



St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Northampton

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Second Sunday of Lent

Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year 2 – Psalter Week 2

1 March St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales - Feast

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £3,137. Your continued support is appreciated.



Last Friday was **CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY** – a day to give up a meal and give generously to help some of the poorest people in the

world. And this Lent, that giving can make double the impact, as every £1 you give will be matched with another £1 by the UK Government. If you were not able to fast on Friday, please do have a simple lunch this week and keep those in need in your prayers. Envelopes were given out last week for the **second collection this weekend** but if you do not have one and would like gift aid your donation, please collect an envelope from the back of the church. Thank you for all you do to ensure our brothers and sisters around the world are not forgotten.

**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.

**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.

**THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** takes place at St Joseph's next **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 will be served in the Parish Centre after the service.

Bishop Peter Doyle warmly invites you to **CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE with your family** at a special Mass in The Holy Family Catholic Church, 226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley, Slough SL3 7UD next **Saturday 3 March** at 12 noon. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, please contact Eamonn and Paola McMorrow on 07412 151517, at [mfl@nores.org.uk](mailto:mfl@nores.org.uk) or pick up a form from the Parish Office. All are very welcome to attend.

**HELPING OUR PARISHES PASS ON THE FAITH:** A day led by David Wills from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. The morning will explore the resource, 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 at St Teresa's Church Hall, 40 Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire 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.

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

**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](mailto:youth@stjosephs.org.uk). All servers must have made their First Holy Communion before they can participate. Please encourage your child to serve!

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** to the Harrison, Rootsey, Perez, Smith, Chanhan, Saldanha and Ahearne families who children were baptised recently. We ask God's blessing on these children and their families.

# COME ON IN TO FAIRTRADE

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from **Monday 26 February until Sunday 11 March**. This year it aims to put a spotlight on trade. When trade is fair it has the potential to improve the lives of the farmers and workers who grow our food. When trade is fair, it can make the world a better place. Help make a difference - buy Fairtrade and encourage others to do the same. **#FairtradeFortnight**

**SALE OF TRADICRAFT GOODS NEXT SUNDAY 4 MARCH** after 9am and 11am Masses – please show your support.

**REFLECTION FOR LENT** at St Columba's Church, Chesham HP5 3HQ on Thursday 1 March at 8pm. All are welcome for an evening of reflection, Exposition and contemplative music. The Lenten Reflections will be from the Monks of Caldey Abbey.

**GIFT AIDERS:** Please collect your boxes of envelopes for the next twelve months 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.

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

**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.

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

**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:** There will be a basket at the back of the church every weekend which will be collected after Sunday's 11am Mass in support of the homeless women and children at The Catholic Worker Farm. For information about the Catholic Worker Farm or Mary House call Scott on 07983 477819 or visit [www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org](http://www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org).



**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.

**FOSJS COMEDY NIGHT:** All are welcome to St Joseph's School at 7pm on 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*

We hear how Abraham's faith was tested in today's first reading and in the Gospel, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus. Both readings seem very different but they aim at the same goal.

They want to show to those who read and meditate on them how great is their belief and love of God.

In Lent we are encouraged to abstain and fast. Not just from food and drink but especially from any practices which keep us from loving God - with all our heart and soul and with all our might as God commanded us from the beginning of time.

God continues: Teach this diligently to your children; and talk of it when you sit in your house; when you walk by the way; when you lie down and when you rise.

### 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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