

30 March 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year C – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 4



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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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).

**MASS TIMES ON MONDAY 31 March** will be 7am and **9:30am (NOT 9am as usual)**. All the children from St Joseph's School will be attending the morning Mass in the church as they mark the end of the spring term.

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

**OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND:** The Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land (Bethlehem) is based in Nottingham and works to support and help Christian families in the Holy Land. 90% of the Christians there rely on income from olive wood carving, otherwise they leave in search of better job opportunities. According to a recent survey by the Bishops of Jerusalem, there is only 41,000 Christians left in the area. There will be a **sale of goods** (cribs, rosaries, crosses, religious statues, etc) **after all Masses this weekend 29/30 March in St Joseph's Church**. *Cash and card payments accepted.*

**EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 2 April** at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield. The topic is **"Throw a stone if you have no sin" (John 8:7)**. The speaker is **Fr Matthew Roche-Saunders**. Jesus is calling each person to holiness, whatever we've done and however we've drifted from his love for us. This talk will examine how our response to this call is on the inside, in our interior life. *Fr Matt is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia. He's based in Cardiff, and works as full time Director of Priestly Vocations and Youth Mission.* You can attend in person or [watch live via our YouTube channel](https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmas), see [www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmas](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Emmas) for more details as well as links to recordings of previous talks.

*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.*

This **MOTHERING SUNDAY** we give thanks to all mothers, for their never-ending care and compassion and for showing us the true meaning of unconditional love and forgiveness. Today we pray for all mothers, that they may receive many blessings. Have a lovely day.

### 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 on **Tuesday and Friday after 9am Mass** in St Joseph's Church.

**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. You are invited to spend some time resting and praying in the presence of the Lord for **30 minutes after 9am Mass on Thursday morning** in St Joseph's Church.

### LENTEN RETREAT

*Discovering Hope and Renewal During Lent*

**Saturday 12 April**

St Joseph's Church

*Led by Fr Jim Noonan OCD*

10am	Mass
10:30am	Talk by Fr Jim Noonan OCD
11:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Quiet Prayer
12 noon	Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions
12:45pm	Benediction and Dismissal

Lent is a time to deepen our faith, reconnect with God, and prepare for Easter, so why not take this opportunity to be a Pilgrim of Hope and spend some time in prayer and reflection away from the distractions of daily life.

**COACH TO CHRISM MASS:** On **Wednesday 16 April** the Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral will begin at 12 noon and will be followed by lunch in the St Thomas Centre. We are all encouraged to attend as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year. The parishes in our Pastoral Area are hiring a coach with three pick-up points – here at St Joseph’s, Our Lady of Grace in High Wycombe and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Great Missenden. **If you would like to join this pilgrimage, please contact the IHM Parish Office** on 01494 862049 or [via email](#) as soon as possible to reserve your place. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for a contribution of £10 per person.



**GROWING IN HOPE:** This Lent we are encouraging everyone to do **Acts of Kindness throughout Lent**. We are asking people (young and old) to let us know what they have done every week by adding a leaf (or leaves) to our **“Jubilee Year of Hope Through Kindness Tree”** that will be in St Joseph’s Church throughout Lent. You’ll find [ideas to get you started here](#) and a [blank calendar to fill in here](#). Please do get involved and help us let our tree flourish so that it is fully grown by Easter.

**EASTER GIFTS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED:** As part of our Acts of Kindness throughout Lent, our Children’s Liturgy team is collecting gifts for local elderly residents and families with young children. Please spend up to £5 on an Easter gift – Easter Egg, Chocolate Bunny, Potted Plant, Easter Toy, etc. Place the unwrapped gift in an open bag and leave it on the altar after Sunday Mass or drop it into the Priory on Monday or Wednesday 9-12 or Friday 10-12. We would be grateful to receive all gifts no later than Sunday 6 April so we can deliver before Easter.

**MUSIC AND PRAYER AT NIGHTFALL – Sunday 6 April at 6pm at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church.** ‘Extended Compline’ devised by conductor Dominic McGonigal and sung by the **St Giles Consort** run by parishioners Peter and Cathy Langdale. It takes the form of a Service of Night Prayer, complemented with appropriate choral music by Byrd, Lassus, Sheppard, Lotti, Victoria and Rachmaninov. The congregation is invited to join the choir in psalms and hymns. Retiring collection in aid of music in the church.

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

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**CAFOD JUBILEE YEAR RETREAT:** In this Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis calls on us to be tangible signs of hope to others. We have a wonderful opportunity to take some time out of our busy lives and spend it with God. We are blessed to have Fr John Udris lead this retreat so do come along and bring friends and family too. Join us next **Saturday 5 April at St Anne’s in Wendover (HP22 6JG)** from 10am until 1pm (9:30am Mass optional). Please bring a packed lunch.

**PASSOVER SEDER MEAL:** Ever wondered what a ‘Passover Meal’ actually is? Discover the symbolism of the meal and its significance for us as Christians.  
**Monday 14 April** in Our Lady of Grace Church, High Wycombe (HP12 4RY) at 7pm. Led by Jewish Christian Martyn Furman. Cost is £15 per head. **To book please contact Dcn Brin** on 07931607249 or [email him](#).  
**Tuesday 15 April** in St Teresa’s Church, Beaconsfield (HP9 2PL) at 7pm. Led by Messianic Jew Richard Harvey. Tickets are £15 each. **To book contact the Parish Office** [by email](#) or phone 01494 673018.

**JUBILEE OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** Do you want to celebrate the Jubilee with other young adults? Would you like to come celebrate in Rome? NYMO will join the Sion Community’s pilgrimage for young adults (ages 18–35) in Rome from **30 July to 3 August** to take part in an exciting programme of jubilee events. The cost is approximately £650, depending on final flight and accommodation arrangements. The sooner we book, the better the flight prices—so don’t wait if you’re thinking of joining us! [Click here for more information](#) or contact [NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com). The booking deadline is Monday 14 April.

**APF MILL HILL MISSION (MISSIO):** Red Box holders and supporters of [Missio](#) are asked to collect their copy of the Spring Edition of the Mission magazine from the back of their church.

**THE [LONDON & SLOUGH RUN](#) continues this Monday 31 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, PLAIN CHEESE SANDWICHES, 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.

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**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 2 April** from 10am until 12 noon.

**CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT** hosts its **Wednesday Café on 2 April 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:** The Bridgettine Sisters will host a **Film Night at Pinewood Studios** showing 'Fly Me to the Moon' on **Thursday 24 April** at 6pm; film starts at 7pm. 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. 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.

**VACANCY: Immaculate Heart of Mary in Great Missenden** is recruiting for a **Parish Secretary** to provide administrative support. The role is **10 hours per week**, spread over three days, including Wednesday and Friday. [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 closing date for applications is Thursday 17 April. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 7 May.

**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.

A selection of **EASTER CARDS** is now on sale from the Repository at very reasonable prices. You can pay cash using the box provided OR you can pay by Google/Apple Pay or Debit/Credit Card using the machine by the door.

**HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED** to serve refreshments after **11am Mass on Sundays**. If you can help out once a month or so, and are willing to go on a serving rota, please [get in touch with Joan](#) at the Parish Office.

**INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER?** St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are running a series of open mornings where you can find out what is involved in our training programme and progress your application for September 2025. To book your place, please go to [www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/open-mornings/](http://www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/open-mornings/).

**LOST PROPERTY:** We have jackets, hats and gloves, bags and various miscellaneous items in our Lost Property box. If you think an item in it might belong to you, can you please call into the Reception on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning to check. If the items are not claimed before Holy Week the items will be disposed of to a Charity Shop. Thank you.

### THANK YOU

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who joined us in celebrating the Feast of St Joseph last Sunday. Your presence made this celebration truly special, and we are so thankful for the vibrant community we have here at St Joseph's.

A special thank you to those who shared food from different parts of the world. Your contributions were a beautiful reflection of the diverse cultures that make up our parish family. It was truly a feast for the senses, and we appreciate the effort and love that went into every dish.

We also want to thank everyone who participated in the talent show. Your performances added so much joy to the day and showcased the incredible talents within our community. And to those who help with the events of the day to setup, organise and also stayed behind to help with the clean-up – your efforts were greatly appreciated and helped ensure the event went smoothly and was a success.

Last but not the least a special thanks to Fr Jerome for initiating and leading us to organise this event.

It was a joy to see our parish come together in such a meaningful way. Thank you all for making this year's St Joseph's Feast one to remember.

*with sincere appreciation*  
*Organising Committee*

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