

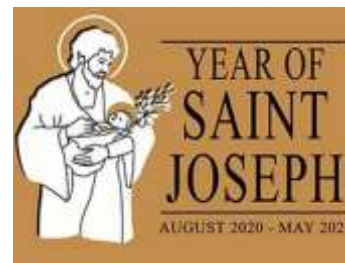


# Parish of Saint Joseph

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year B**

**4 – 5 September 2021**

## REFLECTION

The Gospel today, in typical Markan fashion, is telling us a lot in a short space of time. Jesus is travelling through the "Decapolis" – a confederation of ten Gentile cities – and happens to come across a deaf man with a speech impediment. In Jesus, God is active in the world and brings healing and peace, even if here He tries to do so quietly. This is ironic, however, given what takes place. The description of the Lord putting His fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle is similar to the action described in John 9:6. In fact, Mark has Jesus spit on the eyes of a blind man in the very next chapter (no.8). So, what is this saying? Firstly, it is clear that God does not hold back but is physically involved with us. Secondly, it is most likely that a very striking message is being sent through these actions. In 17th Century B.C. Babylonian epics, gods and goddesses would use their saliva to create. Here, then, Jesus is effectively claiming to be the Lord of Creation! Hence, why the people are said to be "astonished beyond measure", and quote our first reading from Isaiah. The long-hoped-for Day of the Lord has arrived for Israel.

## Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	04	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Livestream	50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Liam & Madeleine Close
Sat	04	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Not Livestreamed</b>	Thanksgiving (Asha & Ken)
Sun	05	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Livestream</b>	People of The Parish
Sun	05	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>MASS ON THE HILLS</b>	
Mon	06	Feria in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon	Livestream	Luzia Perreira Lobato & Fernando Neves Liu (Mama Bui)
Tue	07	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am	Not Livestreamed	Intention for the Priest (Liz & Chris Burger)
Wed	08	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		Private Mass	Mr & Mrs Connolly† (The Johnson Association)
Thu	09	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10:00am to 6:45pm	In Church	
Thu	09	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.00pm	Livestream	Holy Souls†
Fri	10	Feast of St Great the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	9.15am	Not Livestreamed	Anne Lewis – Birthday
Sat	11	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Livestream	Doris & Peter Flanagan† (Mary Wolfe)
Sat	11	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Not Livestreamed</b>	Thanksgiving (Tanya Davies)
Sun	12	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Education Day</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Livestream</b>	People of The Parish



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**MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S** is livestreamed via YouTube:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm\\_mPDRxzmT\\_ttow](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm_mPDRxzmT_ttow)

**Mass on the Malvern Hills  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept at 1pm**

**Park** at Black Hill Car Park, 3 Jubilee Drive. Car parking will cost £4.60 unless there is a Malvern Hills Parking Pass displayed on your car.

**We will gather** at a spot a five-minute walk from the car park. Helpers will point you in the correct direction on the day.

It is recommended that you dress for the weather and wear suitable footwear, bring your own insect bite cream and plasters; and bring suitable support if you have mobility issues. We ask that you maintain 1 metre social distance.

Bring a chair if you need one and a picnic to enjoy after Mass.

**Those wishing to work off lunch** can join Fr Naz for a 6 mile (2.5 hours) walk back to St Joseph's where refreshments will be served.

**CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS**  
**To MADELEINE AND LIAM CLOSE** who will  
**celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
**at 10am Mass on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
**All are welcome to their Mass.**



**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**  
**will meet Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
**at 6pm**  
**in the McEnnis Room.**

**THANK YOU**

"Thank you for all the kind words, greetings and input into our Benemerente celebrations. It was a really enjoyable Mass and all that followed.

A memorable day.

We were, and are, very blessed." Liz & Chris

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion  
for the Year of St Joseph**

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Son of God and Son of Mary, through the intercession of St Joseph, your earthly Guardian and guardian of the Church, unite us with the gift of your real presence, your Sacrament and Sacrifice, which feeds your Church along the path of holiness. Amen.

Since the start of lockdown in 2021, Fr Naz & selected parishioners have been writing daily reflections that are posted on the website. As the Parish is starting to emerge from COVID restrictions, we're reviewing whether this is still something the Parish needs. If you routinely read the reflections, could you email the Parish Office at [stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk) with your thoughts? If you enjoy them, this is an opportunity to say thanks to the contributors. Please let us know, as there's a finite upkeep to keep these written and maintained, and we need to ensure it's still a valuable service.

Please pray for the soul of **Marie O'Connor** †, Helen O'Connor's mother. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

**PARISH RETREAT**

**We are very fortunate to have Fr Dermot Byrne of the Mill Hill Fathers coming to St Joseph to lead our parish retreat. The proposed series of talks is as follows:**

**Friday September 24th**

7pm to 7:45pm – Imagination and Faith, Joseph the Just Man

**Saturday September 25th**

10am – Mass

10:30am – 11:15am – Joseph: Listener & Man of Faith

6pm – Mass

7pm to 7:45pm – Joseph: Worker & Family Man

**Sunday September 26th**

10am – Mass

11am to 11:30am – Coffee in The McEnnis Room

11:30am – 12:15am – Joseph – Lover and Dreamer

12:30 – Bring and share lunch in the school hall

**PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish:** *Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Arthur & Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Jonah Willis, Anne-Marie Elder, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. Amen*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Mass will be at 3pm. Bring your own chair.

**Youth Group** meets on Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm in the McEnnis Room. Anyone from year 7 through year 11 is welcome.

**Confirmation classes** for this year's cohort at St Joseph's begin at 4:30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept in the McEnnis Room.

**First Holy Communion (FHC) Introductory Parents' Meeting** will be in the Church from 6 to 7pm on Sun 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept. At least one parent from each FHC family must come. Children are welcome and activities will be provided for them. **Please return FHC registration forms to the parish office no later than Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

**Annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 12 noon, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at St Chads.** Any couple may attend but will need to register via [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk). The search is on to find the longest married couple in the diocese & to invite all those celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2021 from 1<sup>st</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup> & every year after that. All these couples & those preparing to be married in 2021 will be included in the Mass booklet.

**The Angry Course – Too angry? Or not angry enough?** Lytton Well is offering a course for people who struggle to control their anger and people who hide their anger. For more info and an application go to: <https://www.thewellcounselling.co.uk/training>

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service.