

Spiritual Matters

'Forgive our sins as we forgive,' you taught us, Lord, to pray. But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease. Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us not to look for other people's failings before we consider our own. It can be easy to criticise others and not notice that we may be guilty of far greater shortcomings. Despite our best intentions, we are all full of human weakness and it is only by Jesus' grace that our sins have been forgiven. Because of our Lord's triumph over death Satan has been beaten, and we are guaranteed a place in Glory. Whilst this is absolutely wonderful, we must remember that the praise lies with Jesus and not in our own endeavours. Without the Lord we are weak, sinful people, but by His power we have been forgiven and He will always help us to forgive others. There can be no denying that we may sometimes find people irritating or even down-right annoying. We may find that our families or friends drive us insane, and we can feel cross or want to say something unkind. This is the moment when we need to pray for help and choose to love instead. Let us pray that we will walk humbly and peacefully with other people, and then praise Jesus for His limitless love and forgiveness. (Louise Bowen (Rosamond Herklots))



Sick and Housebound

If you are going into hospital or if you know someone who has already been admitted and would appreciate a visit from one of the chaplaincy team then please text details

to Deacon Chris Blackman on **07462 040390**

Gift Aid Appeal

This weekend (2nd/ 3rd March) our gift aid coordinator, David Vas, will speak at all the Masses about the gift aid scheme. If you are a UK tax payer you can increase your donation to the parish at no extra cost to yourself. All you have to do is speak to either David or Fr. Andrew; sign a simple declaration and the parish will be able to claim from the government 25p for every £1 you donate. This is an excellent way to increase your giving.



Palm Crosses

If you have any old palm crosses please bring them along so that they can be burnt to make the ash for Ash Wednesday. There is a basket at the back of the church for you to put them in. Many thanks.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent and this year it falls on the **6th March**. The Mass times at St Joseph's will be: **9.15: In school and 6.00pm in church.** Please note the times of Mass



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus Youth invites you to 'Awakening', a 100 day Eucharistic Adoration initiative taking place in parishes across the UK. Its aim is to invite people

to renew their commitment to the faith through a personal encounter with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Eucharistic Adoration here at St Joseph's on **Thursday 7th March from 10.00am to 9.00pm**

Day of Recollection

Andrew and Bea Grant have organised a day of recollection at Belmont Abbey on Saturday, 16th March, led by



Abbot Paul Stonham. All are welcome. The day opens with coffee at 10.30am and includes talks and discussion, Midday prayer and Vigil Mass of Sunday concluding at 3.30pm. The day will cost £30 per person (£15 for under 21s) to include lunch. Please RSVP and make payment to Andrew Grant: Bransford Manor, Chapel Lane, Bransford, Worcestershire, WR6 5JG

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NEWSLETTER

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Saturday 2nd March <i>8th Sunday in OT</i>	12.30am	St George's	Vigil Mass	
	4.30pm	Spetchley Park	For all deceased mothers	
	5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass <i>Jim O'Shea RIP</i>	Tunei Sinoj Mike E
Sunday 3rd March <i>8th Sunday in OT</i>	9.00am	St George's	Mass	
	10.00am	St Joseph's	Mass <i>Helen Lysaght</i>	Ray B Tony J
	11.00am	OLQP	Mass	
	6.00pm	St George's	Mass	
Monday 4th March		St Joseph's	No Mass	
Tuesday 5th March	9.15am	St Joseph's	<i>Holy Souls</i>	
Wednesday 6th March ASH WEDNESDAY	9.15am	St Joseph's	<i>In School with the children Holy Souls</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	6.00pm			
Thursday 7th March <i>Sts Perpetua and Felicity</i>	9.15am	St Joseph's	<i>Holy Souls</i>	
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament				
Friday 8th March <i>St John of God</i>	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Stations of the Cross	
	7.00pm	St Joseph's	Mass <i>Rebecca SP</i>	
	7.30pm	St Joseph's	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Saturday 9th March <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	12.30am	St George's	Vigil Mass	
	5.15 - 5.45pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass <i>Roy Holland S.P.</i>	Mike E Stella T
Sunday 10th March <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	9.00am	St George's	Mass	
	10.00am	St Joseph's	Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Marion J Paul C
	11.00am	OLQP	Mass	
	6.00pm	St George's	Mass	

Please pray for all the sick of our parish and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital. We also pray for the Lately dead, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Collections for Weekend of 23rd and 24th February 2019

Gift Aid: £169.00; Non Gift Aid: £190.50

This weeks second collection is for the Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

Next week's second collection is the annual CAFOD Fast Day. Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please take one and return it with your donation.