

Spiritual Matters

**This is what Yahweh ask of you, only this.
That you act justly, that you love tenderly,
that you walk humbly with your God.**

Today is Racial Justice Day. On this day we think about the unfairness people of ethnic minority groups may experience because of their 'Race' or creed. At this time of civic unsettledness, we hear on the news that some groups are suffering from greater prejudice and misunderstanding. It would seem that some people are venting their own feelings of insecurity and uncertainty upon more vulnerable people. There is no denying that we live in a multicultural country, which is constituted of many groups of people, and sometimes tolerance may be forgotten. Of course, this is a worldwide issue and it would appear that intolerance and unfairness are all too common everywhere. We may sometimes question what we can do about it, and what would Jesus want? We know, of course, that every human being is made in the image of God, and that everyone is His child and very precious to Him. As Jesus' disciples it is essential that we set a good example of patience and peace. Our Lord teaches us to love and serve all people and this needs to begin in our own communities. If we ourselves have an irrational dislike towards others, then we need to pray about it and ask for the Spirit's gifts of love and peace. So today let us pray for justice for all of humankind and ask for Jesus' help in loving our fellow brothers and sisters.

Louise Bowen (Mary McGann RSCJ)

Kenya Feedback Report

Last year we, as a parish, raised over £1500 to help the work done by the Daughters of Charity in Thigio where the sisters run a special children's nursery, a unit for severely disabled children, a hospice and a clinic. **On Thursday, 21st February at 7.30 pm** Anne King will share with you how the money raised from the Parish was spent and also how some of the additional funds have specified uses in the future. Please come and hear how you helped make a difference!

Please note, the meeting is in the Church!



Young adults and young people in Year 9 + are invited to join the Archdiocese of Birmingham and 10,000 other young Catholics at Wembley Arena on **2nd March 2019**. Flame is the biggest, national, Catholic youth event of the year. Guests include His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Tim Hughes and MOBO award winner Guvna B. £39pp incl. entrance, Diocesan t-shirt and coach transport from M5 Junction 6.

For more info email:

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200 CLUB

Continued thanks to all of you that support the 200 Club. If you aren't already a member of the club, why not join in the fun? It's just £2 per month, **which can be now be paid by standing order**, and you have a real chance to win either, **1st** prize of £50, **2nd** prize of £25 or **3rd** prize of £10 every month. After prize money

is awarded, all the remaining balance goes into supporting causes within the Parish, so you could be helping to make a difference where it's really needed. Why not join today? Come see Mandie Elsworth or Deacon Kevin after Mass and we can answer any queries, help with the forms, or just have a chat. The draw takes place the first Sunday of every month. Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!

Shrines of Saint Joseph, Our Lady, The Sacred Heart, St Joseph and Blessed Edward Oldcorne



If you would like to have a votive light burning in front of one of the shrines for your intentions, or for your loved ones, please take an envelope for this from in the porch stating which of the shrines you wish your offering to be for.

WORCESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK
Creating a hunger-free community

As you know we, at St Joseph's help to support the Worcester food bank and you are very generous in your giving. At the moment the food items that are needed are: Peanut butter; cracker, jam, instant mash potato, hot chocolate, tinned spaghetti, tinned potatoes, and tinned sponge puddings. Also needed are non-food items: such as washing powder; anti-bacterial surface cleaner; non-bleach toilet cleaner; cleaning cloths; washing up liquid; shampoo; soap; shaving foam; sanitary products, strong shopping bags. If you can help in any way please put your contributions in the shopping trolley inside church. Thank you for your continued support. Please note: While we are very grateful for your donations we can only accept unopened and undamaged goods which are still within their "use by" date.

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Votive Candle for Our lady for Priests and Deacons				READER	EMHC
Saturday 16th Feb <i>6th Sunday in OT</i>	12.30am	St George's	Vigil Mass		
	5.15 - 5.45pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation		
	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass Sadie Smith R.I.P. Anniversary	Cataya	Anne K
Sunday 17th Feb <i>6th Sunday in OT</i>	9.00am	St George's	Mass		
	10.00am	St Joseph's	Mass Pro Populo	Viv B	Joby T
	11.00am	OLQP	Mass		
	6.00pm	St George's	Mass		
Monday 18th Feb		St Joseph's	No Mass		
Tuesday 19th Feb		St Joseph's	No Mass		
Wednesday 20th Feb	9.15am	St Joseph's	Mass Holy Souls		
Thursday 21st Feb	9.15am	St Joseph's	Mass in church Sunny and Siji SP		
	7.30pm	St Joseph's	Presentation by Anne King (details in notices)		
Friday 22nd Feb <i>Chair of St Peter</i>	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Exposition		
	7.00pm	St Joseph's	Mass Abby Sunny SP		
	7.30pm	St Joseph's	Divine Mercy Chaplet		
Saturday 23rd Feb <i>7th Sunday in OT</i>	12.30am	St George's	Vigil Mass		
	5.15 - 5.45pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation		
	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass Holy Souls	Mary C	David H
Sunday 24th Feb <i>7th Sunday in OT</i>	9.00am	St George's	Mass		
	10.00am	St Joseph's	Mass Holy Souls	Angela C	Jane C
	11.00am	OLQP	Mass		
	6.00pm	St George's	Mass		

Please pray for all the sick of our parish and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital. We also pray for the Lately dead, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time:
May they and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.



The second collection next week (2nd / 3rd February) will be for the Cathedral maintenance fund.

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216 *Thank you*