



The Parish of
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The Week Ahead

Sunday Readings Year C Weekdays Year 1 Psalter Week 2

Sunday 9 March, First Sunday of Lent
Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments
0915: People of the Parish

Tuesday 18 March, Lent Feria
0930: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1000:
*1800: Rosary Group (led by Steve, all are welcome.
This week we shall be praying Joyful Mysteries for the
People of the Parish)*

**Wednesday 19 March, Solemnity of St Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
0930: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1000:

Friday 21 March, Lent Feria
1830: Stations of the Cross (*Leaders please*)
1900: Sick & Housebound of the Parish

Sunday 23 March, Third Sunday of Lent
0915: People of the Parish

This Sunday 16 March, there may be a voluntary
Second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Confession: Is available during Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament.

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Let us pray
that broken families might discover the cure for
their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering
each other's gifts, even in their differences.



We remember in our prayers: The sick
and housebound of the parish, Pope
Francis, Fr Michael White and all known to
us who are unwell at this time.

Mass Intentions would be very much appreciated

Recently Deceased: We pray for the Repose of the
Soul of our most recently departed. Arthur Male
R.I.P. Helen Smith R.I.P. Michael Robin Hudson
R.I.P. Fr Dominic Innamorati,

Readers: This Sunday: Jean & next Sunday Louisa.
(Please ensure that if you swap, add it to the list in the church
porch, the master copy. Any issues, contact Tracy on 07395
027087).

Praying for Pope Francis: Almighty and Eternal God,
you are the everlasting health of those who believe in
you. Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis
for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Lent Soup Lunch Wednesday 19th March, 12.30pm
with short reflection:** St Joseph's are hosting at Monks
Kirby Village Hall on Wednesday 19th March at
12.30pm. This is part of Revel Churches together. There
is no charge for soup etc. but any donations in support
of this year's charity Water Aid would be very much
appreciated. All are welcome. Please do come along,
your support would be greatly valued.

Summer Concert: Evening of Tuesday 3rd June
Cantorum choir concert. A light summer programme
from a local choir. Bring and share supper afterwards in
the marquee. Please bring a generous plate of food to
share, as the choir will be hungry! Collection for the
parish funds. Bring friends! Save this date.

Pilgrimage to: Lourdes, Knock, Littlemore or
Walsingham. Please see the Parish Noticeboard for full
details.

**Daffodil Sunday 2025 will be on Sunday 6th April
2025:** This year, St Joseph's has a bric-a-brac stall at this
event on April 6th from 11 till 4 at Newnham Paddock.
We are not being charged for this stall and **all our
takings will come to our own parish funds.** What we
need from you...-BRIC-A-BRAC!!

Please bring anything saleable to church from baby
equipment, through kitchenware or garden items, to
ornaments, tools and fancy goods. (No books or
jigsaws). Bring it in a reasonably clean condition and
put it in the boxes provided in the garage. ASAP

-We also need to you to come along!
-A couple more volunteers to man the stall would be
wonderful too.

-They are also asking for volunteers to help with the set
up of marquees etc at 9am April 5th and to clear at 4pm
on the 6th.

Let's be marvellous with our miscellanea, fabulous with
our frippery and dazzle them with all our doodars!
AND make some bucks for our bank account!
Any questions or to volunteer ring Liz on 07884314663.

Recessional Hymn this Sunday

Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see Thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.

Saint Joseph's Story: The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness, and hence it is really "right" for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame" (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

Reflection: The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the

circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus' mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn't believe that he came from such humble beginnings: "Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary...?" (Matthew 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46b).
(*Franciscan Media*)

Thank You: To our Church cleaning team. The windows are incredible.

Lent 2025: Walk with Me prayer books are available in our Piety Stall after weekend Masses £1 each.

Holy Week & Easter Mass Times

Thursday 17 April Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.30pm

Good Friday 18 April – Solemn Liturgy 3pm

Holy Saturday 19 April – Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday 20 April – 9.15am

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

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