



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**19 September – 20 September 2020**

## REFLECTION



**Isaiah 55: 6-9**

**Psalms 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

**Philippians 1: 20-24, 2**

**Matthew 20: 1-16**

In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations. This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first labourers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable (see Luke 15:29-30)? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy. Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late—after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today's Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. Our task is to continue labouring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

### Masses and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	19	St Theodore of Canterbury	10.00am	Holy Mass	The Edwards Family (The Mainini Family)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Beryl Gaunt † Thanksgiving (Parish)
Monday	21	Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	12.00 noon	Holy Mass	Bill & Diana Williamson † (J Bush)
Tuesday	22	Feria	12.00 noon	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Gannon † (P McCann)
Wednesday	23	St Pio of Pietrelcina		Private Mass	Fr David Duggan † (Johnson Association)
Thursday	24	Our Lady of Walsingham	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Private Intention (S Craig)
Friday	25	Feria	9.15am	Holy Mass	Mass in School Yrs 4 & 5
Saturday	26	Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pedro Goncalves † (C Goncalves)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Intention of Anne-Marie Elder (P Kirton)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

### HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S

Is livestreamed via YouTube every day except 6pm Mass on Saturday & Friday's School Mass

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT\\_ttow](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_ttow)



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION THIS WEEK

**SHORTAGE OF STEWARDS** Our parish needs more stewards for masses. Please would you consider stepping forward? The next training session for stewards is at 1pm on Saturday 26 September. If there are insufficient stewards for a mass, the mass will have to be said behind closed doors.

**Mass Attendance** Numbers at the Sunday mass are now over 30 so if you are planning to start coming to Masses again, it would be best to come on Tuesdays at 12 noon or Saturdays at 10am as these Masses still have good capacity.

**School Masses** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, school Masses will be celebrated with pupils at the school on Fridays at 9:15am beginning 18 Sept. **Therefore**, there will not be Friday Masses in church from that date.

### **School Uniform & Milk Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Uniform & Milk Appeal thus far. Our Parish has agreed to support pupils and parents at our Parish school throughout the coming academic year during these difficult financial times. There is still time to donate either by using the envelopes available on chairs at Masses or by BACS. Thank you for your generosity.

### **HOW TO PAY**

#### **Send by bank transfer**

Bank: NatWest

Business Account Name:

RCA of BHAM St Josephs Malvern

Sort code: 53-81-33

Account No.: 89263561

In the Notes/Additional-Information box add "School Appeal"

### **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.***

**Mary Williams and family** would like to thank everyone for the masses, prayers, cards & kind words following Stan's death. He would have been very humbled to know that he was held in such high esteem by so many. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness we, the family, have received. **Best wishes to you all. Mary**

**Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank:** tinned potatoes (all sizes), packets of smash, sugar, tins of meat/ham, jars of jam, tins of fruit, cleaning

materials and children's toothpaste. **Thank you everyone for your continued support.**

**100+ Club September Draw** took place on 15th September. Congratulations to the winners who are: **1<sup>st</sup> prize £90 – David Taylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £45 – Bridget Bache; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £45 – Ruth Harrison; 4<sup>th</sup> prize £22.50 – John Eckersley; 5<sup>th</sup> prize £22.50 – Dee Burger.** The next draw will take place in mid- October. The 100+ Club provides essential funds for church maintenance. Thank you to all who support of it. If you would like to join the 100+Club, or wish to have more entries, please contact Anne Lewis in the parish office.

**Gift Aid** Usually the diocese sends out an annual letter to each Gift Aid donor with a note of how much they have donated so parishioners know what figure to include in their Self-Assessment tax returns. This year, with most diocesan employees working from home, they can't do this. So, if you have not kept your own record of what you have gift aided to St Joseph's this year and need a statement for your tax returns, please email the Parish Office and we will forward your request to our Planned Giving Volunteer.

**The Ecumenical intention this week is for Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group** With the International Day of Peace (World Peace Day) on Monday, we pray for the cessation of conflict across the world.

***PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdult, Jonah Willis, Anne-Marie Elder, Jessica and Pim Van Ling. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them. Amen***

**Archbishop Bernard Longley will ordain two new priests** at St Chad's Cathedral this month. **Sun 20 Sept**, will see the ordinations of Reverend Sean Gough and Reverend Benedict Skipper at 3pm. Both ordinations may be watched via the **Cathedral's live stream**.

**Webinar Series: Catholic Investment for an Integral Ecology Part 1: Fossil Fuel Divestment Accelerating a Clean Energy Strategy** This webinar will give an overview of how Catholic Religious orders, dioceses and other religious organisations can divest from the fossil fuel industry and support a just recovery from COVID-19. More than 190 Catholic organisations around the world have taken the step of divesting from fossil fuel companies in response to the climate emergency. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/part-1-fossil-fuel-divestment-accelerating-the-clean-energy-transition-tickets-118279058849>

**This week there is Second Collection for The Holy Places.** The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.