

Spiritual Matters

Walk with me, oh my Lord, through the darkest night and brightest day. Be at my side, oh Lord, hold my hand and guide me on my way.

We are all probably feeling a little sad today, as we say good-bye to Father Andrew. We have been very blessed to have him as our parish priest and I am sure that we have all received many graces from him. Of course, Father Andrew and ourselves are probably feeling a little apprehensive about the future as we all sometimes struggle with change. These feelings, I believe, are entirely understandable and it is easy to lose sight of the Lord's guidance and encouragement. In reality God has a plan for everything, and everything He plans works out very well. Indeed, Jesus is with us every step of our life's journey and, because He loves us so much, He will always look after us. The Lord will accompany Father to Hereford, where he will bring love and joy to his new parish, and He will bless us and Father Amal here. In fact, Jesus has already shown us His love and care as we prayed for a replacement priest and we are being sent one. We all need to ask the Holy Spirit for His love and courage, and then follow the examples of the early apostles. They followed Jesus and literally change the world! So today let us pray that Father Andrew will be happy in his new parish and will take all of our love, prayers and thanks with him. Then let us praise our Lord and ask for a fresh out pouring of His love and grace. Louise Bowen (Estelle White)

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. **Please be aware that there is a mistake in the weekly mass times for St Joseph's. Mass will continue to be at 9.15 and NOT 10.00 as stated. Also note the new weekend mass times for St Joseph will start on the 7th September.**



The end of the summer holidays has arrived. 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.

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!

Message from Fr. Andrew

I want to first welcome Fr. Amal as he begins his new role as the parish priest of St Joseph's Warndon and Holy Redeemer Pershore. He has a big job ahead of him and I know you will keep him in your prayers and give him your support.

For the last three years I have had the honour and privilege to be the parish priest of St Joseph's. It has been a time of great joy and I will always be grateful for the love support and friendship that I have received from you. I can never thank you enough for your kindness, compassion but most of all for your understanding as we have tried to work together for the advancement of God's kingdom. Now that journey will continue with someone else leading the parish and this is how it should be. I, for my part, will take a new path with a new group of people and, while I will miss you all I leave in the certain knowledge that God's name will continue to be praised and that the light of His Gospel will still shine forth from this place.

Let us pray for each other that's holy will is done in all our lives, that His kingdom on earth will continue to grow and His name be praised. May God bless each one of you and remember, in good times and bad, always keep the faith. There will always be a place in my heart that is forever Warndon.

God Bless you all.

Fr. Andrew

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NEWSLETTER

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 - 5.45pm	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	<i>St Joseph's Parish</i>
	11.00am	OLQP	Mass
	6.00pm	St George's	Mass
Monday 2nd September	NO MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S		
Tuesday 3rd September	NO MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S		
Wednesday 4th September	NO MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S		
Thursday 5th September	NO MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S		
Friday 6th September	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Benediction and Rosary Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> Divine Mercy Chaplet
	7.00pm		
	7.30pm		
Saturday 7th September Vigil Mass of 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm	St George's	Vigil Mass of 23rd Sunday in OT
	5.15-5.45	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass of 23rd Sunday in OT <i>Ken Sanders RIP Anniversary</i>
	9.00am	St George's	Mass
	11.00am	St Joseph's	Mass <i>Pro Populo</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 24th August</p> <p>Gift Aid: £117.50 Non Gift Aid: £255.15</p>			