

Lent.

a season of spiritual preparation



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WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 1 March
Mass with distribution of ashes at 7am in the Oratory as well as 9am and 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church. The start of Lent and a day of fast and abstinence.

JOIN US THIS FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from **Monday, 27 February until Sunday, 12 March**. Having the perfect cuppa or a snack is an important part of our daily routine, yet millions of farmers who produce the treats we enjoy are struggling to make a living. However hard they work to provide the products we depend on, they still aren't paid what they deserve. Choose Fairtrade when you next shop and encourage your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to do the same. **Fairtrade goods on sale after 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday, 5 March and Sunday, 2 April.**

Stations of the Cross

Commemorate Jesus' last day on earth as man by retracing his final journey. **Every Friday** morning after 9am Mass in St Joseph's Church.



Women's World Day of Prayer

This global ecumenical movement, led by Christian women, welcomes you to join them in prayer for peace and justice. The 2017 Prayer Service has been written by the Women of the Philippines. Our local service takes place on **Friday, 3 March** at Gold Hill Baptist Church at 10:30am.

CAFOD Soup Lunch

Just one world

Join us for delicious home-made soup on **Friday, 10 March** to mark the CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Lunch will be served from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome. Proceeds in aid of CAFOD.

Mary's Way of the Cross

Follow the mother of Jesus as she walks the road to Calvary: "I knew it had to be, so I walked on silently." Join the Catholic Women's League on **Wednesday, 15 March** at 2pm in St Joseph's Church for this intimate journey of faith, reflecting on the suffering of Jesus through the sorrowful heart of His Mother.



Feast of St Joseph

Celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint on **Monday, 20 March**. Mass at 7am in the Oratory and 9am in St Joseph's Church, followed by coffee and cake.

The Upper Room

 **24-7** Our **24-7 Prayer Room** in the centre of Chalfont St Peter has a Lenten theme with prayer stations as from Ash Wednesday. This prayer space has been formed by local churches for the local community. A place to seek God, to pour out our hearts in intercession for our community, our churches and our world. For more details visit: www.247communityprayer.co.uk.

"Light from the Darkness"

Ken Keen FRPS presents a unique and spiritual photographic exhibition in St Joseph's Church from **Saturday, 25 March until Sunday, 9 April**.

His collection of handcrafted images feature Christian Art and Places of Worship; all produced using a



historical process on watercolour art paper. All are invited to experience for themselves the intrinsic beauty of these pictures which capture the peace and tranquility of medieval and holy places.

Charity Quiz Night

Exercise your grey matter at our quiz on **Saturday, 25 March** from 7pm in the Parish Centre. Entrance £4. Bring your own bottle. All proceeds to the Northampton Cathedral Centre project.

12 Hours For The Lord Adoration and Confession

Our Lenten celebration of reconciliation takes place on **Friday, 31 March**. From 9am until 9pm in St Joseph's Church there will be Eucharistic Adoration with the opportunity for Confession. These



"12 Hours For The Lord" start with Mass and finish with Benediction. Come and encounter Jesus through reflection, prayer and penance. Discover, or rediscover, the mercy at the heart of our faith.

Lenten Devotions

Giving up something for Lent? Why not do something extra? Nurture your faith. **The Rosary** helps us to pray to Jesus through Mary. Join us on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30pm in the Oratory. **Eucharistic Adoration** helps us to become closer to Jesus. Join us on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory.

Lent 2017 at St Joseph's Parish

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