



*St. Joseph's, Warndon &
Holy Redeemer, Pershore
Parish Newsletter - 2nd January*



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Friday 1 st Jan.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Thanks giving Mass
	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's	Thanks Giving Mass

2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS (YEAR B)



Sat. 2 nd Jan. Vigil Mass	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Bernard & Renee Allison. R.I.P. [A]
	6:00 pm	St Joseph's	Mathew Olikkara. R.I.P
Sunday 3 rd Jan.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	People of Our Parishes
	11:00 am	St Joseph's	Thanks giving Mass by Gincy Jose.

Monday 4 th Jan.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Charles Rosser. R.I.P. [A]
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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Tue 5 th Jan. Vigil	7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Elsy Alex. R.I.P [A]
	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Daniel Anthony Roch. R.I.P. [A]
Wed. 6 th Jan.	7:00 pm	St Joseph	Arran Gowdy's Ints.

Thursday 7th Jan. Private Mass

Friday 8 th Jan.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Rev Fr Arul Irudiam. R.I.P.
	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's	Rev Fr Michael. R.I.P.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR B)



Sat 9 th Jan. Vigil Mass	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Rev Fr Camillus. R.I.P.
	6:00 pm	St Joseph's	Dec. Mem. of Daniels & Smith families.
Sunday 10 th Jan.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	People of Our Parishes
	11:00 am	St Joseph's	Annamma Abraham. R.I.P. [A]

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.

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Celebration of the Mass – Safety Guidance

- It is reaffirmed that **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.**
- **A limited number of “bubbles” can attend a service** (30 - St. Joseph’s and 50 - Holy Redeemer).
- **On government advice on “track and trace” a contact phone number will be kept, for a period of 21 days, for people who comes to Mass.**
- The **toilet facilities** will be closed at all locations
- Given there is **no Sunday obligation**, we ask you to consider attending **Mass on a weekday.**
- Churches are opened based upon the **1 metre plus social distancing rule.**
- **All people attending church services are now legally required to wear a face covering.**
- The use of **Hand Sanitizer** when entering and leaving the Church must be observed.
- Any **“one way” system** in force in churches must be observed.
- Strict observance to the **seating arrangements** is in force as monitored by the “stewards”.
- All people must always observe at **least 1 metre separation.**
- Members of the congregation should not exchange **the sign of peace.**

The latest information can be accessed at: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

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

Celebration of Mass, (Live Streams)	Parishes With Live Streams
Universalis Sunday Mass Reading	2nd Sunday after the Nativity
Universalis “Todays” Mass Readings	Mass Readings for "Today"
Picture Meditation	Picture Meditation
The Domestic Church:	Domestic Church Resources.
Prayers in a Time of Illness:	Liturgy Office Prayer in Time of Illness
CAFOD Children's Liturgy:	CAFOD
Holy Redeemer Primary School	Holy Redeemer School
St. Joseph's Primary School Website	St Joseph's School
COVID-19 Crisis Support Service	COVID-19 Crisis Counselling Support Service

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion: There will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness. In such cases it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal. In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

Act of Perfect Contrition: Through this act you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, **on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.**

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift “My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins”. Contrition is ‘perfect’ if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.

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.

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PARISH NOTICES

Thanks, Happy, Healthy and Prospers New Year 2021 from Fr. Amal: This is a time to thank St Joseph & Holy Redeemer churches' workers who work tirelessly throughout the year. Especially the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, the Organist, the Choir, Flower Arrangers, Cleaners, the Money Counters, Children's Liturgy People, Ladies of the Tea Bar, Welcoming Groups, Gardeners and all those who support the church behind the scene. This year I extend special thanks to those volunteers whose work allowed us to keep our Churches open during the COVID-19 restrictions. May the New Born Christ Child Jesus bless you all and your families for this New Year 2021

Epiphany of the Lord: This year Our Church celebrates the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord on Wednesday 6th January. We have Tuesday 5th January 7.00pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph, Wednesday 6th January 10.00am at The Holy Redeemer and 7.00pm at St Joseph.

Financial Support by Standing Order: I would like to thank all those parishioners who have transferred their weekly giving from cash to standing orders. Email: **Holy Redeemer** or **St Joseph's** or phone the office with your name and address if you wish to transfer.

Cards and Presents: I have been moved by your generosity and the number of good wishes that I have received this Christmas. As I am not able to respond individually to everyone please accept my grateful thanks for your many cards and generous presents.

Newsletters: We are really 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.

COVID 19 Update: We are continuing to open our churches "as normal"!

Although the latest movement of our area from Tier 2 to Tier 3 does not substantially change the ability to hold public mass remember that one in three people who have coronavirus have no symptoms and will be spreading it without realising it. This means that we must all be more rigorous in following the "rules".

Under Tier 3 restrictions:

*You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. **You should maintain strict social distancing at all times.***

*Whilst engaging in an activity in the place of worship or surrounding grounds, **all parties should adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times, even within a group of six or where a specific activity-based exemption is applicable. This means people should be 2 metres apart if possible or else more than 1 metre apart while taking extra steps to stay safe (such as wearing face coverings) to reduce the risk of transmission.***

*When meeting people you do not live with, it is important to do so outdoors where possible, or to **make sure that any indoor venue has good ventilation (for example by opening windows so that fresh air can enter).**** **So wrap up warm!!*

Remember, 'Hands. Face. Space'.

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The Word this Week:

This Sunday we meditate on the solemn Prologue of the Gospel of John. The Prologue is the entrance door and helps one to understand why the John's Gospel is so diverse from the other Gospels. In the Prologue, John presents the vision that he has of Jesus, Word of God, and describes the route of the Word. The Word was with God from the beginning of creation and by it everything was created. Everything which exists is an expression of the Word of God.

Spiritual Matters

Soon we shall celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The Wiseman were grand, powerful, men yet, even though Jesus was born in a humble stable, they immediately recognized Him as the King of the World and they worshipped Him. Epiphany makes us question, 'How far would we go for Jesus, and what would we offer Him?' There is a saying, 'Wise people still seek Him,' perhaps the response to this ought to be, 'And many find Him.' Fortunately, unlike the Magi, we do not have to travel to find Him as Jesus is just a prayer away; and all He truly wants is, us! Despite this, we can still sometimes fail Him or struggle to maintain our faith when life seems challenging. So, as we put our decorations away, let us pray that the love and joy of Christmas will remain in our hearts throughout the coming year. **(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, Mary Hill, Peter Oshea, Lynda Horne, Doug Smith, Elena Petta, Mary Waring, Mary Jenkins, Hannah Bratt, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, Helen Abbott, Richard Milnes, John Allison, Sandra Bryer, 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.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." -

John 1:1

Volunteers at Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph's

Fri. 01/01	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd,	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	Bernard Oldman
	S.J. 7 pm	David Vas,	Sharon Vas,		
Sat. 02/01	H.R. 4 pm	Christine Dodd,	Pat Haines,	Jane Morgan	Anne Halliday
	S.J. 6 pm	David Vas,	Sharon Vas,	Martin Fletcher	
Sun. 03/01	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. 04/01	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd,	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	
Tus. 05/01	S.J. 7 pm	Ann Gowdy,	Biju Joseph,		
Wed. 06/01	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd,	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	Bernard Oldman
Fri. 08/01	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd,	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	Bernard Oldman
	S.J. 7 pm	David Vas,	Sharon Vas,		
Sat. 09/01	H.R. 4 pm	Christine Dodd,	Pat Haines,	Jane Morgan	Anne Halliday
	S.J. 6 pm	David Vas,	Sharon Vas,	Martin Fletcher	
Sun. 10/01	H.R. 9 am	Christine Dodd,	Bernard O'Keefe	Sheila Oldman	Jenny Masser
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