



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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1 March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2

Our Journey Through



Acts of Kindness our parish-wide initiative to reflect the heart of Jesus through simple, everyday acts of kindness. As we follow the path from Ash Wednesday to Calvary,

we have a different theme each week; this week it is **Being A Light in the World**. You'll find suggestions for Acts of Kindness, each with a bible reference and a short prayer, in the church and [on our website](#). We have set up a path in the alcove of the church to represent our parish journey. People are invited to place a pebble on a stepping stone represent any act(s) that they have been able to do. St Thérèse said "kindness is my only guiding star." Join us as we "walk the Lenten path with courage and tenderness", as Pope Leo urges us to do.



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.

2 March	St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales – Feast (<i>transferred from 1 March</i>)
7 March	Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs – Memorial

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for **MARCH** is **FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE** – Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Peter (known as Bill) Mercer** who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place on **Monday 2 March at 11:30am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Jean Wood** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 5 March at 11am in St Joseph's Church**. We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

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 on **Mondays from 6:30pm to 7pm** in St Joseph's Church and on **Thursdays after the 9am Mass until 10am**.

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**.

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. Journey together with us throughout Lent on **Tuesdays and Fridays after the 9am Mass** in St Joseph's Church.

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.

EMMAUS – OPENING THE SCRIPTURES: Our next talk takes place on **Wednesday 4 March** at St Teresa's Church in Beaconsfield (HP9 2PL). The topic is **Spiritual Warfare - The Battle You Can't See But Must Fight** (Ephesians 6:10-18) and the speaker is **Dr Maria Heath**. Scripture teaches us we are in a spiritual battle. What does this mean and how to we stand firm as we are called to in Ephesians chapter 10.

Maria Heath is married to Alex and has 5 children aged 6 to 21. She works for the Diocese as Director of Mission Northampton. Prior to this, Maria worked in a Parish for 12 years, and was national co-ordinator for CHARIS England & Wales. She holds a PhD in the area of Mission & Evangelisation.

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

DILEXI TE: An opportunity for parishioners to come together to study and discuss 'Dilexi Te', Pope Leo's document on Love of the Poor. This continues during Lent on Thursday evenings – 5 March, 12 March, 19 March and 25 March – at 7pm in the First Committee Room. Scott Albrecht BA, MA Theol has lived with destitute men, women and children for over 30 years. He will be helping to facilitate a study and discussion process, in which our relationship to the last, the lost and the least can grow and deepen.



The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is [global ecumenical movement](#), led by Christian women, that shares the hopes, concerns and prayers of women from around the globe. Each year, women

from a different country craft a service, sharing their unique spiritual journey and culture. The day begins in Samoa and moves across 146 countries in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. For 2026, the **women of Nigeria** have created a service that speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties. The theme is "I will give you rest, come". Our parish is hosting the service with local churches on **Friday 6 March at 10:30am** in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome, please join us if you can.

FOR READERS – In LENT there will be an afternoon of **REFLECTION AND TRAINING** for all those who read at The Most Holy Name and St Joseph's Churches. This will be led by Fr John and will take place on **Sunday 8 March** from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the First Committee Room. Please mark this date in your diaries – thank you.

ROSARY CIRCLE MARCH INTENTION: Lent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord at the Resurrection. During this period our Rosary intention is to **pray especially for those in our parishes who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter Time.** We pray that their journey in faith will be a joyful time enriched by the support of prayer in our parish community.

FOR CASHIERS – A copy of the **2026 Cashiers Rota** was sent to all cashiers using the email addresses on record at the start of the year. If you are a cashier and have not received this important communication, please [contact Anne at the Parish Office](#). A paper copy can be found in the drawer under the Coin Counting Machine.

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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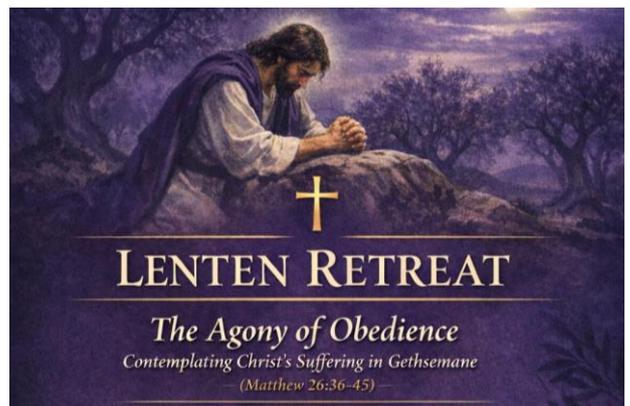
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LENT APPEAL: This Lent, you can help families grow enough food to eat. When crops fail, families go hungry because the land they depend on can no longer sustain them. Too much rain. Too little rain. Nothing can grow. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens in Bangladesh and South Sudan or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought in places like Zimbabwe. **Next weekend there will be an appeal and second collection at all Masses on behalf of CAFOD.** Please pick up an envelope from the church porch and return it with your donation next week. You can make an online donation at cafod.org.uk/envelope or you can call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Let's show love to our neighbours and give generously so another family can put food on the table.



LENTEN RETREAT: Saturday 14 March in St Joseph's Church. Led by Fr Jerome, the theme is 'The Agony of Obedience: Contemplating Christ's Suffering in Gethsemane'. It starts with Holy Mass at 10am, followed by a Lenten Reflection and time for silent prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our parish **Lent Service of Reconciliation, with individual confessions, takes place at 12 noon.** Lent is a time to deepen our faith, reconnect with God, and prepare for Easter, so why not take this opportunity to spend some time in prayer and reflection away from the distractions of daily life.

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

FAIRTRADE/TRAIDCRAFT: You can buy fairtrade goods from Margaret Dykes at the monthly Coffee Morning at the Village Hall in Church Lane. The next one takes place on **Wednesday 4 March** from 10am until 12 noon.

CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT hosts its **Wednesday Café** on **4 March** in the **First Committee Room** from **10am until 12noon**. 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. Come along or contact Sally Blackden on 07932 643949.

NOT MANY TICKETS LEFT for the **BARN DANCE** on **Saturday 7 March** at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, so don't delay booking if you'd like to join us. A fun evening of dancing to live music with a caller. Bar opens at 7pm, light supper served at 7:30pm, followed by two sessions of dancing. [Click here for details and to book your place](#). Proceeds in aid of New Hall.



Come and join us in the **First Committee Room** on **Tuesday 17 March** for a soup lunch to mark St Patrick's Day. We will be serving home-made soup from **12 noon to 2pm**. No

need to book, just turn up. £10 per person (cash and card accepted). Proceeds in aid of New Hall.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the next twelve months are now available for collection from the back of the church. Parishioners who wish to join the scheme may do so by completing a **Gift Aid Declaration Form**, available from [the website](#), Parish Office or the church porch.

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 **21 to 26 June** in London. Candidates must be aged 18–25 years; priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. [Click here for more details and the application form](#). For any queries, please contact Kezia Harrow [by email](#) or text/call 07917923605. Applications close on Monday 6 April.

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We invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating St Joseph's feast on **Sunday 22 March**. The celebration will begin with 11am Mass, followed by a get-together in the School Hall from 12 noon. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of fun and community, celebrating the diverse international cultures within our parish.

There will be food to share, great raffle prizes to be won, and a showcase of talents at the St Joseph's Got Talent show. If you wish to participate in the talent show, please [click here to register](#). Note that we have a maximum of 10-15 entries due to time constraints, so register quickly.

If you plan to bring food, kindly inform the organising team via WhatsApp or text. However, please do not feel obligated to bring food if you can't. Contact Karolina on 07731 943197 or Shailesh on 07510 684039. We look forward to seeing you there!

The **Diocese** is recruiting **three PROPERTY AREA COORDINATORS**, responsible for the maintenance, compliance and performance of a defined portfolio of properties. **Full time, 12-month fixed term contract**. [Click here for more information about the positions and/or download an application form](#). Closing date for applications is **Friday 7 March**.

St John Henry Newman and St Augustine's Parishes in High Wycombe are recruiting for a **CLEANER**. **2.5 hours per week at each parish**, option for one person to work at both parishes. [Click here for more information about the position and/or download an application form](#). Closing date for applications is **Friday 13 March**.

St John Henry Newman and St Augustine's Parishes in High Wycombe are recruiting for a **PARISH SECRETARY**. **10 hours per week**, option for one person to undertake both roles. [Click here for more information about the position and/or download an application form](#). Closing date for applications is **Friday 13 March**.