

Spiritual Matters

His Word shall not fail you – He promised! Believe Him, and all will be well. Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell.

In today's second reading, Saint Paul emphasizes the importance and power of faith. Faith can be difficult to understand and even harder to explain, but we know that we have it and we know the true blessings it brings. Of course, there are times in our life when our faith is stronger than others. Sometimes we may feel as though we are clinging to our faith by the tips of our fingers, or perhaps we have experienced days when we have felt as though it has completely deserted us? This may be particularly the case during dark and challenging times, or on occasions when we have felt alone or afraid. In truth, Jesus will never forsake us – ever! We just have to whisper 'Help me,' and our prayers will be answered. Our Lord is always waiting to comfort us, even when we doubt Him. Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit and subsequently it dwells within us. It is faith that gives our lives their beauty, happiness and meaning and, by God's grace, we know this. So today, wherever we are in our life's journey, let us thank the Lord for the gift of faith and let us pray that it will continue to strengthen and grow. Then let us ask Jesus to make our faith evident, so that it will shine as a beacon of hope in our need filled world. Louise Bowen



We extend a very warm welcome to anyone who is visiting our parish this weekend. If you are new to the parish then please say hello to Father Andrew or Deacon Kevin we are both very nice honest.



The Feast of the Assumption

Thursday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption and is a Holy Day of Obligation, when every Catholic is obliged to attend Mass. Mass times are:

Wednesday 14th August

6.00pm: Vigil Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Thursday 15th August

12.00 noon: Mass at St George's

At St Joseph's there is Mass at 6pm in the evening, which fulfils the obligation

Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass said for your intention please let Fr. Andrew know as soon as possible. There are envelopes available at the back of church for you to use. Any masses that are booked for a date **after** the 1st September will be said by Fr Amal



Jesus Youth UK

Jesus youth, which seeks to foster a love for the faith especially among young people, will be running an Youth Conference 'ARISE' from the **29th August to the 1st September** at the

University of Worcester, St John's Campus.. This is a chance have fun, make new friends all in a faith filled environment. For further details see the poster outside church or contact: Joby Thomas on 0787292457.jobythomas75@googlemail.com. <http://www.jesusyouth.co.uk/>.

Endings and Beginnings

Just to remind you that my last weekend here at St Joseph's will be **Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September** after which I will take up my new role as parish priest of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Hereford. Fr. Michael Amalados (Fr. Amal) is very much looking forward to moving to Warndon and will celebrate his first weekend on **Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th September**. Please do continue to pray for me as I prepare to leave you and become Parish Priest of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Pray too for Fr. Amal who is now preparing to move to Warndon from St Mary's Willenhall & St Joseph's Darlaston.

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NEWSLETTER

Saturday 10th August Vigil Mass of 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm	St George's	Vigil Mass of 19th Sunday in OT
	5.15 - 5.45pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass of 19th Sunday in OT <i>Prop Populo</i>
	9.00am	St George's	Mass
	10.00am	St Joseph's	AV Philip SP
	11.00am	OLQP	Mass
	6.00pm	St George's	Mass
Monday 12th August	9.15am	St Joseph's	Holy Souls
Tuesday 13th August	NO MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S		
Wednesday 14th August	NO MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S 6.00pm OLQP: Vigil Mass of the Ascension		
Thursday 15th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12.00 noon 6.00pm	St George's St Joseph's	Holy Souls
Friday 16th August	6.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	St Joseph's	Benediction and Rosary Mass: <i>Joan and Marjorie Berry RIP</i> Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday 17th August Vigil Mass of 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm	St George's	Vigil Mass of 20th Sunday in OT
	5.15-5.45 6.00pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass of 20th Sunday in OT <i>Stan and Sadie Smith RIP</i>
	9.00am	St George's	Mass
	10.00am	St Joseph's	Mass <i>Paula Williamson RIP</i>
	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.

Collection for Week Commencing 3rd/ 4th August

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