

4 March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to **£2,362**. Your continued support is appreciated.



Thank you so much for supporting **CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY**.

The **Soup Lunch** raised **£550** and our **second collection was £2,699**,

totalling some **£3,249** which will help end hunger and poverty around the world. This has been doubled by the UK Government, meaning a total of **£6,498** has been raised so more of our brothers and sisters can live lives free from hunger. Thank you for fasting in solidarity and please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers throughout Lent.

#### DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION

*In March we pray together for the grace of repentance and the joy of forgiveness.*

The saint to accompany us in March is **St Josephine Bakhita of Sudan**. She was born to a warm and homely family but was kidnapped by slavers as a young woman. As a slave she was sold many times until she was eventually shipped to Italy where she encountered Christianity and eventually became a religious sister. With great joy she forgave her captors and taught others both to accept and offer forgiveness.

*We are asked to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Mavis Cross** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Monday, 12 March at 12:30pm in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** take place every Friday morning after 9am Mass throughout Lent.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please pray for the sick of our Parish and for those who have asked for our prayers.

**A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS:** Firstly a big thank you to everyone who braved the weather to attend this week's session. For the session on 7/8 March would participants please prepare the notes and reading for the Session entitled "*The Liturgy of The Word*" pages 13-18 in your workbook.

Bishop Peter's **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE** with your family which was due to take place Saturday, 3 March at The Holy Family Catholic Church in Langley has now been **rescheduled to Saturday, 14 April**.

#### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Pope Francis calls us to link our Lenten reconciliation each year with time spent in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with churches around the world in offering **24 Hours for the Lord**.

The theme he has chosen this year is *'With you is forgiveness.'* Psalm 130:4. St Joseph's Church will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10am Friday, 9 March to 10am Saturday, 10 March and a priest will be available to hear individual confessions at the following times: **10am-12 noon, 2-4pm and 7-9pm**. This will be our **Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation** for this year.

**Please sign up to cover an hour on the rota which is at the back of the church (3 names per hour.)**

Everyone is welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament any time during the day, even if you are unable to commit to an hour on the rota.

**HELPING OUR PARISHES PASS ON THE FAITH** – A day led by David Wills from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. The morning will explore RELIT – a DVD programme that trains those who have had an encounter with Jesus Christ to lead others to Him. The afternoon will look at restoring the primary role of parents as catechists using the 'Growing Up Catholic' resources for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This will be held in St Teresa's Church Hall, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL on **Saturday 17 March** from 10am – 4pm. Booking is required through NORES on 01582 723312. Leaflets are available at the back of the church.

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY - Encountering the God who heals:** In the Gospel stories, we read that many people were healed when they met with Jesus. We believe that He is

still healing people today. Quiet individual prayer is offered in the Oratory after 9am Sunday Mass each week with the focus on encouraging people to sense the presence of Jesus and to find His love, forgiveness and healing.

**DIVINE MERCY RETREAT** led by the Marian Fathers will take place on **Saturday, 17 March** in Iver Heath at the Bridgettine Convent from 11am to 4:30pm. All are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.

# IT'S FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT COME ON IN

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018  
26 FEBRUARY - 11 MARCH



Fairtrade Fortnight runs from Monday, 26 February until Sunday, 11 March. It's a shocking fact that millions of poor farmers who produce the food we love still don't earn enough to feed their own families. It's time for this injustice to end. Through Fairtrade, millions of poor farmers and labourers are working hard to close the door on exploitation and transform their communities. Together we're stronger, so the more people who choose, share and shout about Fairtrade means more power to producers to break the stranglehold of poverty prices. #FairtradeFortnight

**SALE OF TRADICRAFT GOODS TODAY – SUNDAY, 4 MARCH** after 9am Mass in the Parish Centre and after 11am Mass in the First Committee Room. Why not stop by the stall and see what's on offer? Please show your support.

**APF MILL HILL MISSION:** Members are asked to pick up their spring copy of "Mission Today" from the back of the church.

**THE VINE:** Please pick up a copy of the March issue from the church porch.

*giftaid it* **OFFERING ENVELOPES** for the next twelve months are now available for collection from the back of the Church. Many thanks for your continued support of 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 or Parish Office.

**LONDON AND SLOUGH RUN FOR THE HOMELESS:** Please bring your sandwiches, boiled eggs, crisps, drinks, fruit, biscuits, etc. to the Parish Centre by 3.30pm on Monday. Many thanks for your continued support.

**Please use the metal box provided: do not leave goods outside the Parish Centre.**

**SIMPLY PERFECT** will hold a sale of First Holy Communion wear and accessories in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 14 March** from 5pm – 8pm.

The **ANNUAL SHOC QUIZ** is being held on **Saturday, 28 April** in Stoke Poges. Following the very successful appeal on Homeless Sunday to support our local homeless, might you consider taking a table at this annual enjoyable event? Light supper included, tickets £12. Please contact [alanmadgeslough@aol.com](mailto:alanmadgeslough@aol.com) and see the parish website Diary Dates for the flyer.

**BOOKSHOP – READING FOR LENT:** To celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday, CTS have delved into their archives and are sharing some of the gems that celebrate their huge range and variety of publishing over the last 150 years. These booklets are available for just £1.50 and are in the bookshop now.

**APPEAL FOR FRUIT:** Your weekly fruit donations are very much appreciated by the homeless women and children at the Catholic Workers Farm and Mary's House. The basket is collected after 11am Mass every Sunday.

**FOSJS COMEDY NIGHT:** All are welcome to St Joseph's School at 7pm next Saturday 10 March for a comedy night. Tickets are £12.50 each (adults only) and there will be a licenced bar and nibbles on sale. Email [FriendsStJos@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsStJos@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets.

## *Lent at St Joseph's*

Our Baptism makes us God's sons and daughters. God showed us how to live as we should when He gave us the commandments. The commandments do not restrict us but they inform us how to distinguish good from evil. Jesus, God's Son, came to give us further enlightenment and He instituted the Church to continue his mission.

During Lent we can reflect on how blessed we are to be God's sons and daughters. God gives us the grace we need for this when we pray and receive the sacraments. While we live here on earth we form God's family, preparing for eternal happiness in Heaven, with the Blessed Trinity and all the angels and saints.

### Sunday Mass Times

St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday at 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm  
Holy Name, Denham: Sunday Mass at 9:30am  
Bridgettine Convent, Iver Heath: Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm, Sunday at 9am

### All the following take place at St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter

**Weekday Mass:** Monday to Friday at 7am and 9am, Saturday and Bank Holidays at 10am  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday from 10:30 – 11am and 4:45 – 5:15pm  
**Rosary:** Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 9pm in the Oratory

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