

19 March 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year A – Weekdays Year 1 – Psalter Week 3



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 8RY

Fr Michael Spain OCD (Prior & Parish Priest), Fr Martin McDonald OCD, Fr Maurice Flynn OCD

20 March	St Joseph, Solemnity Our Patronal Feast Day Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Protector of Carmelite Order
25 March	The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity

**THE FIRST SCRUTINY** is celebrated this Sunday in the Catholic Church for Yvonne Li and Susanne David who are being baptised and Elena Dulay who is being confirmed this Easter. Please pray for them.

**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH:** Celebrate the feast of our Patron

Saint on **Monday 20 March**. Mass at 7am in the Oratory. Mass at 9am in St Joseph's Church followed by coffee and cake in the First Committee Room. The **Novena to St Joseph** published in last week's Newsletter is now on the website.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,338. Your continued support is appreciated.

**THE CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION** amounted to £3,199.23.

**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH:** Thank you to everyone who supported our Lenten Soup Lunch last week which raised £720.94 for CAFOD. A special thank you to all who made the delicious soups enjoyed by our guests.

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

**MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** will take place on Saturday 1 April at 3:30pm in St Joseph's Church. Fr Michael will celebrate Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent and there will be anointing with the oil of the sick and the opportunity for prayers. All of us need healing be it in mind, body or spirit so everyone is most welcome to attend. The SVP invites you for tea and cake after the service in the First Committee Room.

**THE UPPER ROOM:** The 24-7 Prayer Room in the centre

of Chalfont St Peter has a Lenten theme as from Ash Wednesday. This prayer space has been formed by local churches for the local community. A place to seek and encounter God, to pour out our hearts in intercession for our community, our churches and our world. For more details visit [www.247communityprayer.co.uk](http://www.247communityprayer.co.uk).

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** *giftaid it*  
Please collect your box of envelopes for the next twelve months from the back of 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 Parish Office.

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

**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.

**No second hand clothing needed until further notice. Thank you.**

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

## 12 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Our **Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation** takes place on **Friday 31 March** in St Joseph's Church. Pope Francis has called us to link our Lenten reconciliation with time spent in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and we are responding to that call with "*12 Hours for the Lord*".

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 9am Mass and Stations of the Cross. A priest will be in the church to hear individual **confessions from 10am – 12 noon, 2pm – 4pm and 7:30pm – 9:30pm**. Our Confirmation candidates will join those in the church around 8pm, at which time there will be three priests available to hear confessions. The day will end with Benediction.

These 12 Hours for the Lord will be quiet and reflective, an opportunity for us to encounter the Lord in the silence. **Please sign up to cover an hour on the rota which can be found on the board at the back of the church (3 names per hour.)**

## Youth News

Come join us for Youth Group **tonight Sunday 19 March** after the 5:30pm Mass, 6:30 until 8pm.

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NORTHAMPTON  
development  CATHEDRAL  
campaign

**NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL CENTRE:** If you missed Fr Mark's presentation last weekend, you can find out about the plans for building a new centre by picking up a brochure from the church porch. To view the video see more details about the project, please go to our website and follow the link.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION OPENS SATURDAY:** Ken Keen FRPS presents "*Light from the Darkness*" in St Joseph's Church from Saturday 25 March until Sunday 9 April. The exhibition comprises handcrafted images of Christian Art and Places of Worship; all made using large format cameras and produced using traditional methods that date from the very early days of photography. This unique and spiritual experience is all the more intriguing as Ken is visually impaired. Come along and experience the intrinsic beauty of these pictures which capture the peace and tranquillity of medieval and holy places. All are **invited to the opening which takes place after the 10am Mass next Saturday**, followed by refreshments in the First Committee Room.

**PAMPER EVENING:** Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Ladies Pamper Evening. **£820** was raised which will be split between the parish and a local young mum suffering from terminal cancer who needs financial help. We are very grateful to those who generously donated their time to make the evening a relaxing experience.

**FAMILY BINGO** was another success with people of all ages enjoying the fun and excitement of getting a "full house". **£530** was raised for Action Against Hunger. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause.

### 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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A **CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** is taking place next **Saturday 25 March** with doors opening at 7pm for 7:30pm start in the Parish Centre. Join us for a fun night with raffle prizes and refreshments. Bring your own bottle. Entrance £4 with tickets available from the Parish Office. All proceeds to Northampton Cathedral.



**SOUTH EAST BUCKS PASTORAL AREA:** The minutes from the March Pastoral Area Council (PAC) meeting are now available on our parish website.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ellie Sadler and Joseph Kelly who were married recently at St Joseph's. We wish them God's blessing and every happiness for the future.

**THE SVP** has an urgent need for a replacement washing machine for a family of five. If you have a surplus machine in good working order, please contact the SVP via the Parish Office.

The **SVP** would like to thank all those who attended and helped out at the Pancake Morning and made it a great success.



**REMINDER – BRITISH SUMMER TIME** begins next weekend so don't forget to put your clocks forward!

## 200 Club Winners

The 200 Club draw took place at the **Furniture Market** on Saturday and the lucky winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> John & Ellen Digweed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Emery & Steve Dempsey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John O'Neill
- 4<sup>th</sup> Fred J. Newbert

***Congratulations!***