

# Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

[Psalter 1 & Proper of the Season]

Sunday 10th	<b>St Joseph's</b> 9.00am Mass <i>[Michael Jackson - Birthday]</i> <b>St Nicholas</b> 11.00am Mass
Monday 11th	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <b>St Nicholas'</b> 7.00pm The Holy Rosary
Tuesday 12th	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <b>St Michael's</b> Rosary 9.10am
Wednesday 13th	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <b>St Joseph's</b> Morning Prayer 9.00am, Mass 9.30am <i>[Reconciliation on request]</i>  <b>St Michael's</b> <u>Stations of the Cross</u> 6.00pm
Thursday 14th	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <b>St Nicholas'</b> <u>Stations of the Cross</u> 9.30am Followed by Mass 10.00am
Friday 15th	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <b>CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</b>  <b>St Joseph's</b> <u>Stations of the Cross</u> 9.30am
Saturday 16th	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <b>St Joseph's</b> Morning Prayer 9.30am followed by Exposition

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

[Psalter 2 & Proper of the Season]

Saturday 16th	<b>St Michael's</b> Mass 5.30pm <i>[Reconciliation on request]</i>
Sunday 17th	<b>St Joseph's</b> Mass 9.00am <b>St Nicholas'</b> Mass 11.00am

### The Word - First Sunday of Lent

*[Deuteronomy 20: 4-10] Moses instructs the people to give an account of their heritage as they bring their offering to God.*

*[Romans 10: 8-13] Confession of faith in Christ brings the assurance of salvation.*

*[Luke 4: 1-13] Tempted by the devil, Jesus stands firm in his trust of God.*

### Diocesan Prayer Link:

Devizes with Lavington **Immaculate Conception**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Joseph Benton, James Brady, Basil Martynak and Mary Green, June Gough. Fr. John McCarthy, Amelia Mellor, John Murphy, Thomas O'Keefe, Mary O'Reilly, Thomas Peters, Muriel Taylor, Victor Timms, Lilian Turner and Maureen Williams.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Betty McCarthy, Dermot McHugh, Breda and William Vince, Maria Roberts, Alejandra Francis, Beth White, Mary O'Neill, Sister Anne Benyon, Ewan Taylor & Erica Kavanagh

### OUR RECENT COLLECTIONS

3rd March Loose £150.08 GAD Envelope £15.00

Thank you to everyone who supports our parish



## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** Please see the poster for Family Fast Day. Through our global Church network we can do much to reach and help the most poor in our world by just having less to eat for one day on Friday 15th March and donating what we save to C.A.F.O.D. Envelopes are available for those who pay income tax and are able to enhance their giving via Gift Aid

**DURING LENT** Stations of the Cross are to be said in place of Rosary and Morning Prayer in our own church each Friday over the next few weeks and are also available at St Nicholas' and St Michael's and All Angels (see schedule overleaf).

Our **Parish Lenten Reflection**, organised by the Liturgy group, will take place on Tuesday, 19th March, at 7pm in the Narthex. We will combine our Lenten reflection in this '**Year of Prayer**' with a small celebration of our **Patronal feast day**. We envisage the reflection will last for an hour, followed by drinks and a St Joseph's Day cake.

**LITURGIES OF RECONCILIATION** Bishop Declan is to celebrate these during the Season of Lent at five venues across the diocese. He is once again inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey and this Year of Prayer. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate Sacramental Reconciliation. *Each Liturgy will start at 7pm and our nearest opportunity is **Thursday 28 March** - St Gregory, Cheltenham*

**SPRING CLEAN YOUR PRAYER LIFE** Occasionally it is good to find new ways to build up or 'refresh our faith'. The internet has a myriad of resources for this. A most inspiring set of Utube recordings show Professor Roy Schoeman - an American convert from Judaism - telling his amazing story. He is very clear in his statement "*There's only one bad thing about being a cradle Catholic - sometimes they fail to realise the enormity of the gift they possess*" One of our parishioners suggests this is well worth a viewing! Go to Google and search '**Roy Schoeman conversion**'.

**200 CLUB - TIME TO RENEW** For all those currently enjoying our monthly draw to support the parish, please know that you need to pay your £12 per number subscription to Dee Langworthy by 1st April. This month's winners are as follows: Mary Powell 1st Prize [109] Stephanie Handley 2nd Prize [47] and Ken Powell 3rd Prize [10]. If you haven't joined the 200 club yet you can easily do so to be in with a chance next month. See Dee any week after Mass at St Joseph's or phone the office 01684 293273.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB** Thanks to all who came along to the re-launch and Lenten Lunch on Wednesday. Everyone agreed it was a lovely way to start Lent and £60 was donated. Please see the parish website for the newly completed programme for the rest of this year. There is provision also for some months to have two meetings to accommodate those who cannot managed Wednesdays. Next WAC we will learn about Tai-chi!

**REFUGEE SUPPORT** Please see the poster in the Narthex advertising a **Syrian Evening** of dining and entertainment at the George Watson Memorial Hall in Barton Street on 23rd March. Richard Sear, our parish TRSG link, will be supporting the event which promises to be lively and fun. Please see him for tickets - £21 each which includes food and a glass of prosecco.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Richard and Bridget would be obliged if all could remember to bring red boxes in for emptying next week, please. Anyone not currently in possession of a box who wishes to have one, please ask in the office.

**REDECORATION OF THE CHURCH** The PPC and PFC have instructed Fry the Builders to repaint the interior walls of our church and fix some wooden batons to the rear wall to avoid future scuffing of the paintwork. Much of this cost of £1400 will be covered by the fundraising day at the Abbey Tea Rooms on 18th May.. Please make a note of that in your diary.

**YEAR OF PRAYER** Jesus was brought out of the ordinary into a place where he was tempted to go off-course. Three temptations...to comfort, power, wealth. Three ways that can take us over.

Money, power and comfort can lead us astray. Wanting wealth, is understandable, we believe it will bring us security. Being powerful can help us to feel in control and the deep desire for comfort will surely release us from any fear. Jesus, however, in the face of such challenges, draws upon scripture. He knows his scripture well and it gives him the confidence to turn away from the temptations in front of him. Perhaps this Lent we can give a bit of extra time to reflecting on the daily readings, absorb them and allow them to guide us to be closer to God and strengthened in faith.



Next Sunday we have a second collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day