



*St. Joseph's, Warndon &
Holy Redeemer, Pershore*
Parish Newsletter - 7th May. - 10th June.



Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday



Sat. 7th May	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Private Intention.
	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Sun. 8th May	8:30 am	Holy Redeemer	People of the Parishes
	10:00 am	St. Joseph	Natasha & Lee Price's 15th Wedding Anniversary.

Today we remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise he makes in today's Gospel: "I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost." How do we live the Easter Story?

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sat. 14th May	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	St Joseph	Holy Mass
Sun. 15th May.	-----	Holy Redeemer	NO SUNDAY MASS
	10:00 am	St Joseph	Holy Mass

As we are getting closer to the Ascension, the readings this Sunday begin to move us along, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, "love one another", is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost. It is the risen Lord's parting gift to his Church.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sat. 21st May	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	David Fallon. R.I.P. [A]
	6:00 pm	St Joseph	Holy Mass
Sun. 22nd May	-----	Holy Redeemer	NO SUNDAY MASS
	10:00 am	St Joseph	Holy Mass

As Eastertide unfolds, we feel the power and influence of the Spirit growing. This is the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and who brings the Church to birth at Pentecost. As we journey towards Pentecost - the climax of the Easter Season - we should be considering the presence of the Spirit in the Church today: the reconciler of disputes, the solver of problems, true inspiration for the family of God on our journey to the New Jerusalem!

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sat. 28th May	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	St Joseph	Holy Mass
Sun. 29th May	-----	Holy Redeemer	NO SUNDAY MASS
	10:00 am	St Joseph	Holy Mass


This is an unusual "in between" Sunday - in between the Lord's return to the Father's right hand at Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Church's tradition is to spend this time 'in between' in prayer, as did Mary and the Apostles, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit. The Gospel for this Sunday is part of the 'priestly prayer' of Christ from the Last Supper - a prayer full of concern for his friends - for us, the Church.

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PENTECOST




	Sat. 4 th Jun	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
	Vigil Mass	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Holy Mass
	Sun. 5 th June	-----	Holy Redeemer	NO SUNDAY MASS
		10:00 am	St. Joseph	Holy Mass

Today marks the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word.

	9:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration and Eucharistic Service
	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Adoration.
	6:30 pm		Holy Mass for Private Intentions.
	7:00 pm		Divine Mercy Chaplet

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY




	Sat. 11 th Jun	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Deceased Members of Haines & White families.
	Vigil Mass	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Thanksgiving Mass
	Sun. 12 th June	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Deceased Members of Haines & White families.
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	People of Our Parishes

Today we see that God is in himself a communion of love: Father, Son and Spirit, distinct yet perfectly united - three persons, one God. We hear of the perfect union between Father and Son where the Son is "Wisdom" joining the Father in the act of creation. This union bears fruit in the Spirit, who pours this perfect love into our hearts, so that we may imitate the "Communion of Love" by living together and hoping for our place within the Divine Community.

Mon. 13 th June	10.00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
Tue. 14 th June	9:00 am	St. Joseph	School Mass
	6:00 pm		Holy Mass
Wed. 15 th June	10.00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
Thur. 16 th June	Private Mass		
Fri. 17 th June	9:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration.
	10:00 am		Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Adoration.
	6:30 pm		Holy Mass
	7:00 pm		Divine Mercy Chaplet

CORPUS CHRISTI



	Sat. 18 th Jun	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	1 st Holy Communion
	Vigil Mass	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Holy Mass
	Sun. 19 th June	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Holy Mass


WEEKDAY EUCHARISTIC SERVICES

Monday	10.00 am	Holy Redeemer	Eucharistic Service May 9/16/23/30, June 6 th
Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Redeemer	Eucharistic Service May 11/18/25, June 1, 7 th
Friday.	9.00 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration & Eucharistic Service May 13/20/27, June 3, 10 th
	6.00 pm	St. Joseph	Adoration. Eucharistic Service & Divine Mercy Chaplet May 13/20/27, June 3

Holiday: I am going for my holiday from 8th May until 9th June. During my absence, if there is a need to contact a priest, please call St George's Catholic Church on 01905 23688 / Mob 07950 655 941.

Holy Communion can be brought to the Sick and Housebound on the First Friday of the month by Deacon Pat or a Eucharistic Minister. **Please contact Deacon Pat or Deacon Kevin.**

May the Month of Mary: The month of May is the month which is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pray to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God’s mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (*Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1*). **During the month of May we will pray the Rosary 25 minutes before every weekday Mass / Eucharistic Service.**

Ukraine Disaster Appeal: CAFOD, as a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) in the UK is supporting the appeal. They have specifically asked for financial assistance rather than donations of goods. It is through CAFOD that the Catholic community can give practical assistance to Ukraine. To donate go to: <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/> or follow the link. 

Flowers in Holy Redeemer: We desperately need Parishioners to help in “doing the flowers” on a fortnightly Rota commencing after Easter. **Would you be prepared to help?** *Please speak with or 'phone Jenny Masser on 01386 555131 who will gladly chat to you about what is involved and will give friendly guidance to those who have never done flower arranging before. “Church Flowers” is a very important and fulfilling ministry. See poster at the back of church for details.*



Pershore Food Bank are short of the following items: long life milk, fruit juice and squash, canned goods (especially vegetables, sauces & condiments, cleaning products, toilet rolls and basic toiletries. The bank has plenty of chocolate biscuits and chocolate goodies. Thank you for your support.

1st Holy Communion – Holy Redeemer: Some of our Holy Redeemer’s parish children are going to receive 1st Holy communion on 18th June at 4.00pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

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Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday:

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is marked as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to *“Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest”* (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

This Week's 2nd Collection –there will be a second collection for the **Clergy Training Fund**. Saint Mary's College, Oscott is the Archdiocese's college for training and forming priests and deacons. The clergy training fund looks after the selection, training and care of students, continuing development and the promotion of vocations work throughout the Archdiocese. Anyone wishing to make regular monthly donations to this fund (in addition to this collection) please see the Vocations Sunday Leaflet.

A Prayer for Ukraine: Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them, and may you guide world leaders, to find compassion, strength and wisdom in their choices. May we reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need in this moment of crisis and walk in your ways, so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Alan Smith, Stephen Hales, Susan Vial, Peter Oshea, Lynda Horne, Elena Petta, Hannah Bratt, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, Helen Abbott, Ann 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.

“There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord!” - **Pope Francis**

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