

18 February 2018
First Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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22 February	The Chair of St Peter, Apostle – Feast
23 February	St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr - Memorial

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,190. Your continued support is appreciated.

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23 February can you give up a meal or eat a simple meal in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. And this Lent,



your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the

opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously to our **second collection next weekend**.

In light of recent news reports you may wish to know CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities on cafod.org.uk. CAFOD has robust safeguarding policies and a zero-tolerance approach to misconduct.



SOUP LUNCH IN AID OF CAFOD:

Come and join us for delicious home-made soup next **Friday 23 February** to mark the CAFOD Family Fast Day. Lunch will be served from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome.

RCIA/FOCUS ON FAITH: Called and chosen by God. Please pray for our Candidates – Birthe Albrecht, Maria Stanton and Katie Barrett as they go to Northampton Cathedral this afternoon, along with all other Catechumens and Candidates from the Diocese, to celebrate with Bishop Peter the Rite of Election.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Christopher Moynihan** who died recently. The funeral will take place on Monday 19 February at 12:30pm in St Joseph's Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS: A reminder for those who have registered and paid for the Lent course, the first session starts this Wednesday evening 21 February at 7:45pm for 8pm and also this Thursday morning 22 February at 9:30am. It will be in the Parish Centre and refreshments will be available at the start of each session.

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.

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 – 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 is the form our **Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation** will take this year.

Please sign up to cover an hour on the rota which can be found at the back of the church (3 names per hour.) Everyone is welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament at any time during the day, even if you are unable to commit to an hour on the rota.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING will begin in the next few weeks. If your child would like to become part of the serving team please would you go to the Parish website and click the link to provide your details OR email youth@stjosephs.org.uk. All servers must have made their First Holy Communion before they can participate. Please encourage your child to serve!

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: Next meeting is on Thursday 22 February at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Convent.

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

There will be **YOUTH GROUP** tonight at 6:30pm until 8pm. This will take place in the Parish Hall and is open to young people in Year 6 and above. Come and join us.

BOOKSHOP – READING FOR LENT: To celebrate their 150th 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.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE monthly meeting takes place on Wednesday 21 February at 2pm in the Parish Centre. We are having a fun quiz along with tea and cake. All are welcome to join us.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE takes place at St Joseph's on Friday 2 March at 10:30am. This ecumenical service involves all the churches in Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross. It is prepared by the Women in Suriname and is being said on this day all over the world. Please do come and join us – everyone is welcome – men, women and young people. Refreshments in the Parish Centre after the service.

PASSOVER SUPPER AT ST AIDAN'S: This year there will be a Passover Supper on Friday 23 February at 7pm in the parish hall at St Aidan's. It is a wonderful way of understanding the background to the Mass, as well as being a very enjoyable social event. Families with young people are especially welcome. The cost is £8 for adults and £3 for children, which includes a full meal, drinks and a programme. Please call Fr Ken on 01494 763518 or email staidansinfo@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible if you would like to book your place.

APPEAL FOR FRUIT: The Catholic Worker Farm invites parishioners to support their 20 homeless women and children by donating fruit on a weekly basis. There will be a basket at the back of the church every weekend which will be collected after Sunday's 11am Mass. They are deeply grateful for any apples, pears, bananas, grapes, oranges, etc. that you might be able to pop into the basket each week. For information about the Catholic Worker Farm or Mary House call Scott on 07983 477819 or visit www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org.



200 Club Winners

The 200 Club draw was drawn by the **Church Cleaning Team** on Thursday and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Patrick Clarke
- 2nd Cathy Vennix
- 3rd Peter Freeman
- 4th John O'Neill

Congratulations!

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.**

FUTURE OF OUR PARISH CENTRE AND HALL: Thank you to everyone who took the time to think about how we use these premises and consider what our future needs might be. Your feedback is appreciated and will now be compiled and made ready for review by the Finance Committee.

Lent at St Joseph's

Actions prove who someone is. Words just prove who they want to be. This is something we often see or hear, something we can take to heart and believe or disbelieve. The Bible is a very large book, full of wisdom, but we should ask ourselves how much of it do we really take to heart and act on. Jesus reduced it all to love God with all our hearts and minds and relate to our neighbours as ourselves. Similarly, we can apply this to the homilies/sermons we hear. Do we act on what is said or neglect it all immediately? We should examine our conscience frequently and see any failures that we may have. The remedy is: consecrate our hearts, minds and tongues to the Lord and ask sincerely that he God our Father control them and act and live as Jesus his Son would.

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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