



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton  
Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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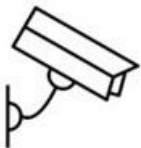
3 March 2024  
Third Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3

**Bishop David** has written and recorded a series of Lenten Gospel reflections for each week of Lent. In the video and audio versions you can listen to the Gospel of the day as well as the reflection.

[Week 3 Video](#) | [Week 3 Audio](#) | [Week 3 Letter](#)

**SAHARA TREK:** On 9 March parishioners Rebecca and Imogen Gaskell will embark on a 60K Sahara Desert trek in memory of Grace Gaskell to raise funds for Helen & Douglas House children's hospice. The trek is in memory of Grace Gaskell who was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2018 aged 12. She was senior altar server at 11am Mass until 2020 when she passed away aged 14. Grace had served for 7 years and continued to serve throughout her cancer treatment. Helen & Douglas House is a vital resource that supported Grace through her treatment and still support her family. ***This weekend there will be a second collection on behalf of the family's fundraising efforts.*** Thank you for your support.



We broadcast all Masses/Services live from St Joseph's Church (not the Oratory) in real time via our live stream at [www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live).

7 March	Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs – Memorial
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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Charles Strutton** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Monday 18 March** in St Joseph's Church at 11am. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.



**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** will start with a session on **Saturday 9 March** from

1:30pm to 3pm in St Joseph's Church. If your child would like to become part of the serving team, [please provide your information here](#) or [contact the Parish Office](#). Servers must have made their First Holy Communion. Please encourage your child to serve!

*Please pray for the sick of our parish  
and for those who have asked for our prayers.*

### PARISH 2024 LENTEN PROGRAMME

In this Year of Prayer for the Jubilee, our parish Lenten programme takes its inspiration from the prayer that Jesus Himself taught us – The Our Father. Over five weeks we will journey together with Jesus, reflecting on his words, commemorating His last day on earth as man and retracing His final journey.

Each session begins with a reflection/talk at 7:30pm and this is followed at 8pm by Stations of the Cross.

**Week 3 – Tuesday 5 March**

*Give us today, our daily Bread!*

**Week 4 – Tuesday 12 March**

*Forgive us, as we Forgive others!*

The final session will be our Lent Reconciliation Service at 7:30pm, an opportunity to bring our own brokenness, weakness, pain and suffering before Jesus and renew our personal relationship with Him.

**Week 5 – Thursday 21 March**

*Lead us not into Temptation, deliver us from evil!*

All sessions will take place in St Joseph's Church and will be broadcast via [our live stream](#).

**STATION MASS:** Bishop David will visit every Pastoral Area in the Diocese during Lent, celebrating Lenten Station Masses. Our **Station Mass for the South Bucks Pastoral Area** will take place on **Monday 4 March** at 7:30pm in St Teresa's Church in Beaconsfield. After Mass the congregation is invited for refreshments.

**EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 6 March** at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield. The topic is 'The Suffering in the Book of Job' and the speaker is **Mgr Seán Healy**. You can attend in person or [watch live via YouTube](#). For more details and links to recordings of previous talks, please visit [www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus).

**ROSARY CIRCLE:** During Lent we are called to be more fervent in prayer. The Rosary is the perfect prayer to pray communally for the needs and intentions of our parish and the wider world. You are invited to join our parish Rosary Circle this Lent. Pray with us via Zoom on **Tuesdays 5, 12 and 19 March** at 7:30pm ([contact Christine Cornwell](#) for Zoom details). Join us in person in The Oratory on **Thursdays 7 and 14 March** at 7:30pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** follow the path of Jesus from the time He was condemned to His burial in the tomb. It is a way to pray and meditate on His sacrifice for us and it helps us examine our life in light of the cross. Join us for this devotion on **Thursdays 7, 14 and 21 March** after 9am Mass in St Joseph's Church.

**CRAFTS AFTER MASS:** During Lent we invite children to join us after 9am Mass in the First Committee Room for crafts, with a Lenten theme each week. **This Sunday we shall be decorating crosses.**

The **YOUTH MUSIC GROUP** will meet for a practice on **Thursday 7 March** at 7pm in the Priory. Young people who would like to be involved in any way are invited to come along and give it a try.

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** We have started a young adult group in the parish for those aged between 18 and 35. They will meet together on **Friday 8 March at 7:30pm** in the Priory. Young people are invited to come and join us. If you want to find out more speak to Fr Theophilus or [click here to join the WhatsApp Group](#).

**INSPIRING WOMEN:** Webinar organised by the National Board of Catholic Women on **Saturday 16 March** from 11am – 12:45pm. Avril Baigent and Helen Burgess from our Diocese will share the feedback from the Assembly on the theme of 'Women and Synodality'. [Send email to register your interest](#).

**SONGS OF PRAISE FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY:** Included in this broadcast will be a five-minute segment from **Father Michael Spain's** parish in Derry. Parishioners may wish to watch or record it.

**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH:** Join us as we celebrate the feast of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Protector of the Discalced Carmelite Order and Patron of our Parish on **Tuesday 19 March**. **Morning Mass at 10am** (no 7am or 9am Mass) in St Joseph's Church, followed by refreshments in the First Committee Room. **Evening Mass at 7pm** in St Joseph's Church where we will be joined by other Carmelite Communities to mark this special feast day, followed by a celebration in the First Committee Room.

*We are very happy to visit you in your own home and bring you Communion. Please phone us at the Priory if you would like someone to call on you.*

**BISHOP DAVID ANNIVERSARY:** **Tuesday 19 March** will be the fourth anniversary of Bishop David's Episcopal Ordination. There will be a special Mass at 11am in the cathedral and refreshments will be served in the St Thomas Centre afterwards. He warmly invites us to join him as he celebrates this occasion.

**COACH TO CHRISM MASS:** On **Maundy Thursday 28 March** the Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral will begin at 11am and will be followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre. This is a good opportunity for our diocesan family to be together and we are all encouraged to attend. The parishes in our Pastoral Area are hiring a coach. If you would like to join this trip, please get in touch with the Parish Office. Details regarding pick-up/return times and logistics to follow in due course.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION** for March is **FOR THE NEW MARTYRS** – We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. [Click here to watch the Pope's video](#).

**PRAYER RESOURCES:** In this Year of Prayer, we are asked to pray communally and personally. There are resources available to help individuals and groups grow in their relationship with Christ. [Click here for details](#).

**THANK YOU** for your donations to **CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal** this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).

**FAIRTRADE/TRAIDCRAFT:** You can buy fairtrade goods from Margaret Dykes at the monthly Coffee Morning at the Village Hall in Church Road. The next one takes place on **Wednesday 6 March** from 10am until 12 noon.

**BABY LOSS CERTIFICATES:** Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has praised the decision to allow baby loss certificates for parents who have lost their children before 24 weeks. On 22 February the government launched the voluntary scheme which parents can access for free. [Read his full statement here](#).

♣♣♣ **ST PATRICK'S DAY is 17 March** ♣♣♣

There is a varied selection of cards, rosettes and ribbons on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices.

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### Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm\*, Sunday at 7:45am\*, 9am\*, 11am\* and 5:30pm\*

The Most Holy Name, Denham: Sunday at 9:30am

Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath: Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm, Sunday at 9am

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**Rosary:** Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30pm via Zoom

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THE [LONDON & SLOUGH RUN](#) continues this Monday 4 March. Please bring your donations to the First Committee Room by 12 noon. There will be tables set out by the side door to the car park where you can leave your contributions. **WE ARE IN NEED OF INDIVIDUAL CARTONS OF ORANGE/APPLE JUICE, FRESH GREEN MILK, UHT GREEN MILK, COFFEE, TEA BAGS, SUGAR and TOILET ROLL.** Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated.

**ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB 2023/2024:** The 200 Club draw for February was drawn at the London & Slough Run on Monday. The lucky winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Grundy (£245)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> David Parkhouse (£122.50)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Devine (£73.50)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tracey Winterson (£49)

Thanks to all those who have joined recently or have expressed an interest. New membership is still available for the remaining four monthly draws. For more details, or to register, please contact Alastair by email at [200club@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:200club@stjosephs.org.uk) or pick up an application form from the church porch.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?** Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food, etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Contact [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk).

*giftaid it* OFFERING ENVELOPES for the next twelve months are now available for collection from the back of the church. Many thanks for your continued support of the parish using this scheme. Parishioners who wish to join the scheme may do so by completing a **Gift Aid Declaration Form** which can be found in the church porch, obtained from the Parish Office or [downloaded from the website](#).

A selection of **EASTER CARDS** is now on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices.

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*"Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew."*

*Pope Francis*

**PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX:** Fr John will lead a pilgrimage by coach to Lisieux from 2-6 September. Package price is £655 which includes coach, ferry, accommodation and services of a courier with visits to Caen, Alencon and Mont St Michel. For more details, please speak to Fr John or see the poster on the noticeboard.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES:** As we prepare for the Jubilee year in 2025 as 'Pilgrims of Hope' you are invited to join our diocese on pilgrimage. There are plenty to choose from including Walsingham in June 2024, Lourdes in August 2024, the [Shrines of Northern France](#) in October 2024 and [Rome and Assisi](#) in 2025. For more information on all of these pilgrimages and our diocesan walking pilgrimage, 'The Way of Our Lady of Guadalupe' visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage/>. Bookings for Northern France and Rome and Assisi Pilgrimages open on Monday 18 March.



There is now a **DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE SACRISTY** at St Joseph's Church, located alongside the First Aid Kit.

