

## REFLECTION

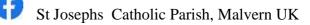
#### Ezekiel 17: 22–24; Psalm 91 (92); 2 Corinthians 5: 6–10; Mark 4: 26–34

This Sunday, the Old Testament reading, Psalm and Gospel alike, all encouraged us to draw from the wisdom of God as expressed throughout the natural world. In the First Reading, Ezekiel uses a shoot from a mighty cedar tree to describe how the Kingdom of God will grow, and to describe how intimately God is at work throughout creation. The psalmist sings of the cedar of Lebanon and the palm-tree. Those whose life is rooted in the Lord will always bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom Parables in the Gospel draw on similar images of God's seeds of love and truth slowly growing and bearing fruit in ways that we often cannot see, and fail to understand fully. The Kingdom of God is within us and around us. Perhaps in our prayer for this coming week, we can make a special effort to look more deeply at nature on our doorstep and connect more meaningfully with it.

#### Masses, Services & Intentions

Fri	11	SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9:15am	School Mass	School Mass - Ash Class (years 3 & 4) school hall
Fri	11	SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS	12.00 noon	Public Mass Livestream	Mary Martin 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (Anne & Paul Lewis and W & P Broadbent)
Sat	12	WEDDING SERVICE	12.30 pm	Private Mass Livestream	Viv Jones & Allan Fox
Sat	12	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Public Mass No Livestream	Ted Lawrence 🕆 7th Ann. (Gemma Lawrence)
Sun	13	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Public Mass Livestream	Christine Eckersley 🕆 (John Eckersley)
Mon	14	Feria in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon	Public Mass Livestream	Irene Bevan ⊕ (Lynne Harper)
Tue	15	Feria in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon	Mass Livestream only	Maria Alfonso ⊕ (Marielle Biggars)
Wed	16	Feria in Ordinary Time		Private Mass	People of the Parish
Thur	17	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 18.45pm	In the main Church Public	
Thur	17	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.00 pm	Public Livestream	Private Intention (Lynne Harper)
Fri	18	FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	9:15am	School Mass	School Mass - Holly Class (Reception & Yr 1) school hall
Sat	19	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am	Public Mass No Livestream	Private Intention (The Mainini Family)
Sat	19	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Public Mass No Livestream	Darren Pritchard & Wayne Bullock (Marielle Biggars)
Sun	20	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Public Mass Livestream	Private Intentions (Alan Hood)





MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed via YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm</u> mPDRxzmT\_ttow

**Please pray for Viv Jones & Allan Fox** who will be married at St Joseph's at 12.30pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Viv and Allan look forward to parishioners sharing their joy via the Livestream on that day.

We will hear an audio recording of Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter at Masses this weekend on the Diocesan vision: Unfolding God's Plan.

### The Parish Advisory Council

Nominations and Election Procedure for the formation of a new PAC and Annual Parish Meeting. Please read the information about this which is included with this week's Bulletin. If you receive your bulletin on-line and print off a/hard copy/copies for a/fellow parishioner(s), please could you also include this information for them?

#### Prayer of Spiritual Communion for the Year of St Joseph (2021)

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.

**Confirmation** If you are aged 11 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this autumn, please contact the Parish Office for a registration form. Confirmation sessions will be on **Mondays from 4:30 to 6pm and will begin on Sept 13.** Confirmation will be at 7pm on Thur 25 Nov.





### First Holy Communion 2022

If your child will be in year 3 or above next year and would like to join the group preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, please complete the application form on the website and return to the parish office as soon as possible. The programme will begin on 19th September.

GOSPEL SHARE on Fridays at 7.30pm. To join the Zoom Meeting click on this link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/98111276987?pwd=SIZrYSs1ai9FVH</u> <u>YrbU5OcHYyYW9vQT09</u> Meeting ID: 981 1127 6987 Passcode: 433646

Youth Group will meet on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. We will be playing table tennis and giant Jenga outside. Bring a spade if you fancy digging ground elder out of the borders in the parish garden!

**Blessed Carlo Acutis Exhibition 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June.** St Joseph's will host an Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles drawn together by Carlo Acutis who was 15 when he died of Leukaemia. Carlo was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills and deep devotion to the Eucharist. If you would like to volunteer to serve teas and coffees during the weekend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex before Mass or email the parish office.

The Catholic Truth Society (CTS) produces a number of very interesting blogs for Catholics. Have an explore at: https://www.ctsbooks.org/blog.

**The God Who Speaks** The Catholic Bishops Conference has teamed up with the Bible Society to produce a website: <u>https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/</u> for Catholics who wish to deepen their faith.

# OPEN GARDEN FOR NGS CHARITIES

**Rest Harrow, California Lane, Welland, WR13 6NQ** Malcolm and Anne Garner would be delighted if you could join them for their NGS Open Garden Day on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th June between 2pm to 5.30pm. Light refreshments and plants for sale. Adm. £5pp (all for NGS) children free. Advance

booking is needed please to help manage traffic flow in the lane. Please phone 01684 310503 or email restharrow@outlook.com for information and booking.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: 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** 

**Christian Aid Week.** A big **THANK YOU** to parishioners who contributed to the recent collection. THANK YOU to the stalwart team of deliverers. THANK YOU to those who agreed to their personal letterbox being a collection point. THANK YOU to those who gift aided their contributions. We raised £931 pounds in cash and cheques. THANK YOU also to those who chose to donate online or by phone. THANK YOU from Christian Aid. I'm sure those who will benefit from your generosity THANK YOU too!

# Dear Friends at St. Joseph's Malvern,

Thank you for supporting me and the seminarians in the fundraising event - *Quarantore*. It was a really good event for us with opportunities for prayer as well as being involved in raising £1,142 for a great cause. It was particularly encouraging for us seminarians to see the generosity and involvement of the different parishes that supported us! We have prayed for you all especially during those 40 hours. Thank you once again. Jithin Titto & Fellow Seminarians of St. Mary's College, Oscott.

There will be a second collection next week for **Day of Life** which helps fund organisations which support the dignity of human life and the Church's teaching.