

10th March 2024:

4th Sunday in Lent (*Laetare*)

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Saturday: Mass 11am; Vigil: 6.30 p.m.

Sun Mass: 9.30, 11 & 12.30; 6.30 pm

Mon-Friday Mass 8:30am

Sat Eucharistic Adoration: 10:30am.

Confession: Sat: 11.30 – 12.30 (except

Sat 16 March) & 5 – 6 pm, as usual.

Fidays in Lent: Mass & Stations, 7:30pm

Easter Triduum: HOLY Thursday and GOOD Friday, 7:30pm (No morning Mass); Easter Vigil at 9pm (No morning Mass); Easter Masses 9.30, 11 & 12.30; 6.30 pm. Easter Monday at 11am. Office closed

Feast of St PATRICK's: Monday 18th March:

Mass at 8:30am & 11am (followed by simple reception in the Hall)

Feast of St JOSEPH's Tuesday 19th March:

Mass at 8:30am & 7:30pm followed by coffee & Tea in the Hall

CCD, FIRST CONFESSIONS: for FHC children is Saturday 16 March at 11:30am.

2nd Confirmation Retreat 23 March 10am to 12:30pm, meeting with Mgr Dominique CATTÀ at St Joseph's church.

Bible Study: 10:30am Wednesdays

"Laudato Si" afternoon of PRAISE & WORSHIP, Sunday 10 March at 3:00pm, followed by coffee & tea in the Hall .

Marriage Preparation Course: Online

March 3, 17 & 24, April 14 & 21 , May 5; Certificate given at the end.

Syrian Orthodox Mass: 16 March at 3pm at St Joseph's

Altar Servers Sunday 17 March:

Thanksgiving Mass 12:30pm, then potluck lunch & Meeting from 2 to 5pm.

RCIA Catechumen 2024: Remco, Eugene and Solomon have been presented to the Congregation last week, they are being Baptized, Confirmed and will receive the Eucharist at Easter Vigil and also for Melody and Maureen getting Confirmed the same evening, please Pray for all our candidates!

Collections 3 March: € 3377,09 Coffee: €148; Shrines: €109.93; Bookstall: €70; Forex: \$80; ADP: €360

LENTEN PROJECT: 2nd collection €2099.61

donation of € 3200, \$70; ADP€230

(total project so far: €9668.76)

Lenten Project : Haiti & Ukraine

Second Collection every Sunday. Please see

our display & webpage. Amount will be divided in two for each project.

HAITI Food Project: From Fr Rick Frechette CP, Passionist Priest and Doctor: "Each food package is roughly \$17" How many food packages can we deliver through our Lenten Project ?

UKRAINE : Food and Online School:

From Fr Lukasz Andrzejewski CP,

"Both in parishes and at the House of Mercy, we try to create space for learning & playing, with at least a modest meal, a day under the care of the Daughters of Charity, for deprived and displaced children"

Cash donations at 2nd collection. Also € donations directly from our website or by cheques to "St Joseph ADP" are 66% tax refundable. Please advise by email when donating online to the Lenten projects at stjosephparis@orange.fr

US \$ cheques to "St Joseph's church" tax receipts on demand at the above address.



THE PASSION AND HUMAN SUFFERING



How does the passion of Jesus help us when we are suffering? Surely we don't feel better when we see another person suffering. I think most people are disturbed when they see Jesus suffering.

Pain and suffering can lead to a deep sense of isolation and loneliness because it curtails our movement and prevents us from being with the people we love and doing the things we love. To be confined to a hospital bed or to one's home because of sickness reduces our life considerably. If we find ourselves in that situation, we can remember that

Jesus experienced a similar diminishment when he was nailed to the cross and unable to move and barely able to speak.

In the passion of Jesus we meet God who has come close to us in our most painful and terrible situations. God is not far away beyond the clouds but here on the ground with us. He chose to suffer so that he could be with us in our suffering. He wants us to know that we are never alone. More than that, he is able to transform our suffering into an occasion of real union with God. Jesus wants us to know that he is with us when we feel at our worst, with no ability to do or say anything, feeling helpless and useless. "You are not alone, I know what you're going through. I have been there too", he whispers to us. Lord help us to experience your presence and love in our times of pain and suffering.

