



*St. Joseph's, Warndon &  
Holy Redeemer, Pershore  
Parish Newsletter - 26<sup>th</sup> November*



**1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)**



Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	For Holy Souls
	** 5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Thanksgiving Mass by David Charles.
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	For Holy Souls
	11:00 am	St. Joseph	For Holy Souls by Gincy Jose

Mon. 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	10:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Ida Roberts. R.I.P. [A] by Ann Fallon
Tue. 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	9:00 am	St. Joseph	Cahal Gowdy's Birthday
Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	John Bannister's Intention.

Thur. 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Private Mass		
Fri. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	9:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration.
	10:00 am		Anu Jose & Family's Intentions
	** 5:45pm	St. Joseph	Adoration.
	** 6:15 pm		Thanks giving Mass By Jincy Jose Divine Mercy Chaplet

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Rev Sr Nambikai Mary's Intentions.
	** 5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Charles & Family's Intentions.
Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	People of our Parishes
	11:00 am	St. Joseph	Geof Hill. R.I.P. [A] by Mary Hill

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIMES FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS**

<b>TODAY'S MASS (A)</b>	Order of Mass	Profession of Faith	Preface	Eucharistic Prayer	Communion Rite
Mass Readings 82	7	11 / 12	65	24	56

**Confessions - Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph's:** Confessions are being heard before Holy Mass on Fridays and Saturdays.

**Holy Communion can be brought to the Sick and Housebound** on the First Friday of the month. **Please contact Fr Amal or Deacon Pat or Deacon Kevin.**

**A Prayer for Ukraine:** Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them, and may you guide world leaders, to find compassion, strength and wisdom in their choices.

May we reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need in this moment of crisis and walk in your ways, so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

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# PARISH NOTICES

**Change of Mass Times (St. Joseph's):** Please note the service times for **Fridays & Saturdays** have changed. Friday evening Mass - 5:45pm. Saturday Adoration - 5.45pm, Mass - 6:15 pm

**The Church's Liturgical Year A Starts this Sunday:** The Liturgical Year is marked by special seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, The Paschal Triduum or Three Days, Easter, and Ordinary Time and begins on the first Sunday of Advent, which usually occurs around the beginning of December or the end of November, and ends on the feast of Christ the King.

The purpose of the Liturgical Year Calendar is not to mark the passage of time, but to celebrate and understand more fully the entire mystery of Jesus Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of his return in glory. During the course of a year, the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, is viewed from different angles, in different lights.

The Liturgical Cycle covers a three-year period in which Year A focuses predominantly on Matthew's Gospel, Year B on Mark's Gospel and Year C on Luke's Gospel. John's Gospel is interspersed throughout the years, particularly during Easter.

**Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars for Advent** are available at the back of the church, Please take your copies.

## **Christmas Mass times are as follows:**

<b>Holy Redeemer:</b>	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm for Children's Mass 8:00 pm (For Midnight Mass)
	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am. (Christmas Dawn Mass)
<b>St Joseph's:</b>	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:45 pm Children's Mass 12:00 am (Midnight Mass) {11-30pm Carols}
	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am (Christmas Day Mass)

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Classes:** for the children those who are studying at **Non-Catholic Schools** continues Sundays after the mass in the Church.

**Advent starts this Sunday.** To mark the beginning of the Church's year there will be a parish breakfast after this Sunday's morning Mass at **Holy Redeemer**. Do please come along to say hello to one another, welcome any new members that have come to our church in recent months, and enjoy Bacon butties and/or croissants with tea or coffee.

**Half Day of Reflection – St. Joseph's:** Due to the low level of support for this event the half day of Prayer and Reflection, due to be held this Saturday, has been cancelled.

**Advent Day of Reflection - (Holy Redeemer):** A Day of Reflection will be led by Christine in the hall on Saturday December 10th. A time to stand back from the busyness of the season and to reflect for a while. 10.30 am -3.30 pm. Please bring your own lunch. No charge. Tea and coffee provided. **There is a sign-up list at the back of church.**

**Readers** – A new rota for readers is now at the back of church. Please sign up. If you would like to read but are not on our current list, please let us know.

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**Classes For People Receiving into the Catholic Church:** Thinking about becoming a Catholic? If you have been wondering about becoming a Catholic or would just like to know more about the Catholic Faith, meetings will begin soon. Please let Fr Amal, Deacon Pat or Christine know if you think you would like to take part. You will not be committing yourself to anything at this stage.

**St Joseph's Family Masses:** We would like to build up the Parish of St Joseph's by asking parishioners, especially Families, to become more involved in the Mass. Why not sign-up today? Please take a leaflet from the back of church.

**Nativity Play:** All parishioners are invited to the Dress Rehearsal of Holy Redeemer School's Nativity play on **Monday 5th December at 2pm** in the School. All welcome.

**Big Church Clean (St Joseph's):** will take place on **Saturday 10th December** at 10.00am. Please do come along even if you are not a regular cleaner so that the church is spic and span for Christmas. Men especially welcome!

**Holy Redeemer Wulstan Hall Warm Space:** Thank you to all who have generously offered to help with this initiative, which will begin **on a Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons after Christmas** and run throughout January, February and March. There is a Rota at the back of church. Hopefully we now have enough people to ensure that no one needs to do more than one session per month. So will volunteers please sign up now so we can see if we have any gaps which may need to be filled. Thank you.

**Tuesday Mornings: "A space to be"** - **Holy Redeemer & St Joseph's churches** will be open on Tuesday mornings for anyone who might like to just pop in, say a prayer, light a candle or just to sit quietly for a while in what is a stressful time for many people.

**Pershore Food Bank:** As you can imagine with the increasing cost of living this is becoming more and more essential for some people. There is a list on the "Just One World" notice board of the items the bank would like in order to make up a parcel of Christmas goodies for people. Thank you for your generosity.

**Missio - Red Boxes:** There are few Missio Calendars for 2023 on back of the church, please help yourself. If you wish to send your donation directly to Missio please visit their website - [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk). Please quote our parish code BIR151 when donating direct. Please contact Sue Allen 01386 561246 for any help.

**Christmas Tree:** Anybody would like to donate to this year's **Real Christmas Tree for St Joseph's** you are most welcome. Please see Fr Amal or Deacon Kevin. [**The proposed 7 (seven) foot tree will cost £70.00 pounds including delivery**]

**200 Club November winners:** **1<sup>st</sup> Prize** Annie Hope **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** Sue Allen **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** Bernadette Dermody

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**Newsletter Items:** To help the production of our newsletter can you please try to ensure that any requested items are sent to me by **5pm on the Thursday prior to publication?** – Thank you.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A):

This week we start The Season of Advent with blessing of the Advent Wreath. - Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second coming at the end of time. Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

### The Word this Week:

Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past or with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to stay awake, and to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with mercy.

### Spiritual Matters

On Sunday, we begin our journey through Advent. It is easy to think of this as simply being a time to prepare for Christmas, but there really is much more to Advent than this. It is a time to prepare ourselves, to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord. We need to ask the question, 'If Jesus were to come again tomorrow, would we be ready to meet Him?' The answer is, probably not, because our hectic lives and lack of faith frequently interfere with our relationship with the Lord; and our sinful pride sometimes prevent us from allowing Him to properly enter in. Let us make a pledge today to spend this time becoming closer to Jesus, and decide to undertake the 'Walk with Me,' booklet. Let us pray that this Advent will enable us to provide a safe, warm and welcoming place within our hearts for Jesus to come and dwell forever.

**(Louise Bowen)**

### For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Michael Afolayan, Maggie O'Keeffe, Alan Smith, Stephen Hales, Susan Vial, Peter O'shea, Lynda Horne, Hannah Bratt, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, Helen Abbott, Ann Milnes, and Siobhan Stillwell.** We also remember their carers and the sacrifices they humbly offer.

We pray to the merciful Heart of Jesus for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries occur this week. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine.....**

**If you would like someone to be prayed for by the parish, please complete a privacy consent form.**

*"At the Day of Judgement we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done."*

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**Thomas à Kempis**