

Spiritual Matters

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.

It seems to be that we constantly hear about the destruction of our beautiful world. It may be waste plastic, the clearance of the rain forests or global warming. Whatever the issue, it is clear that, unless we do something differently, humankind is on path to ruin God's wonderful creation. When we think about how perfectly He made it, it is really is awe inspiring. As we know, every plant and creature are necessary and everything revolves around the days and the seasons. We only need to go for a walk in the country, or visit the seaside, to see the beauty of the natural world for ourselves. It is therefore devastating that, due to humankind's greed and wastefulness, this is now threatened. We may feel as though there is little that we can do, after all we are just individual people. Surely it is not up to us, it is down to governments to sort out? In truth, we all probably have to take a degree of responsibility. To help, we could try to reduce our own waste and chose as many environmentally friendly options as possible. We can also pray! That people with power will make very necessary changes and look after our precious planet. So today let us thank the Lord for our wonderful world and pray the He will help us to protect and preserve it. Then let us praise Him, and enjoy His glorious creation as much as we possibly can. Louise Bowen (Eleanor Farjeon)

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.

Message from Fr. Amal

At the back of church you will find copies of a letter written by your new parish priest Fr. Amal which details the change in Mass times at both St Joseph's and Holy Redeemer Pershore. Please take a copy so that you are up to date with the changes.

Harvington Pilgrimage

Sunday 1 September 2019 The Archdiocese of Birmingham's Annual Pilgrimage & 3pm Mass for the English Martyrs in the garden. The Hall is open to pilgrims only. Tours will be available to pilgrims from 11.30am. The event is organised by St. Mary's Parish. Confessions 1.45 – 2.30. Please contact the Parish directly on 01562 777319 if you have any queries. Please only contact Harvington Hall if you would like to book onto a tour. There is plenty of parking but it may be a little way from the Hall. Remember to bring a chair!



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.

All Night Vigil

Just to remind you that there will be **NO** all-night vigil during the month of August.



The end of the summer holidays is in sight. Pray for our children as they prepare to come back to school on **Wednesday 4th September**. Pray especially for those children who are starting school for the first time and those who are moving up to year 7.

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	Saturday 24th August Vigil Mass of 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm	St George's	Vigil Mass of 21st Sunday in OT
		5.15 - 5.45pm	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	<i>Maria Cornelia Streng Kelly RIP</i>
		11.00am	OLQP	Mass
		6.00pm	St George's	Mass
	Monday 26th August	9.15am	St Joseph's	<i>Ann Christy John & Alvin George SP</i>
	Tuesday 27th August St Monica	9.15am 12.00pm	St Joseph's Spetchley	<i>Juliet Berkeley RIP</i> Requiem Mass for Juliet Berkeley
	Wednesday 28th August	NO MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S		
	Thursday 29th August Beheading of John the Baptist	9.15am	St Joseph's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	Friday 30th August St Margaret Clitherow and fellow martyrs	6.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	St Joseph's	Benediction and Rosary Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> Divine Mercy Chaplet
	Saturday 31st August Vigil Mass of 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm	St George's	Vigil Mass of 22nd Sunday in OT
		5.15-5.45	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		6.00pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass of 22nd Sunday in OT <i>Peter Marron</i>
		9.00am	St George's	Mass
		10.00am	St Joseph's	Mass <i>St Joseph's Parish</i>
		11.00am	OLQP	Mass
		6.00pm	St George's	Mass
<p>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.</p> <p>Collection for Week Commencing 17th August</p> <p>Gift Aid: £203.55 Non Gift Aid: £116.80</p>				