

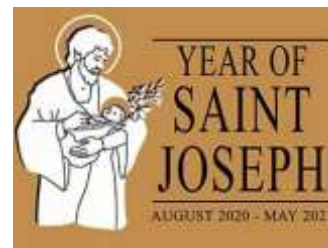


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Year B

20 FEBRUARY – 21 FEBRUARY 2021

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

REFLECTION

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm 25: 4-9

1Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Lent bids us to return to the innocence of our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle. And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation. We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God, living in harmony with the wild beasts, being served by angels. Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious.

This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness. As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

Masses, Services & Intentions for This Week

Sat	20	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass Livestream only	People of The Parish
Sun	21	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	10.00 am	PUBLIC MASS	John Tierney † (C Phelps)
Mon	22	Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle	12 noon	PUBLIC MASS	Eileen & Oscar Burger † (C & L Burger)
Tue	23	Lent Feria	12 noon	Mass Livestream only	Walt Masters † (K Hogan)
Wed	24	Lent Feria		Private Mass	Wellbeing of Martin Mgungwe (M Biggars)
Thur	25	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	9.30 am – 6.45 pm	Aldwin Room	
Thur	25	Lent Feria	7.00 pm	PUBLIC MASS	Thanksgiving (S George)
Fri	26	Lent Feria Lent Fast Day	9.15 am	Mass Livestream only	Nic Peeling Health & Wellbeing (Craig Family)
Fri	26	Stations of the Cross	7.00 pm	PUBLIC & Livestream	
Sat	27	Lent Feria	10.00 am	Mass Livestream only	Zina Cummings†
Sun	28	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00 am	PUBLIC MASS	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_mPDRxmT_ttow

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



**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 <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Organise-an-event/Big-Walk-for-Water> . **And look**

Helen and Chris Louise are doing the Big Walk for Water. If you would like to support them here is their JustGiving page, if you'd like to donate: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/malvernhillswalkforwater?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=malvernhillswalkforwater&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=5ccdb7571016412f98e4523e241106fb

Shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: 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 foodbank baskets at Waitrose, Morrison, Lidl, & Coop at Malvern Link, and also at Lyttleton Well.** Thank you for your continued generosity.

Calling All Altar Servers Fr Naz would like to have a Zoom catch-up with all Altar Servers on Tue 2 Mar at 7pm. If you would like a Zoom invite, please send Fr Naz an email. This will be an opportunity to say "hello" and touch base before the Guild of St Stephen Thanksgiving Mass on Sat 6 Mar at 10am.

World Day of Prayer 2021 will take place on Fri 5 Mar at 2pm via Zoom and by telephone on the day and on Youtube afterwards. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu, an archipelago of 80 beautiful tropical islands 2000 miles east of Australia. The service is titled: **Build on a Strong Foundation**. If you would like to "attend" please contact Mary-Rose for the meeting ID and passcode or phone number on maryrose.hughes@gmail.com, 01684 560 139 or 07588633751.

Ask a Theologian Anything You Like! Sunday Feb 28 at 1.45pm with Prof. Tom O'Loughlin, Dr Jordan Pullicino and David McLoughlin. Email actabhm@gmail.com for an invitation.

A New Imagination of the Possible: An Update on the Covid 19 Commission with Fr Augusto Zampini-Davies, Adjunct Secretary to the Commission Wed 3 Mar 2021 at 7pm. Register via the national ACTA website, <https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Group organises prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each Thursday. Please 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.

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. **St Joseph's Angelus Group will lead prayers on Fri 26 Feb.** You are invited to you to join in every day at 6pm. Zoom details are as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89157033760?pwd=UFRjU250QVlwdkFmbVUxVE5KRC9zUT09> Meeting ID: 891 5703 3760 Passcode: ctm2021

PLEASE PRAY FOR the souls of Zina Cummings† (Vicki Alfonso's mother) who died on Thursday morning and **Freddy Louise†** (Chris Louise's father) who was buried this past Tuesday.

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. Amen*

Coronavirus Safety Measures in Church will continue for some time to come. We ask that all parishioners attending Mass continue to wear face coverings and sanitise hands on arrival and departure. We will also continue ventilating the church by keeping doors open. Thank you all for your co-operation.

Next Week there is a second Collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day.