



Saint Joseph's Passionist Church

23 March 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent

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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

Every Saturday before Mass: Eucharistic

Adoration: 10:30am.

Confession: Saturday: 11.30 – 12.30

& 5 – 6 p.m. or by appointment.

Faith, Hope and Paris is back at the bookstall and author Tom Heneghan will gladly autograph it for you. *The Tablet* magazine in London called the book "a hugely entertaining scamper through the history of his own parish church."

LENTEN PROJECT: Vietnam and Congo

In Congo, Goma & Bukavu cities " many families in our parishes ask for basic food: rice & beans" Our correspondent is Father Louis, Xavierian Priest, who regularly said Mass at St Joseph's in the past year

"Since the capture of Kavumu Airport in South Kivu by M23 rebels and Rwandan army, the entire province has plunged into a torpor that revives past wounds. The fall of the city of Bukavu into the hands of the rebel group "M23" and the "Congo River Alliance", Sunday, February 16, 2025, marks the beginning of a long night of uncertainty and suffering"



In Vietnam: building a Passionist centre:

Our correspondent is Fr JB Trinh C.P.

In particularly, 3 priests have been moving out into remote areas of Vietnam to establish a new community in the Diocese of Vinh, central Vietnam.



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JESUS AND SUFFERING



Jesus could have avoided suffering by abandoning his mission. He could have heeded the many threats and returned to his quiet life in Nazareth. Both the Jewish leaders and the Romans were angry with his preaching that was often directed against the ways they were hurting ordinary people. They wanted him to stop but he refused.

Jesus of Nazareth is the teacher, model and guide of Christians. He invites his disciples to take up their cross and follow him. He spoke quite openly and told his closest friends that he would suffer and die, and suggested that they too would suffer if they followed him. To be a follower of Jesus is to accept that suffering will be an intrinsic part of discipleship.

Jesus suffered not because he saw some intrinsic value in suffering. He suffered because he would not stop preaching the Good News of the Kingdom and healing the poor and the suffering. He was steadfast in fulfilling the will of his Father.

Jesus suffered but did not seek suffering. He had enemies who threatened him and plotted to destroy him. He was the victim of powerful and cruel people who brought false charges against him and insisted that he be put to death by the Romans as a blasphemer and traitor.



CCD Confirmation letters to Monseigneur Eric Aumonier: Some are missing, please check & give to Julie or Venci.

Come & Join Organization of Task Forces: Please see poster, details from Chris at c.fitzsimons@orange.fr
These are to help the Parish as we need new volunteers, please join!

TRIP to PARAY LE MONIAL & Sancerre: Easter Monday 21 April 2025, Bus leaves 7:00am from St Joseph's. Fare €100 to be paid by 6 April. Please Call Venci: 0142272856 or 0698689530

Spring CHANGE of TIME: Next Sunday 30 March at 3am, clocks will go 1h forward!

Sea Scouts sent a thank You for the success of their cake sale last week.

Marriage prep: 23 March

Bible Study: March: 26

RCIA Thursday 27 March 8pm

YA Mass: Sat 29 March 6:30pm

Collection 16 March: €2859.46; CC: €616, coffee: 61.65; ADP: 230, shrines: 227,26; bookstall €90. Many Thanks!

Lenten Project has a Total update of €7648.81 (16March: cash €1554.89 + CC €12 +ADP:140)

The 2nd collection is for the Lenten Project