

2 March 2025

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sundays Year C – 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

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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).

5 March	Ash Wednesday
7 March	Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs – Memorial

**ASH WEDNESDAY** falls on 5 March and is the first day of the season of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be Mass with distribution of ashes in St Joseph's Church at 7am, 9am and 7:30pm.

**LENT WALK WITH ME:** Bishop David introduces us to this resource which helps us journey through Lent. He says "we experience Lent during a Jubilee Year, as Pilgrims of Hope" and encourages us to "clear our hearts of 'spiritual drift'" and to "walk purposefully towards Easter". The booklet contains reflections and prayers for every day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. Some copies are available for FREE at the back of the church.

A small number of **LENT DAY BY DAY** booklets which feature daily readings and inspirational quotes are available from the bookshop priced at just £1 each.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Kevin Bonass** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Thursday 6 March at 11am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Viviana Robles-Munoz** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Tuesday 11 March at 11:30am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **David Waring** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Friday 21 March at 11:30am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

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

The **MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER** will visit us this weekend to appeal on behalf of the [Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales](#). Their main work is to help the missionaries who are working directly in the mission field to proclaim the Good News of God's Love. By informing and forming the People of God for Mission, carried out by arousing everyone to missionary cooperation in order to procure for missionaries the spiritual and material means necessary for the evangelisation of peoples. They are very grateful and thank you all on behalf of missionaries for your prayers and your generosity in the past. There will be a **second collection at all Masses** to support their work.

*"It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father."*

**Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2025**

### LENT 2025 IN OUR PARISH

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During the season of Lent, we take a journey with Jesus. The Stations of the Cross follow His path 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 throughout Lent on **Tuesdays and Fridays after 9am Mass** in St Joseph's Church starting on Tuesday 11 March.

**ROSARY CIRCLE:** We are called to be more fervent in prayer during Lent. The Rosary is the perfect prayer to pray communally for the needs and intentions of our parish and the wider world, especially at this time. You are invited to join our parish Rosary Circle this Lent. **Pray with us via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30pm** ([contact Christine Cornwell](#) for Zoom joining details) and/or join us in person in **The Oratory on Thursdays at 7:30pm**.

**ADORATION:** Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration draws us closer to Jesus and helps us deepen our faith. This Lent you are invited to spend some time resting and praying in the presence of the Lord for **30 minutes after 9am Mass on Thursday mornings** in St Joseph's Church starting on Thursday 13 March.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This [global ecumenical movement](#), led by Christian women, welcomes you to join them in prayer for peace and justice. The **2025 service has been written by Christian women from the Cook Islands**. The theme, “**I Made You Wonderful**”, invites us into the knowledge that each one of us was made with care and love by God. We will celebrate with local churches on **Friday 7 March** at 10:30am in St Peter’s Church, Chalfont St Peter. All are welcome, please join us if you can.



**EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 12 March** at St Teresa’s in Beaconsfield. The topic is “**Judge not that you may not be judged**” (Matthew 25:36) - **A Christian Response**. The speaker is **Sr Lilian Ehidihamen**.

The topic explores moralistic judgement as a form of communication that fosters enemy images and blocks compassion. A Christian response to situations that lead to judgement is the Gospel nonviolence, which promotes love of enemy. Love is nurtured by communication. This topic offers us the opportunity to explore nonviolent communication which provides skills for communication that promotes love and compassion instead of judging people’s actions. When people act, they are attempting to communicate their needs to us. However, the language human beings have learned to communicate their needs might be judgmental. Nonviolent communication supports people with language that could transform our communication from judgement to expressing needs in a nonviolent way.

*Mary Lilian Akhere Ehidihamen PhD, from Nigeria, is a member of the Congregation of Sisters For Christian Community (SFCC). She is a certified trainer on Nonviolent Communication with the Center for Nonviolent Communication (CNVC), Austin, Texas. She majors in Theological Ethics with specific interest in Social and Peace Ethics from the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium. Her research focuses on how Nonviolent Communication (NVC) can contribute to Catholic social teaching on peace. She is currently teaching Religious Education at St Ignatius College, Enfield, London.*

You can attend in person or [watch live via our YouTube channel](#), see [www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmaus) for more details as well as links to recordings of previous talks.

#### LENT PRAYER

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre offers [Fruits of the Spirit online prayer](#) which we’ll use for Morning Prayer via Zoom on Lent weekdays from **Wednesday 5 March to Friday 18 April**. A booklet is also available.

The Diocesan Women in Ministry Group will be praying with the 2nd half of **40 Women: Unseen Women of the Bible** with a morning email and early evening prayer via Zoom in Weeks 1-4 of Lent, from **Monday 10 March to Friday 4 April**.

[Contact Joanna Hale by email](#) for more information.

**POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION for March is FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS** – Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other’s gifts, even in their differences.

**JUBILEE OF DEACONS:** Our diocese was represented in Rome last weekend by four deacons – Jim Hannigan, Oliver Larkin, Tony Falcon and Brent Adonis (from our Pastoral Area). They joined deacons from over 100 countries worldwide and passed through the Holy Door at St Peter’s Basilica in a celebration featuring moments of prayer, formation and pilgrimage, culminating in the special Mass. [Click here to read about their experience](#).

*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.*

**JOIN CAFOD’S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR:** You are invited to journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho’s in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. [Click here to sign up](#).

**SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE:** The [St Vincent de Paul Society](#) (SVP) and [CAFOD](#) are collaborating to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The program will run from **22 to 27 June** in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. [Click here for more details and the application form](#). For any queries, please [contact Kezia Harrow](#). Applications close on 20 April.

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**SVP COFFEE MORNING: Tuesday 4 March is Shrove Tuesday.** No pancakes this year sadly but we have the next best thing – the **St Vincent de Paul** will be serving tea, coffee and their famous cake selection in the First Committee Room from 9:30am until 12 noon. All are welcome, do come along and join us.

**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 5 March** from 10am until 12 noon.

**CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT** hosts its **Wednesday Café** on **5 March** from **10am until 12noon** in the First Committee Room. The Café gives a very warm welcome to those living with dementia, their families and carers. We have a range of enjoyable activities, a chance to chat and, of course, tea, coffee and cakes! Ours is always a positive approach in dealing with the difficulties so often associated with dementia. Just come along or contact Sally Blackden on 07932 643949.

**FILM NIGHT:** Pinewood Studios have kindly offered the Bridgettine Sisters their cinema for fundraising towards their Grotto. They will host a **Film Night at Pinewood Studios** showing 'Fly Me to the Moon' on **Thursday 24 April** at 6pm; film starts at 7pm. On arrival there will be some finger food and soft drinks. The entry for the evening is **£15 per person**. There will also be a raffle at £5 per strip which will be drawn at the end of the show; Pinewood has donated some of the prizes. Please get in touch with Ann Saunders on 07787 774356 to book your tickets. Payment is by **CASH ONLY** in advance. No payment can be taken at the door on the night. Last date to book is Monday 21 April. Looking forward to seeing you there on the night.

**SHOC GOLF DAY:** [Slough Homeless Our Concern](#) (SHOC) is grateful for the support that it receives from St Joseph's parishioners. The charity continues to provide a vital service with 80 rough sleepers on its books and 40-50 people coming to its day centre every day. The **SHOC Charity Golf Day** provides an annual source of funds for the charity. This year it will be held on **Friday 9 May** at Burnham Beeches Golf Club, which offers an attractive championship course. [Click here for the registration form](#) which includes more details about the day.

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**GIFT AIDERS:** Please collect your boxes of envelopes for the next twelve months 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 is available [from the website](#), Parish Office or on the table in the porch at the back of the church.

**THE [LONDON & SLOUGH RUN](#)** continues this **Monday 3 March**. Please bring your donations to the First Committee Room by **12 noon**. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF INDIVIDUAL CARTONS OF ORANGE/APPLE JUICE, SATSUMAS, BANANAS, BOILED EGGS and CRISPS. WE ALSO NEED FRESH GREEN MILK, UHT GREEN MILK, COFFEE, SUGAR, PEANUT BUTTER, JAM, TINNED FISH and TOILET ROLL.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity every week.

**URGENT – DRIVERS NEEDED FOR LONDON RUN:** We need drivers who have a C1 licence to drive our long wheelbase van on our Monday night run up to London. If you passed your test **BEFORE 1 January 1997** then you will have such a licence automatically; if you passed after then you will need to check. If you could help us out one evening every 4-6 weeks then please contact Malcolm Johnstone on 07508 733503 for more information.

**VACANCY: St Teresa's in Beaconsfield** is currently recruiting for a **Housekeeper** to manage and carry out the housekeeping duties for the presbytery, including all cooking and cleaning needs for the resident priest/s. The role is **20 hours per week** with a start date of 1 June. [Click here for job description and application form.](#) All candidates should send their completed application form to [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org). The vacancy will remain open until filled, but we may close it early if we receive a high volume of applications.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY** cards, rosettes and ribbons are now on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices. You can pay for these, or any other items on sale at the Bookshop/Repository, by putting your money in the box provided OR you can use the card machine by the door to pay using Apple Pay, Google Pay or debit/credit card. Simply press Tap to Donate and choose Repository.

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**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH**  
**PATRON SAINT OF OUR PARISH**



*Join us for an afternoon of fun and community, celebrating the various International cultures within our parish community, sharing food and celebrating Talents in our Parish*

**ST. JOSEPH'S GOT TALENT**



**INTERNATIONAL CUISINE FROM DIFFERENT CONTINENTS**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**MARCH 23, 2025**

**YOUTH MASS : 11AM**  
@ ST JOSEPH'S PRIORY  
**GET TOGETHER: 12 NOON**  
@ ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

**FOR TALENT SHOW REGISTER VIA LINK ON [WWW.STJOSEPHS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.STJOSEPHS.ORG.UK)**

**IF YOU CAN BRING FOOD TO SHARE REACH OUT ON WHATSAPP**  
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19 March is the **Feast of St Joseph**, patron of our parish. As this falls on a weekday, we will **mark the occasion on Sunday 23 March** at the **Youth Mass at 11am** followed by a **get together in the School Hall at 12 noon**. We invite all parishioners to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship, celebrating the various international cultures within our parish community, sharing food and celebrating talents in our parish.  
**No tickets, no registrations required...just show up.**

If you are interested in showcasing your talent @ the **St Joseph's Got Talent** show please [click here to sign up](#). Please note we will limit to maximum of 10-15 entries due to time constraints...so hurry and book your place now.

If you can bring food to share, please get in touch with the organising team by WhatsApp or Text ([contact numbers above](#)).

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