




St. Joseph's, Warndon & Holy Redeemer, Pershore Parish Newsletter - 18th September




25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (HOME MISSION SUNDAY)



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|  | Sat. 18 th Sept. Vigil Mass | 4:00 pm | Holy Redeemer | Victor Pillai. R.I.P. |
| | | 6:00 pm | St Joseph | Natasha's Ints. [Birthday] By Anne |
| Sun. 19 th Sept. | | 9:00 am | Holy Redeemer | People of Our Parishes |
| | | 11:00 am | St Joseph | Varghese R.I.P. [A] By Gincy Jose |
| Mon. 20 th Sept. | | 10:00 am | Holy Redeemer | Nathan's Ints. [Birth Day] |
| Tue. 21 st Sept. | | 9.30am | St Joseph | School Mass |
| | | 6.00pm | | Caragh Rose's Ints. [Birthday] |
| Wed. 22 nd Sept. | | 10.00 am | Holy Redeemer | Arran's Ints. [Birthday] |
| Thur. 23 rd Sept. | Private Mass | | | |
| Fri. 24 th Sept. | | 9:30 am | Holy Redeemer | Adoration. |
| | | 10:00 am | | Rev Fr Jaya Raj. R.I.P. [A] |
| | | 6:00 pm | St. Joseph | Adoration. |
| | | 6:30 pm | | Liam's Ints. [Birthday] By Anne. Divine Mercy Chaplet |

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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|  | Sat. 25 th Sept. Vigil Mass | 4:00 pm | Holy Redeemer | James Price's Ints. [Birthday] |
| | | 6:00 pm | St Joseph | Theresa's Ints. |
| Sun. 26 th Sept. | | 9:00 am | Holy Redeemer | Laurie & Josie's Ints. [Thanks giving Mass] |
| | | 11:00 am | St Joseph | People of Our Parishes |

Confessions - Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph's: Confessions, during the restrictions, are now being heard by appointment only so please telephone **Fr. Amal (01905 454352)** if you wish to receive the sacrament.

Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Daily Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

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PARISH NOTICES

Celebration of the Mass – Revised Safety Guidance

- It is reaffirmed that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.
 - Given there is **no Sunday obligation**, we ask you to consider attending **Mass on a weekday**.
 - For “track and trace” purposes (on a voluntary basis) a **contact phone number** will be kept, for a period of 21 days, for people who come to Mass.
 - Although the **1 metre plus social distancing rule** has been rescinded, we would ask you to refrain from gathering in groups within the Church.
 - The “**one way**” system in the church is being maintained.
 - **The wearing of a face covering** is still advised for people attending church services.
 - **Hand Sanitizer** will be provided on the entry and exit of the church.
 - Members of the congregation should not exchange **the sign of peace**.
- Bishops’ Conference Guidance on Entering Stage Four, July 19:** see **Stage 4 Guidance**

Useful Links: the following links are to On-line mass, prayer and other resources.

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| <u>Celebration of Mass, (Live Streams)</u> | <u>Parishes With Live Streams</u> |
| <u>Universalis Sunday Mass Reading</u> | <u>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> |
| <u>Universalis “Todays” Mass Readings</u> | <u>Mass Readings for "Today"</u> |
| <u>Embrace the Holy Spirit</u> | <u>Embrace the Holy Spirit</u> |
| <u>Women in Scripture</u> | <u>Women in Scripture</u> |
| <u>The God Who Speaks: Echoes of God</u> | <u>Echoes of God</u> |
| <u>The Domestic Church:</u> | <u>Domestic Church Resources.</u> |
| <u>Prayers in a Time of Illness:</u> | <u>Liturgy Office Prayer in Time of Illness</u> |
| <u>CAFOD Children’s Liturgy:</u> | <u>CAFOD</u> |
| <u>Holy Redeemer Primary School</u> | <u>Holy Redeemer School</u> |
| <u>St. Joseph’s Primary School Website</u> | <u>St Joseph's School</u> |

Archdiocese of Birmingham – New Upcoming Events

National Mass for the Guild of St Stephen at Ss Mary and John, Wolverhampton: on **Saturday 25th September**, at 12noon, to which servers from across the country are invited. Archbishop Bernard Longley will be principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass at the parish of Ss Mary & John, Wolverhampton. For Servers to book visit [Guild of St Stephen National Mass](#)

Proximity at St Mary’s College, Oscott. A new, annual event for **altar servers** of all ages is to be held this year on **Saturday 2nd October**. See [Proximity](#) for booking and details.

Life in the Spirit course: An online series of Life in the Spirit in which a talented group of musicians and speakers will guide participants, which starts on **Wednesday 22 September at 7.30pm**. See [Life in the Spirit](#) for details.

‘The Cry of the Poor’ - Exploring the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti: Gidea Park is hosting the second part of a free on-line event on **Saturday 2nd October**, 11.00 to 12.30 BST in which Fr Ashley Beck will explore the contents of the encyclical of Pope Francis, **Fratelli Tutti**, and explain that at a time of turmoil it is a strident call for global cooperation, solidarity and peace. its crucial relevance to Climate Change. For access to this free event go to www.whatgoodnews.org and follow the instructions.

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| | St. Joseph’s | Holy Redeemer |
| Parish Priest (Fr. Amal) | 01905 454352. | 01905 454352. |
| Deacon | Rev. M Kevin Gowdy - 01905 731639 | Rev. Pat Oldman 01386 304146 |
| Parish Administrator | | Christine Dodd 01386 552737 E-mail parish@holyredeemerpershore.org.uk |

First Holy Communion: 39 Children are going to receive Our Lord for the first time in their life [First Holy Communion] at **St Joseph's church on 18th September & 25th September** at 10.00am mass (children and their families only) and at **Holy Redeemer on Saturday 2nd October** at the 4pm Vigil Mass [For everybody]. Please keep them in your prayers.

Confirmation: On 3rd October Sunday at 12.15noon 25 children from St Joseph Warndon are going to be Confirmed by Rt. Rev Bishop David Evens. Please keep them in your prayers.

Readers: we are going to follow our **reader's rota** from October onwards, anybody would like to read in the Mass, please add your name in readers rota list which is in the Porch.

Altar Servers: Altar servers can now serve on the altar. If you wish to serve, please see Deacon Pat or Deacon Kevin.

Holy Redeemer's School Class Masses: School masses have now resumed on Wednesdays.

Open Letter on Assisted Dying Bill: Please read and consider Bishop John Sherrington's open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October. Visit **Open Letter**

Please Pray and Fast for the End of Abortion: On **Monday 28th September**, the Vigil of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Missio - Red Boxes: If anybody would like their red box emptied, please bring it to church and ask for it to be put in the safe. Arrangements will be made for its return. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY BOX AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. Alternatively, if you wish to count the money in your box yourself and send your donation directly to Missio please visit their website - www.missio.org.uk. **Please quote our parish code BIR151 when direct.** If you need any help with your red box, please contact Sue Allen 01386 561246

Food Bank (Pershore): The Bank needs tinned foods, biscuits, soups, treats, coffee and instant mash potato. There is a box at the back of church for donations.

200 Club – St. Joseph's: The 200 Club at St. Joseph is now open to new members. If you wish to participate, please take a form from the back of the church.

Volunteers Needed to Clean St Joseph Church: Anyone who would like to volunteer to join with our group of cleaners on the Cleaning Rota for St Joseph's Church please give your name & phone number to Fr Amal, Deacon Kevin, or Mrs Mande Ellsworth. This is not a massive commitment as you are likely only to be required to clean once in a two-month period. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this important part of our parish life.

Holy Redeemer (Contact): Please note that any requirements for the services of a priest at Holy Redeemer should contact Fr. Amal on **01905 454352** or e-mail at: stjosephswarndon@yahoo.co.uk.

Newsletters: We are grateful to those who print off newsletters and deliver them to those not on the internet. Please consider doing this if you know a parishioner in this situation.

This weekend's 2nd Collection for Catholic Evangelisation: This Sunday is **Home Mission Sunday**, a day in the Church's calendar when the Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales which aims to help the local Church make the joy of the Gospel a reality. A 2nd collection will be taken this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. **Next week 2nd Collection for Father Hudson's Society**

| | St. Joseph's | Holy Redeemer |
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| Safeguarding | Mr. Sinoj Sebastian 07882 754832 | Ann-Marie Wallbank 01684 294040 |
| School Head | Mrs Louise Bury 01905 452772 office@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk | Christina Hall 01386 552518 office@holyredeemer.worcs.sch.uk |
| Hall Bookings | office@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk | wulstanhall@gmail .com |

The Word this Week:

Although Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is indeed a storm gathering, but "God will look after him".

Spiritual Matters

Sunday's mass teaches us not be too ambitious or greedy. Jesus clearly explains this in the Gospel, when we hear the disciples argue about which of them is the greatest. Jesus responds to their dispute by saying that, in order to be the best, they should put other people first and serve them. We have all probably been guilty of trying to out-do folk at sometime and, perhaps, we would secretly love to be the better than them? This may occasionally result in us being unkind or bossy! We really know that this is sinful, as Jesus tells us to be as humble and gentle as children. This teaching is at odds with the world's importance on wealth and success, so, we are going to need Jesus' help to obey Him. Let us ask for this now, and pray that we will truly feel His love within us today.

(Louise Bowen)

For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Susan Vial, Peter Oshea, Lynda Horne, Elena Petta, Mary Jenkins, Hannah Bratt, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, Helen Abbott, Richard Milnes, Hazel Tester 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.

"Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them."

Saint Francis de Sales

Thank You to Our Volunteers: Without their support, we would be unable to open our churches for Masses. Their help is really appreciated. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Volunteers at Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph's

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| Sat. 18/09 | H.R. 4 pm | Christine Dodd, | Pat Haines, | Jane Morgan | Anne Halliday |
| | S. J. 6 pm | David Vas | Sharon Vas | Martin Fletcher | |
| Sun. 19/09 | H.R. 9 am | Christine Dodd | Bernard O'Keefe | Sheila Oldman | Jenny Masser |
| | S.J. 11 am | Boby Kappen | Biju Joseph | Mandie | Ann Gowdy. |
| Mon. 20/09 | H.R. 10 am | Christine Dodd | Sheila Oldman | Caroline Farey | |
| Tue. 21/07 | | | | | |
| Wed. 22/09 | H.R. 10 am | Christine Dodd | Sheila Oldman | Caroline Farey | Bernard Oldman |
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