

# Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

[Psalter 1 & Proper of the Season]

- Sunday 7th      **St Joseph's** Rosary 8.30am 9.00am Mass  
  
                    **St Nicholas** 11.00am Mass
- Monday 8th     **Weekday of Lent**  
                    **St Nicholas'** 7.00pm The Holy Rosary
- Tuesday 9th    **Weekday of Lent**  
                    **St Michael's** Rosary 9.10am
- Parish Finance Committee Meeting 7.00pm  
                    in the Narthex at St Joseph's
- Wednesday 10th **Weekday of Lent**  
                    **St Joseph's** Morning Prayer 9.00am,  
                    Mass 9.30am  
  
                    **St Michael's** Stations of the Cross 6.00pm
- Reconciliation Service 7.30pm  
                    - at St Joseph's Tewkesbury -  
                    with Fathers Moran and Hughes
- Thursday 11th **Weekday of Lent**  
                    **St Nicholas'** Stations of the Cross 9.30am  
                    Followed by Mass 10.00am
- Friday 12th     **Weekday of Lent**  
                    **St Nicholas'** Exposition 9.30am  
                    Morning Prayer 10.00am  
  
                    **St Joseph's** Stations of the Cross 9.30am
- Saturday 13th   **Weekday of Lent**  
                    **St Joseph's** Morning Prayer 9.30am  
                    followed by Exposition
- PALM SUNDAY**
- Saturday 13th   **Michael's** Mass 5.30pm  
                    *[Confessions heard on request]*
- Sunday 14th     **St Joseph's** Mass 9.00am  
                    **St Nicholas'** Mass 11.00am

### The Word - Fifth Sunday of Lent

*[Isaiah 43: 16-21] God's love and grace will flow like a river through the desert.*

*[Philippians 5:3: 8-14] Paul no longer relies on his own efforts, only on his faith in Christ.*

*[John 8: 1-11] Jesus refuses to be coerced. God's mercy will not be thwarted.*

#### Diocesan Prayer Link:

Fairford with Cricklade **Saint Thomas of Canterbury**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Alexander Butler, Mary Cole, Margaret East, Ronnie Henton, Nora Keneally, Laurie Lane, Andrew McCarthy, Winifred Smith, Paul Sorokyk, Luke Tully and John Wignall.

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

#### OUR RECENT COLLECTIONS

31st March Loose £ 112.0 GAD Envelope £ 35.00  
Standing Order for March £1,371.00

Thank you to everyone who supports our parish



## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

**EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION** We will be having a second collection today for Easter Flowers. This will allow the team to make our church as fittingly beautiful as ever as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection. Buckets of water will be placed outside the church porch for people to donate attractive foliage for Easter flower arrangements on Monday 15th April.

**T.R.S.G.** Last week's collection in support of Tewkesbury Refugees raised £112.85. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** Please make the effort to attend and receive the sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday

**THE GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS** This Churches Together in Tewkesbury event will take place again this year, to remind us forcibly of Our Lord's Passion. We will meet at the Baptist church at 10.30am and commence at 10.45am. The walk takes the usual route, finishing at the Abbey garden at approximately 11.00am.

**200 CLUB** The results of the March draw (kindly undertaken by Frank Hannigan and Kacper Berlinski) is as follows: 1st Prize Kim Mayber [70], 2nd Prize Gerry Rushe [101], 3rd Prize Ken Powell [10] Thanks to all those who have paid their subscriptions for the coming year. Dee will be collecting again this weekend for any late-comers. New members welcome to join... Just £12 per number!

**SWIECONKA.** Baskets of food for Easter will be blessed on Holy Saturday at 4.30 pm - a custom close to the hearts of parishioners and their families from Poland - when they give thanks to God for his gifts of nature and grace in the season of the Resurrection.

**EASTER ART COMPETITION Children!!** Draw or paint a picture showing Jesus as the risen Lord - as colourful as you like, add a prayer at the bottom and put it on the notice board - Don't forget to put your name on it. On Easter Sunday you might win a prize!

**MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP** This new group runs Mondays **10.30am - 11.30am** and **11.45am -12.45pm** Please contact Jolanta Lisowiec if you are interested in joining the other mums £1 per week to cover insurance and other costs.

**PREPARING OUR CHURCH FOR EASTER** Following the redecorations that have brightened up our church, we now need to undertake a few extra cleaning tasks to be ready for Easter. From 6th April to 13th parishioners (*including those not on the regular church cleaning rota*) are asked to undertake one of the cleaning tasks listed in the Narthex - these are jobs that only get done occasionally but are nevertheless important. The church doors are open all week so pop in and do a little bit to help if and when you can. Thank you.

**ALMS GIVING DURING LENT** All are reminded of the importance of alms giving during Lent. The local Foodbank is stretched during periods when children are not in school and need feeding at home three times a day. Tinned goods, toiletries and cash donations are all most gratefully received. St Joseph's is one of the biggest contributors and chocolate, cakes and biscuits would be gratefully received as a special treat for local families in need this Easter.

**WEDNESDAY CLUB** To accommodate those who are not free on Wednesdays, this group will also periodically have shared lunches on different days of the week. **On Monday 13th April** ALL parishioners are invited to bring and share a plate at 2pm in our Narthex.

**VOCATIONS ROADSHOW** Entitled "**I have Called you by Name**" the diocesan vocations road-show will arrive in St Thomas More Church, Cheltenham on 24th May. A team will give testimonies and talk about their vocation 9.30am - 3.00pm. Target audience are young people - from Year 4/5 in junior school and those in secondary schools/college. Please support our schools as they encourage attendance. A typical visit lasts one and a half hours. All are free to drop in to see what is going on and say a prayer for vocations.

**A SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER** The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has designated the Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent as a day of prayer for the Victims and survivors of Sexual abuse in the Church. This is in line with recommendations of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors which has highlighted the importance of prayer. Pope Francis has agreed that the worldwide Catholic Church should join together in a day of prayer for victims and survivors.

**YEAR OF PRAYER** We live in a world where the desire to punish those who offend us is ever more prevalent. If rules and laws are broken people must be called to account. Even if we are not directly affected, we may find ourselves promoting and supporting this way of thinking. Today, we learn from Jesus that the God we believe in is a loving and forgiving God, a God who is merciful and keeps on forgiving. How easy do we find it to forgive? If we can see how much we need forgiveness, it might make us more ready to forgive others. Is there someone in my life who needs forgiving? Can I reach out in forgiveness to them this week?

