enjoying the pictures from both spiritual and artistic perspectives. Ken, who is visually impaired, gained his Fellowship of The Royal Photographic Society with images of church interiors, taken using large format cameras and produced using historical processes on watercolour art paper.



This is your last opportunity to see this distinctive display which captures the peace and tranquillity of medieval and holy places. An **Exhibition Guide** provides a commentary on the pictures, steering you around the exhibition. A selection of prints can be viewed and purchased in the First Committee Room. They are also available to order in various sizes, please see the **Order Form**.

All are **invited to the final viewing after 5:30pm Mass this Sunday 9 April** which will be followed by refreshments in the First Committee Room.

**DEADLINE FOR EASTER SUNDAY NEWSLETTER** is 5:30pm on Wednesday 12 April. The next regular Newsletter will be Sunday 30 April.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** from 5:30pm next Thursday 13 April and will not re-open until 9:30am on Monday 24 April. For information and/or enquiries during this time please visit the website at [www.stjosephs.org.uk](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk) or email [office@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephs.org.uk). Alternatively call 01753 886581 and follow the prompt to leave a message or speak to a priest.

### 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](mailto:businessm@st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk). Closing date for applications for both positions is Tuesday 18 April.

**100 YEARS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** pilgrimage will be taking place on Saturday 13 May from 10am to 4pm. For further information please contact Clair Rees at [pilgrimage12thmay@outlook.com](mailto:pilgrimage12thmay@outlook.com) or 07983 494438.

### JOURNEY TOWARDS HOLY WEEK

Lord,  
We come to your cross  
to come closer to you.  
We seek the company of Mary  
who stood there with you  
whom you gave to us  
to be our Mother.  
Bless us on this journey of prayer.  
May the blood and water  
that flowed from your side  
refresh us in faith and love.  
Amen.



### 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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