



St. Joseph's, Warndon & Holy Redeemer, Pershore Parish Newsletter - 10th April



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

	Sat 10 th Apr.	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	People of Our Parishes [Rev Peter Jones. R.I.P. (A)]
	Vigil	6:00 pm	St Joseph's	Thomas Sebastian. R.I.P.[A] By Charles & Jeffy
Sun. 11 th Apr.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Brian Gordon. R.I.P. By Paula Gordon.	
	11:00 am	St Joseph's	Mr & Mrs Kunnathalayil. R.I.P.	
Mon. 12 th Apr.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Nathan & Katie Gowdy's Ints. Wedding Anniversary.	
Tue. 13 th Apr.	Private Mass – Aedan Price's Ints. – Birthday.			
Wed. 14 th Apr.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Geraldine & David Yates' Ints. By Sheila Oldman.	
Thur. 15 th Apr.	Private Mass - Rose Mary Peet's Ints. – Birthday.			
Fri. 16 th Apr.	10:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Jane Cassidy's Ints. [Birth Day]	

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Sat. 17 th Apr.	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	People of our Parishes
	Vigil Mass	6:00 pm	St Joseph's	George Kunnathalayil. R.I.P. [A] By Gincy Jose.
Sun. 18 th Apr.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Anne Garrett. R.I.P By Paula Gordon.	
	11:00 am	St Joseph's	Mark Shearsby's Ints. – 40 th Birthday.	

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.

Special Year of St Joseph: At St. Joseph's Church, during the remainder of this year we will be commemorating the "Year of Saint Joseph". After each mass we will be reciting the daily Novena Prayer to St. Joseph. If you are unable to attend due to the Corona restrictions, please try to find time each day to recite the prayer.

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.**



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

<u>Celebration of Mass, (Live Streams)</u>	<u>Parishes With Live Streams</u>
<u>Universalis Sunday Mass Reading</u>	<u>2nd Sunday of Easter</u>
<u>Universalis "Todays" Mass Readings</u>	<u>Mass Readings for "Today"</u>
<u>Picture Meditation</u>	<u>Picture Meditation</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>

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.

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.

	St Joseph	Holy Redeemer
Deacon	Rev. M Kevin Gowdy - 01905 731639	Rev. Pat Oldman 01386 304146
Parish Administrator		Christine Dodd 01386 552737 E-mail parish@holyredeemerpershore.org.uk

PARISH NOTICES

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. This is a public feast day formally established by St John Paul II in May 2000. The Divine Mercy Devotion is inspired by the experiences and writings of a Polish nun, Sister Faustina, who died at 33 years of age in 1938 and was canonised in April 2000. It embraces priests, religious and laity united in their commitment to live mercy in relating to their brothers and sisters, to make the mystery of Divine Mercy known and to invoke God's mercy for sinners.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

For information on the Divine Mercy and to pray the Chaplet visit:

The Divine Mercy



Christ is Risen! - My thanks to all who participated in the Easter Triduum and for your gifts, cards, and prayers. May the Risen Christ bless you all and your families – Rev. Fr. Amal.

Easter Message Watch at **Archbishop Bernard's Easter Message** as Archbishop Bernard Longley gives his Easter Message outside Archbishop's House in Birmingham

Pershore Food Bank: The Foodbank would like to thank everyone for their donations. In January and February this year the bank saw a 286% rise in the number of people fed compared to last year. Last week 72 adults and 64 children were fed. Now needed are the following non-perishable items: vegetable soup, pasta in sauce, custard, UHT milk, tinned carrots, tomato soup, rice pudding, fruit juice, coffee, tea, tinned cold meats, sponge puddings, tinned fish, rice, chocolate, cereal, toilet rolls and toothpaste. They can be delivered direct to the foodbank on a Tuesday morning 11am -1pm or Thursday afternoon, 1-3pm. Please do not bring them to church.

200 Club – St Joseph: If possible, would all members please bring their subscriptions up to date, if they have not already done so. Thank you.

Boiler Replacement at St. Joseph's: Contributions towards the cost of the new boiler at St. Joseph's – This week donations £150.00. Total Contributions to date **£2,825.00**. Thank you. Anyone who wishes to contribute contact Fr. Amal. God bless you all.

Condolences: We offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Ken Allen** who passed away on Saturday 27th March. His Requiem Mass will take place at 12.00 noon on Monday 19th April at Holy Redeemer, Pershore. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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The Word this Week:

Eastertide ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection, with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith and strengthening ours as we listen to the account.

Spiritual Matters

Sunday's Gospel is extremely relatable, as it describes the disciples' feelings. They had recently witnessed their Lord dying upon the cross, and were fearfully hiding away. Many of them would have felt disappointment and shame too, so, it is easy to imagine their absolute joy upon seeing Him again. They must have been almost overwhelmed with happiness and relief; and then there is Thomas' disbelief! During our own faith journey, we have times when we are afraid to share our beliefs, and we have all felt ashamed of our sinful failures. We also have moments of doubt, where our faith seems fickle, and we all know the true joy of living with Jesus. He alone completely understands all of our emotions, and is always ready to share them and give us comfort. So, let us bring our feelings to Him today and really experience the glorious love of Our Risen Lord.

(Louise Bowen)

For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Monica Wild, Susan Vial, Mary Hill, Peter Oshea, Lynda Horne, 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.

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

St. Pope John Paul II

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

Sat. 10/04	H.R. 4 pm	Christine Dodd,	Pat Haines,	Jane Morgan	Anne Halliday
	S. J. 6 pm	David Vas,	Sharon Vas,	Martin Fletcher	
Sun. 11/04	H.R. 9 am	Christine Dodd,	Bernard O'Keefe	Sheila Oldman	Jenny Masser
	S.J. 11 am	Boby Kappen	Biju Joseph,	Mandie	Ann Gowdy.
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