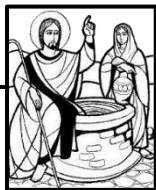




# St. Joseph's, Warndon & Holy Redeemer, Pershore Parish Newsletter - 7<sup>th</sup> March



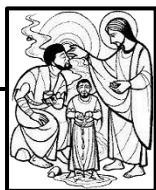
## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March Vigil Mass	12.30 pm	St. George's	Holy Mass
	5.15-5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Thanksgiving Mass by Sunny.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am	St. George's	Holy Mass
	9.00 am	Holy Redeemer	Private Ints.
	11.00 am	St Joseph's	People of Our Parishes
	11.00 am	OLQP	Holy Mass
	6.00 pm	St. George's	Holy Mass

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 am	Holy Redeemer	For Holy Souls
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 am	St. Joseph's	Michael & Manonmani Pillai. R.I.P.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 am	Holy Redeemer	Shella Harding. R.I.P.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March Feast of St Joseph	9:15 am	St. Joseph's	School Mass
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 am	Holy Redeemer	Stations of the Cross
	9.40 am	Holy Redeemer	Alexander Pelechova. R.I.P.
	6.15 pm	St. Joseph's	Evening Prayer & Stations of the Cross
	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	St. Joseph's	John & Catherine Cronin. R.I.P. Divine Mercy Chaplet

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March Vigil Mass	12.30 pm	St. George's	Holy Mass
	5.15-5.45 pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Sadie & Stan Smith. R.I.P.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.00 am	St. George's	Holy Mass
	9.00 am	Holy Redeemer	Jesse Embling. R.I.P.
	11.00 am	St Joseph's	People of Our Parishes
	11.00 am	OLQP	Holy Mass
	6.00 pm	St. George's	Holy Mass



**Stations of the Cross:** During the Lenten Season we will be saying the Stations of the Cross **before the Friday 9:40 am Mass at Holy Redeemer and before the 6:45 pm Mass at St. Joseph's.**

**Confession:** During Lent Fr Amal will be available before all Masses for anyone wishing to go to Confession.

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# PARISH NOTICES

## **Holy Week Services**

		St. Joseph's	Holy Redeemer
Saturday 4th April. - Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday	***	6.00pm	---
Palm Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	***	11:00 am	9:00 am
Maundy Thursday 9th April	###	6:00 pm	8:00 pm.
Good Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April – Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lords Passion & Communion Stations of the Cross		-- -- 7:00 pm	2:00 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday 11th April Vigil of Easter		6:30 pm	9:00 pm
Easter Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April		11:00 am	9:00 am
*** Palms will be blessed at the beginning of each mass			
### “Watching” will continue following mass until conclusion with Evening Prayers at 10:30 pm			

**Coronavirus:** At St Joseph's and Holy Redeemer measures have been introduced to give extra levels of hygiene to prevent the spread of infections.

- we have removed the Holy Water Stoops,
- stopped giving the physical sign of peace (say “Peace be with you” at the sign of peace)
- are only having Communion under one kind (that of the Sacred Body).
- **Please DO NOT USE Hymn books & Parish Mass books - Use Mass & Hymn sheets.**
- **For the safety reason please leave the kneelers on the floor always**

**Wednesday 18th March** – Closing Mass of Deanery Visitation – 7 – 9 pm at St George, Worcester

**Baptism Talks:** For parents who wish to have their babies/Children baptised. The next class will be held in March. For further details please call Fr Amal - Tel. 01905 454352.

**Children's Liturgy [St Joseph]:** Thank you to those of you who have signed up for Children's Liturgy. The meeting will go ahead as planned on **25th March**. I know that some of you will be unable to make the meeting on 25th; I will get the relevant information to you. There will be a follow up meeting after this before launching the programme which will be arranged. If you are interested and haven't signed up, there is a list at the back of church or you can speak to myself or Father Amal. A thought for us as we begin this project: Thank you again everyone - I look forward to seeing you on 25th March - we will start promptly at 5.30pm. - Louise Bury

**Sower [Diocesan Magazine] and “Walk with Me” Lenten booklets & Calendars** are available at the back of the church.

**Red Missio Boxes (Holy Redeemer & St Joseph):** are being emptied. If you bring your box to church and your collector is not there, please ask for your box to be put in the safe. Please do not leave red boxes at the back of church with money in them. If you have a box that has not been emptied for some time or would like to have a red box, please contact Sue Allen 01386 561246 (Holy Redeemer) or Fr. Amal (St. Joseph's).

**Church Cleaning [St Joseph]:** Church Cleaning Rota available please pick up your copy from sacristy.

	St. Joseph's	Holy Redeemer
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**New Offertory Gift Aid Envelopes [St Joseph] 2020 & 2021:** are available at the back of the church Please pick up your box, if you need one please see Fr Amal.

**Offertory Gift Aid Envelopes:** Are you a UK taxpayer? Have you considered “Gift Aiding” your weekly contribution to the parish? If all the “loose” portion of our collections had been “Gift Aided” **our parishes could have claimed back money in the order of £4,500 in a year!** Any parishioners wishing to use Gift Aid Envelopes for their weekly offerings to the church, please see Fr. Amal or our Gift Aid organisers for details. If you would like to change from the envelopes to monthly standing order, please advise us and we can set up the standing order.

**Holy Redeemer Parish Magazine** is planned for publication on **Sunday 29 March**. See <https://holyredeemerpershore.org.uk/magazine/> for details. Please see Alan Smith if you have something to offer for the next issue.

**Holy Redeemer:** No coffee today and none until further notice.

**Journey in Faith (Holy Redeemer):** session takes place after Mass in the parish meeting room in the hall. Please pray for those preparing to be Received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Foodbank:** In 2019 there was a 23% increase in the number of people fed by our food bank. By far the largest percentage of reasons was low income, with benefit changes and delays causing difficulties for many of our clients. Thank you for your generosity. Items still needed: tinned tomatoes, shampoo, tinned fish, mince and stews, tea cooking sauces and sugar..

**“The Sound of Brazil” (Holy Redeemer): Next Saturday:** “The Sound of Brazil”, a Latin American afternoon in aid of Medecins San Frontieres on 3pm-5pm. Tickets from Bron or on the door; cost £5 (free for children) – includes refreshments. See poster at the back of church

**Cancelled:** Lent lunches at St Andrews on Thursdays 12.30 -1.30 Cancelled.

**Vacancy – Foundation Governor for St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Worcester:** We currently have vacancies for Foundation Governors. This is an excellent opportunity to be involved in the school on a strategic level. For more information please see the notice bord.

<https://dontscreenusout.org/boris/> This is the website address to contact to stop unborn babies with disabilities such as; Club Foot, Cleft Lip, Down’s Syndrome being aborted. The Government plan to introduce this in Northern Ireland and elsewhere. Your help can save their lives. See notice board for Open Letter to PM

**Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Theme for 2020: “I am the Immaculate Conception” **Saturday 23rd May to Friday 29th May** Travel by air from Birmingham. For further details please see the notice bord.

**✝ Condolences:** Please pray for Olive Marie Colbourne who died recently Her funeral service will take place on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March** at 1.45pm at Worcester Crematorium.

**Newsletter:** items and information you wish to be included in the weekly newsletter should be received **by 12 noon on the Thursday**. Emails - [stjosephswarndon@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stjosephswarndon@yahoo.co.uk) - and envelopes should be clearly marked ‘**For the Newsletter**’.

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<b>School Head</b>	Mrs Louise Bury 01905 452772 office@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk	Christina Hall 01386 552518 office@holyredeemer.worcs.sch.uk
<b>Wulstan Hall Bookings</b>		wulstanhall@gmail .com

### The Word this Week

Today's Gospel is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. We should take this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.

### Spiritual Matters

This is Dementia Prayer Week, and we are urged to ask Jesus to reach out to everyone affected by this distressing disease. I have personal experience of this myself, as my lovely Mother was a sufferer. I witnessed how, as the disease progressed, my Mum's world became ever narrower, confusing and frightening. We, as her family, felt saddened, exhausted and sometimes frustrated. We also felt guilt and love. Whilst it was generally a difficult journey, Jesus gave us moments when the mists seemed to clear and we were given little gems of pure joy. It seems that sufferers can sometimes feel alone and unsettled, whilst carers may desperately need help and support. So, this week please pray for those people touched by dementia. Let us ask that they will receive the hope and understanding that they need, and that a medical break-through will happen very soon.

(Louise Bowen)

### For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **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.**

*"Christ's way of acting, the Gospel of his words and deeds, is a consistent protest against whatever offends the dignity of women."*

**St. John Paul II**

<b>TODAY'S MASS</b>	Order of Mass	Profession of Faith	Preface	Eucharistic Prayer	Communion Rite
Mass Readings	<b>SEE PARISH MASS SHEET</b>				

### ***Readers and Eucharistic Ministers***

<b>S.J.</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>David V and Mick E</b>
14/03	E.M's	-----
<b>H.R.</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Bernard O'Keefe and Alicija Kelly</b>
15/03	E.M's	-----
<b>S.J.</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Catherine C and Marion J</b>
15/03	E.M's	-----
<b>S.J.</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Kataya and Tunei S</b>
21/03	E.M's	-----
<b>H.R.</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Anes Lavy and Jenny Masser</b>
15/03	E.M's	-----
<b>S.J.</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ray B and Vivienne B</b>
22/03	E.M's	-----

<b>Collections etc.</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>Holy Redeemer</b>
Weekly Offering	£308.71	£403.20
7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> March	(Gift Aid: £87.00 & Loose: £149.71)	(Gift Aid: £170.30 & Loose: £100.90.)
	Direct debit: £72.00	Direct debit: £132.00