



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

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18 March 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 1

19 March St Joseph, Solemnity,
Our Patronal Feast Day
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and
Protector of Carmelite Order

THIS WEEKEND there will be a second collection for Easter flowers for the Church.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION

last weekend amounted to £3,081. Your continued support is appreciated.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH: Celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint on **Monday 19 March**. Mass takes place at 7am in the Oratory and at 9am in St Joseph's Church, followed by coffee and cake in the First Committee Room. All are welcome.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: Please read and keep the **Easter booklet** (available from the church porch) which gives times of all the services across the five parishes in our Pastoral Area over Easter. This includes details of all Masses in St Joseph's, Holy Name and the Bridgettine Convent. Please take one booklet per family.

SINGERS FOR EASTER: All singers are invited to join us for our Good Friday and Easter Vigil services whether you are a regular choir member or not. Help us to make these Triduum services truly reflective and uplifting, especially the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday which is the pinnacle of our Liturgical Year. If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact Joan Barham at the Parish Office.

EASTER CRAFTS & GAMES DAY: Children (ages 5-12) are invited to join us for an Easter themed crafts and games workshop, organised by Children's Liturgy, on Thursday 12 April in the Parish Centre. More details and booking information next week.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: A huge thank you to everyone who spent time in adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament last week. Whether you helped cover an hour on the rota, stepped into fill gaps, or dropped into the Church to pray or go to confessions, we can be sure that many graces have been poured out on

individuals, families and our parish.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

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

COMING SOON – FAMILY BINGO: Eyes down on Saturday 14 April for our family bingo in the Parish Centre. All proceeds to Action Against Hunger. More details next week.

SAVE THE DATE – PAMPER EVENING: *Calling all ladies in the parish ...* take some time out and enjoy a relaxing evening of pampering on Friday 18 May the Parish

Centre – put this date in your diary now!

The **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES** from the recent meeting are now available on the website.

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.

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

St Joseph is the patron of our parish. He protected Mary and Jesus and provided for them. He was a man of faith, a human model of fatherhood that Jesus grew up with; providing him with his first ideas of human fatherhood and thus the fatherhood of God. We can **pray a novena** for our families or for a special need.

St Joseph, you are a model of obedience in fulfilling the commands of God. He revealed the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God to you through an angel. Intercede for us so that the Holy Spirit can enlighten us with His grace, and teach us to co-operate with Him faithfully on the way leading to salvation. May He guide our will and strengthen it particularly when we have to take important decisions that they may be in accordance with the will of God. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

The last **YOUTH GROUP** before the Easter break takes place this **Sunday 18 March** from 6:30pm until 8pm in the Hall. If you are in Year 6 or above why not come and join us for fun, games and food.

**COME ON IN TO FAIRTRADE
CLOSE THE DOOR ON EXPLOITATION**

Fairtrade Fortnight may have just finished but it is vital that we continue to support the farmers who

grow our food in developing countries. There's never been a more important time to stand with producers through Fairtrade and to protect the progress achieved alongside them. Support the drive for much-needed change because these farmers deserve fair terms of trade. Close the door on exploitation – buy Fairtrade and encourage others to do the same. **St Joseph's Parish is proud to support Fairtrade.**

EASTER CARDS are now on sale in the Repository.

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 and see the parish website Diary Dates for the flyer.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – Sunday 22 April – 10:30-17:30pm: A warm invitation to the first, annual pilgrimage for Catholic men. Meet, talk and share the faith with other men; listen to speakers, celebrate confession and Mass, pray for families and for the country; process to the old Abbey grounds for Benediction. We welcome lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons. *"When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England"*. Pope Leo XIII, 1887.

In partnership with the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady and Catholic Man UK. For more information visit www.catholicman.co.uk.



REMINDER: British Summer Time begins next weekend so don't forget to put your clocks forward!

200 Club Winners

The 200 Club draw was after our **Biblical Walk Through the Mass course** on Thursday and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Marilyn and Mike Gregory
- 2nd Holy Cross Sisters
- 3rd Mr Paul Davies
- 4th Barbara Dziurman

Congratulations!

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET distributed £3,400 in March as follows:

St Joseph's Parish	£1,700
Rennie Grove Hospice Care	£500
Slough Refugee Support	£500
Leonard Cheshire Disability	£500
Chalfont St Peter Community Centre	£200

Lent at St Joseph's

One of the most important things in our spiritual life is to know ourselves. God is constantly trying to help us to do this: to know our strengths, weaknesses, faults, flaws, failings, defects and what we really desire and love most.

God gives us times when everything goes our way but he also gives us times when we have to endure trials and troubles of one kind or another.

An important factor we should always remember is – God allows only what is ultimately best for us. Therefore, we must never lose hope as St Paul encourages us when he says *"The sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come to us in the future"*. (Rom.8:18)

If we truly believe in Jesus, then we will follow his example. We will offer our lives, our joys and sufferings in obedience to God and for our own salvation and the salvation of others.

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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