



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

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15 March 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 4

Our Journey Through



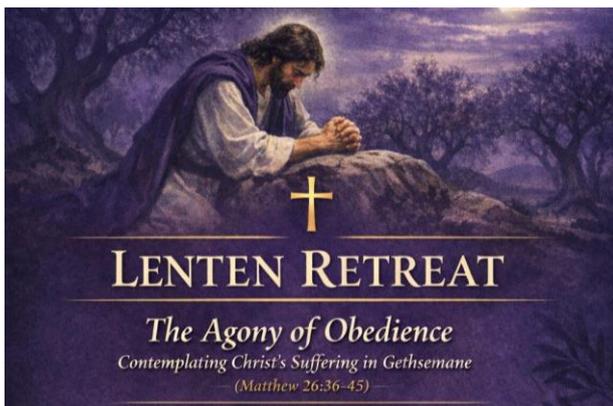
ACTS OF KINDNESS

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 **Sharing Joy and Encouragement**. 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.



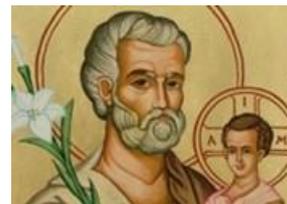
LENTEN RETREAT: Saturday 14 March in St Joseph's Church. Led by Fr Jerome, the theme is 'The Agony of Obedience: Contemplating Christ's Suffering in Gethsemane'. It starts with Holy Mass at 10am, followed by a Lenten Reflection and time for silent prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our 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.

On 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.



YOUTH MASS (age 11 upwards)
Sunday 15 March at 11am

Teenagers will be actively involved in many aspects of the Mass, including music. After Mass there will be activities in the Library, followed by food. **Our Youth Leaders invite every young person in the parish to join them.**



FEAST OF ST JOSEPH:

Thursday 19 March is the feast of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Protector of the Discalced Carmelite Order and Patron of our Parish. There will be **Mass at 7am** in the Oratory and **at 9am** in St Joseph's Church. Our **parish celebration will take place on Sunday 22 March** (details overleaf).

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Sr Halloge from the Holy Cross Convent** who died recently. May she rest in peace. **Funeral details to be confirmed.** We extend our sympathy to all her family, friends and the Holy Cross Sisters.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Winifred Meyers** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on **Friday 27 March at 10:45am in St Joseph's Church.** We extend our sympathy to all her family and friends.

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 – **19 March and 26 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.

A branch of the **LONDON REGION OF SECULAR CARMELITES** meets at St Joseph's each month. If you are interested in growing in your commitment as a Catholic and in learning more about Carmelite spirituality you would be welcome to meet with us and find out more. Our next meeting is **Saturday 21 March** from 10:45am until 2:30pm at the Priory when we will spend time together in prayer and discussion.

OUT OF THE DEEP – Sunday 22 March at 6pm at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church. An hour of music and readings for Passion Sunday, directed by Dominic McGonigal and sung by the **St Giles Consort** run by parishioners Peter and Cathy Langdale. Includes choral works by Gibbons, Lassus, John Milton Snr, Taverner, Bruckner, Stainer and hymns for all to sing. Retiring collection in aid of music in the church.

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. A monthly pack is delivered to those who are homebound or do not get out regularly to Mass. If you know someone who would benefit from this please let the Parish Office know.

FOR SINGERS – 11AM MASS AND EASTER VIGIL

CHOIR: We are keen to recruit more singers to sing at the **11am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.** Rehearsals will take place on each Thursday evening immediately preceding those Sundays from 7:30pm to 9pm, usually in the church. We will also be rehearsing for the Easter Vigil Mass over the next few weeks. The aim is to build up a choir which can regularly sing in four-part harmony. If you would like to be involved in this valuable music ministry (whether for the 11am Mass, the Easter Vigil, or both), please contact our organist Patrick Martin via the Parish Office or directly by emailing patrick.martin@cantab.net. You do not need to be able to read music: enthusiasm and a commitment to attend regularly are far more important!

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to James Dowle who was presented with a wooden cross at 9am Mass last Sunday in recognition of completing one year of altar serving in the parish. *Well done and thank you!*



DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK runs annually from **12-19 March** with the aim to raise awareness and a deeper understanding of the spiritual needs of people living with dementia. We pray for all those experiencing dementia

and those who care for them. May the peace of Christ be with those who have a diagnosis and their loved ones, providing strength and resilience, and may the Holy Spirit bless and protect them on their difficult journeys.

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.

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.

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 use the machine by the door.

Sunday Mass Times

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

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THANK YOU FROM CAFOD: Thank you for your generous support to our appeal last weekend – your kindness is helping families like Shorai’s in Zimbabwe and Rejoice’s in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent, helping families put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world [here](#). It’s not too late to donate – visit at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH RUN continues on Mondays throughout March. Please bring your contributions to the **First Committee Room by 12 noon.** We are in **urgent need of BOILED EGGS and TOILET ROLLS** and welcome any of the following – sandwiches (tuna, plain cheese, marmite), individual juice cartons, small chocolate biscuit bars, individually wrapped cakes, satsumas, bananas, crisps, green/UHT milk, coffee, sugar, peanut butter, jam, and tinned fish.
NB: We cannot take anything else other than food donations at present due to limited space.
Thank you for your continued generosity and support, which is very much appreciated by our beneficiaries.

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend for EASTER FLOWERS.

CHALFONT DEMENTIA SUPPORT will host its **Wednesday Café on 18 March in Chalfont St Peter Church Hall (Church Lane) 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. Just come along or contact Sally Blackden on 07932 643949.



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). There will also be a raffle. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to the New Hall.



Join us as we honour St Joseph, the patron saint of our parish, with a vibrant celebration on **Sunday 22 March.**

Following the 11am Mass, festivities will continue at St Joseph’s Primary School Hall. This event is a wonderful opportunity to embrace the rich diversity of our parish, bringing together different cultures and nationalities.

We invite everyone to contribute to this multicultural gathering by **bringing a dish that represents your country or continent**, making our shared meal a true feast of flavours. If you plan to bring food kindly inform Karolina on 07731 943197 or Shailesh on 07510 684039 via WhatsApp or text. However, please do not feel obligated to bring food if you can’t.

In addition to delicious food, the day will feature our very own **St Joseph’s Got Talent** contest – so if you have a talent to share, we encourage you to join in and entertain the community. Please [click here to register](#).

Finally, if you can donate **prizes for the raffle**, please drop them off at the Parish Office during opening hours. Your contributions will help make the day even more memorable. We look forward to celebrating together and making this parish feast a joyful occasion for all.

LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATING OUR PARISH FEAST TOGETHER NEXT SUNDAY.



THANK YOU to all who supported the Barn Dance held last weekend. It was a joyous event with a tasty supper to set everyone up for the lively dancing. We raised **£2,000** for the New Hall!

We are grateful to all who responded to the **NEW HALL GIVING SUNDAY APPEAL** by returning the Giving Envelope or by direct donation to the New Hall account. In the first week of returns we can report that, so far, over **£23,000** has been donated and we look forward to further support for this vital parish project.



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