

**Spiritual Matters**

*To be like Jesus, this hope possesses me. In every thought and deed, this is my aim, my creed. To be like Jesus, this hope possesses me. His Spirit helping me, like Him I'll be.*

We all have hopes, desires and ambitions, whether they are geared towards our work, our families or something else. Perhaps they give us a sense of purpose and meaning? We may feel as though we are constantly striving for gratification or success and, if we're honest, we all enjoy a degree of recognition or praise. This is all well and good, and sometimes we do need to work hard, but where do we place our efforts for Jesus? Are we occasionally guilty of just fitting Him around our other commitments and not living as He would like? Whilst we may admire famous people, Jesus is the ultimate role – model! He is our perfect ambition and we should aim to be just like Him. The achievements that we make for ourselves will never give us the true joy that we get from our Lord, and our earthly prizes will pale in comparison to His Heavenly gifts. We may doubt that we could ever be like Jesus, and by our own efforts this is true, but we are all full of the Holy Spirit and He gives us the power to at least try. So today let us pray that our desire for earthly success will never prevent us from trying to be more like Jesus. Then let us ask that our efforts will bring comfort and hope to people alone and in need.  
Louise Bowen (Gowans and Larssons)

**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



The food bank is in urgent need of donations. Due to an increased need and a fall in donations many

of the shelves are now empty and stock is needed to be able to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to the food bank a balanced and nutritious three-day supply of food. Items needed are: Tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tomatoes and fruit. UHT fruit juice and milk as well as pot noodles, small jars of coffee, pasta sauce, rice and cooking oil are also needed. Apart from food there are everyday essentials such as nappies sizes 4,5 and 6, small boxes of washing powder, soap, shampoo, shaving foam and razors, as well as antibacterial spray, deodorant and dog food. We at St Joseph's are rightly proud of the support we give to the food bank and I know that we will continue to support those people who urgently need it. THANK YOU.



**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 on 0787292457, [jobythomas75@googlemail.com](mailto:jobythomas75@googlemail.com). <http://www.jesusyouth.co.uk/>.

**Help Needed?**

Do you need assistance around the home for a few hours on Monday evening or just someone who is willing and able to do those small jobs that you might find difficult? Then please contact 07791 632469 to discuss your requirements.

**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 Amal 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 for Fr. Amal who is now preparing to move to Warndon from St Mary's Willenhall & St Joseph's Darlaston

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	<b>Saturday 17th August</b>	12.30pm	St George's	Vigil Mass of 20th Sunday in OT
	<b>Vigil Mass of 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	5.15 - 5.45pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		6.00pm	St Joseph's	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	<i>Paula Williamson RIP</i>
		11.00am	OLQP	Mass
		6.00pm	St George's	Mass
	<b>Monday 19th August</b>	9.15am	St Joseph's	<i>Alexander RIP</i>
	<b>Tuesday 20th August</b>	9.15am	St Joseph's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	<b>Wednesday 21st August</b>	NO MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S		
	<b>Thursday 22nd August</b> The Queenship of Mary	9.15am	St Joseph's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	<b>Friday 23rd August</b> St Rose of Lima	6.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	St Joseph's	Benediction and Rosary Mass: <i>Fr. Gary Buckley</i> Divine Mercy Chaplet
	<b>Saturday 21st August</b> Vigil Mass of 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm	St George's	Vigil Mass of 21st Sunday in OT
		5.15-5.45	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		6.00pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass of 21st Sunday in OT <i>Mercedita Jagolino RIP Ann</i>
		9.00am	St George's	Mass
		10.00am	St Joseph's	Mass <i>Pro Populo</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 11th August**

Gift Aid: £447.50 Non Gift Aid: £172.95