



*St. Joseph's, Warndon &
Holy Redeemer, Pershore
Parish Newsletter - 19th November*



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



19 th Nov.	Sat. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	For Holy Souls
		6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Jim O'Shea. R.I.P. By Anni Gowedy.
20 th Nov.	Sun.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	For Holy Souls
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Thanksgiving Mass By Jincy Jose

Mon. 21 st Nov.	10:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Private Intention
Tue. 22 nd Nov.	9:00 am	St. Joseph	Juan Vicerra. R.I.P. by Arthington family
Wed. 23 rd Nov.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Annie Gibbons. R.I.P. by Jane Moroan.

Thur. 24 th Nov.	Private Mass		
Fri. 25 th Nov.	9:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration.
	10:00 am		Fr Maria Arokiyam. R.I.P.
	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Adoration.
	6:30 pm		For Holy Souls by Gincy Jose. Divine Mercy Chaplet

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)



26 th Nov.	Sat. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	For Holy Souls
		6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Thanksgiving Mass by David Charles.
27 th Nov.	Sun.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	For Holy Souls
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	For Holy Souls by Gincy Jose



TODAY'S MASS	Order of Mass	Profession of Faith	Preface	Eucharistic Prayer	Communion Rite
Mass Readings 167	7	11 / 12	68	23	56

Confessions - Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph's: Confessions are being heard before Holy Mass on Fridays and Saturdays.

Holy Communion can be brought to the Sick and Housebound on the First Friday of the month. Please contact Fr Amal or Deacon Pat or Deacon Kevin.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Dear Friends in Christ: This Sunday, 20th November, is the **Feast of Christ the King**, the last Sunday of Year C (the Year of St Luke's Gospel) before we begin the new Church Year and the First Sunday of Advent Year A (the Year of St Matthew's Gospel).

The Feast of Christ the King is always marked as **National Youth Sunday** which is an opportunity to recognise young people as a gift in the Church, enable the youth ministry and parish community to celebrate young people and affirm the contribution of young people in the Church and those who work with them. This year's theme is 'RISE UP!', reflects a call to stand up again, together, to find fresh strength and to help others to rise up too. - **With my prayers and kindest wishes. – Fr Amal**

This Week's 2nd Collection is for Catholic Youth Services.

1st Communion Classes: for the children those who are studying at **Non-Catholic Schools** continues on Sundays after the mass in the Church.

1st Confession on 21st & 23rd November at 6.00pm at St Joseph. Please keep all the children & their parents in your prayers.

All Souls Envelopes: November is the month when we remember especially the Holy Souls of our deceased family members and friends. Envelopes are available to put in your lists for those to be prayed for. Please place your offerings in the envelope then **place it in the basket on the altar**. The Holy Souls will be remembered at Mass's in November.

Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars for Advent are available at the back of the church, Please take your copies.

"Chip Butties", Tea and Coffee (Holy Redeemer): After Mass this **Saturday 19th November** "chip butties", tea, and coffee will be available in the hall. Children and families from our school will be at this Mass so do please come along to welcome them and also to get together.

Next Sunday - Advent starts on **27th November**. To mark the beginning of the Church's year there will be a parish breakfast after next Sunday morning Mass at **Holy Redeemer**. Do please come along to say hello to one another, welcome any new members that have come to our church in recent months, and enjoy a (possibly) cooked breakfast and/or croissants and tea or coffee.

St Joseph Advent Wreath Together: before Advent, on **22nd November** at 2.45pm, some of our St Joseph's school children are going make a Advent wreath and decorate our church. If anyone would like to join with them, you are most welcome.

Advent Event (St. Joseph's): In preparation for Advent and Christmas we will be holding a half day of prayer and reflection, on **Saturday 26th November**, on the theme "**The Christmas Cycle**", a series of readings, reflections, and prayers on the topics of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord. The event starts at 9:30 am with coffee, with the reflections starting at 10 am in the church. It is anticipated to finish at about 12:30 pm followed by refreshments. **There is a sign-up list at the back of church.**

Advent Day of Reflection - (Holy Redeemer): A Day of Reflection led by Christine in the hall on Saturday December 10th. A time to stand back from the busyness of the season and to reflect for a while. 10.30 am -3.30 pm. Please bring your own lunch. No charge. Tea and coffee provided. **There is a sign-up list at the back of church.**

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Classes For people receiving into Catholic Church: Thinking about becoming a Catholic? If you have been wondering about becoming a Catholic or would just like to know more about the Catholic Faith, meetings will begin soon. Please let Fr Amal, Deacon Pat or Christine know if you think you would like to take part. You will not be committing yourself to anything at this stage.

St Joseph's Family Masses: We would like to build up the Parish of St Joseph's by asking parishioners, especially Families, to become more involved in the Mass. Why not sign-up to:

- Meet & Greet,
- Read,
- Take up the Collection,
- take part in the Offertory or
- sing in our choir.

Please take a leaflet from the back of church.

Readers – A new rota for readers is now at the back of church. Please sign up. If you would like to read but are not on our current list, please let us know.

Big Church Clean (St Joseph's): (a date for your diary) - this will take place on **Saturday 10th December** at 10.00am. Please do come along even if you are not a regular cleaner so that the church is spic and span for Christmas. Men especially welcome!

Holy Redeemer Wulstan Hall Warm Space: thanks to all those who have volunteered to help make our hall available as a warm space for those worried about the soaring cost of heating their homes over the winter. **This will happen on a Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon.** If we could find another six people, it would mean that no one would have to volunteer for more than one session once a month. Please see Christine if you could give just three hours a month to provide hospitality to those who come.

Tuesday Mornings: "A space to be" - **Holy Redeemer church & St Joseph's** will be open on Tuesday mornings for anyone who might like to just pop in, say a prayer, light a candle or just to sit quietly for a while in what is a stressful time for many people.

Pershore Food Bank: Thank You for continuing to support the food bank which is busier than ever at the present time. Donations of dried and tinned foods are always welcome (No more pasta please) cleaning materials and toiletries are also welcome. You can leave donations in the box at the back of the church.

Missio - Red Boxes: To have your red box emptied, please bring it to church and ask for it to be put in the safe. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY BOX AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. If you wish to send your donation directly to Missio please visit their website - www.missio.org.uk. Please quote our parish code BIR151 when donating direct. Please contact Sue Allen 01386 561246 for any help.

Red Wednesday 2022 (23rd November): is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). It is a day to draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs. This November help Aid to the Church in Need to 'Break the Silence' on the persecution and suffering of Christians. In countries where they face discrimination and the fear of kidnap, violence and death, Christians feel that their cries for help go unheard. This is our chance as Christians to be seen, be heard and to make a difference. Please join us by wearing and using red – the colour of martyrdom – in solidarity, and by signing our #RedWednesday Petition. calling for justice for Christians in Nigeria who are facing violent attacks.

Newsletter Items: To help the production of our newsletter can you please try to ensure that any requested items are sent to me by 5pm on the Thursday prior to publication? – Thank you.

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The Solemnity of Christ the King:

Established by Pope Pius XI in the 20th century against the backdrop of the festering philosophies of Fascism, National Socialism, and Communism - this feast is designed to give special recognition to the dominion Christ our Lord and to acknowledge perpetually the supremacy of Jesus Christ over all men, nations and earthly allegiances. It emphasizes strongly the connection between Christ's kingship and His second advent (coming) to judge the world.

The Word this Week:

Today on the feast of the King of all Creation we see him at his most vulnerable - on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that he is the King. He is King because of the work he has done: all things are reconciled through him and for him when he made peace by his death on the cross. Next week, when we enter Advent we will be thinking of the King who will come again: to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation, especially frail human creatures.

Spiritual Matters

This Sunday we praise our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Whilst Jesus existed before the beginning of time, and He made absolutely everything, He is also our best friend; a friend who loves us so much, He willingly suffered and died to ensure our forgiveness. Despite the Lord's almighty power, He is always with us and He loves us, just as we are! Indeed, He came into the world to serve, rich and poor people alike, and He expects us to love folk too. Surely, if the mightiest King can do this, shouldn't we try and do the same? We may think that following Jesus' example is too difficult, and without His help this would be true, but His mercy and grace are limitless and His help is simply a prayer away. Let us ask Jesus to fill us with love today, and then pray that we will remain His faithful followers forever.

(Louise Bowen)

For Your Prayers:

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

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta