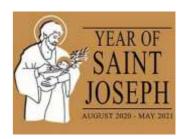


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13 FEBRUARY - 14 FEBRUARY 2021

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B Day for the Unemployed

#### REFLECTION

Lev 13: 1-2 44-46

1Cor. 10: 31-11.1

Mark 1: 40-45

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands Considered "unclean" — unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead. Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading — rent garments, shaven head, covered beard — are signs of death, penance, and mourning. For this reason there is more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing. When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel. Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet; He is God visiting His people. Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin and only God has the power to bring about what He wills. The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it. Jesus stretches out His hand — as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites. The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives.

#### Masses, Services & Intentions for This Week

Sat	13	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Mass Livestream only	People of The Parish
Sun	14	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Day for the Unemployed	10.00 am	PUBLIC MASS	Stan Williams 🕆 (M Williams)
Mon	15	Feria in Ordinary Time	12 noon	PUBLIC MASS	Tricia & Jim Murphy ⊕ (D & M Burger)
Tue	16	Feria in Ordinary Time	12 noon	Mass Livestream only	Paddy Rooney ⊕ (P & K Doran)
Wed	17	ASH WEDNESDAY Distribution of Ashes	12 noon	PUBLIC MASS Livestream	Margaret Lyon-Mercado ⊕ (M Wolfe)
Wed	17	ASH WEDNESDAY Distribution of Ashes	7.00pm	PUBLIC MASS No Livestream	Holy Souls (T Ingles)
Thur	18	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	9.30 am - 6.45 pm	Aldwin Room	
Thur	18	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	7.00 pm	PUBLIC MASS	Thanksgiving (S George)
Fri	19	Friday after Ash Wednesday	9.15 am	Mass Livestream only	Bernie Gavin ⊕ & Mary Liley ⊕
Fri	19	Stations of the Cross	7.00 pm	PUBLIC & Livestream	Edd Hogan & Altar Servers
Sat	20	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass Livestream only	People of The Parish
Sun	21	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Day of prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments	10.00 am	PUBLIC MASS	John Tierney ⊕ (C Phelps)



#### MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed via YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm mPDRxzmT\_ttow

# REACHING OUT ZOOM MEETING: TUES, 16<sup>TH</sup> FEB AT 7.00 PM

There will be an open Zoom meeting for the people of the parish to share experiences and ideas on reaching out to each other during lockdown. If you are interested in sharing what you have been doing or what we could do for each other, please send an email to the Parish Office and a Zoom invite will be sent to you.

#### MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you cannot attend Mass, you may make an Act of Spiritual Communion by saying:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament The Adoration Group organises prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each Thursday in the Aldwin Room. It is supported by a few very dedicated people who are on a rota so that there is always someone there. However, this group is so small that that it is difficult to find people who can step if required. Please would you consider joining this group? You need not commit to coming every week or month, but just to be part of a team that may called on occasionally if you prefer. Please see the attached article going out with this bulletin to learn more.

# FAMILY FAST DAY IS ON FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY CAFOD Lent The Big Walk for Water

"I am wasting my life. I am a young man; I should be doing something else." These are difficult words to hear. They were spoken by Abdella who lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It is one of the hottest places on earth. He spends nearly all his time collecting water just to keep his family alive. He walks for ten hours a day and is exhausted. He has no time to lead the life he wants, he must keep walking. Could you join Abdella and Walk for Water? Could you take on the challenge of walking 10,000 steps a day throughout Lent to raise awareness and funds? They can be walked, run or even danced if you prefer. Do you know anyone who would enjoy this challenge? Could you join our Big Walk for Water on Saturday 20 February at 2pm, walking alongside Abdella as part of our virtual event? Could you encourage others to join, your friends, parishioners or family?

To join in & for more information go to the CAFOD website <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Organise-anevent/Big-Walk-for-Water">https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Organise-anevent/Big-Walk-for-Water</a>.

Shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank this week: Tomato ketchup, antibacterial surface wipes, antibacterial kitchen spray, tinned fruit, jars of jam, tinned potatoes, tinned carrots, instant mash, ladies' shampoo, ladies deodorant, Size 6 and 6+ nappies, sugar, jars of coffee, UHT Milk, 1 litre bottles of squash, rice, curry sauce and washing up liquid. Donations may be left in supermarket foodbank baskets, including Waitrose, Morrison, Lidl, & Coop at Malvern Link, and also at Lyttleton Well. Thank you for your continued generosity.

We are invited to "prayer for the nation" at 6pm every day throughout February. Churches Together Malvern (CTM) hosts a Zoom gathering each day at 6pm lead by a different Malvern church each time. Fr Naz and St Joseph's Gospel Share will lead prayers on Friday February 19th and St Joseph's Angelus Group will lead prayers on Friday February 26th. You are invited to you to join in every day at 6pm. Zoom details are as follows: https://us02web.zoom.us/i/89157033760?pwd=UFRjU 250QVIwdkFmbVUxVE5KRC9zUT09

Meeting ID: 891 5703 3760 Passcode: ctm2021

## APPEAL TO DONATE MASS INTENTIONS TO PRIESTS WHO HAVE FEW OR NONE

The Vicar General's Office has asked for our help with donations for mass intentions. Parishes that have a surplus of mass intentions may send them to the Vicar General's office and they are allocated, by request, to priests based in parishes which have few, if any, mass intentions, or to priests who work in the Archdiocese but who do not have a parish. The office is now at the end of its supply.

Would you consider making a mass intention and donation to the Vicar General's office for priests who have none at this time? For any mass intention, please write your intention request, your name, and preferred mass date on the front of an envelope. If you would like it to go to the Vicar General, mark your envelope with 'Vicar General' Do put a donation inside the envelope and you may leave it on your chair at mass or drop it in the letter box at the presbytery. Thank you.

The One World Group Christmas Collection has raised £2250.08 so far and the group would like to thank all who have donated so generously.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the souls of Freddy Louise<sup>†</sup> (Chris Louise's father) and Robert Gallear<sup>‡</sup> (Jane Jones' father).

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

If you would like to be added, or add someone else, to the list of sick & housebound please contact the Parish Office for a form to complete.



This week there is a second collection for the LIFE Charity. Find out more at: https://lifecharity.org.uk/