

# Parish of Saint Joseph Malvern

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

29 August – 30 August 2020

Reflection - Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16: 21-27



Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach. But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (Jeremiah 20:11-12) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (Hebrews 12:5-7). What Jeremiah learns, Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God. Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter. This too is our natural temptation—to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

#### **Masses and Intentions for This Week**

| Saturday  | 29 | Memorial o fBeheading of St John the Baptist, Martyr      | 10.00am         | Holy Mass       |  |
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| Saturday  | 29 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME                     | 6.00pm          | Holy Mass       | Louisa Park †<br>(Fr Naz)                    |
| Sunday    | 30 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME                     | 10.00am         | Holy Mass       | People of The Parish                         |
| Monday    | 31 | Bank Holiday<br>St Aidan, Bishop                          | NO MASS         |                 |  |
| Tuesday   | 1  | Feria   | 12.00 noon      | Holy Mass       | Funeral Mass for Stan Williams               |
| Wednesday | 2  | Feria   |                 | Private<br>Mass | Cannon Peter Taylor<br>(Johnson Association) |
| Thursday  | 3  |   | 1pm -<br>6:45pm | Exposition      |  |
| Thursday  | 3  | Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church | 7.00pm          | Holy Mass       | Ashley Walker - Birthday (Craig Family)      |
| Friday    | 4  | St Cuthbert   | 9.15am          | Holy Mass       | Private Intention (D Craig)                  |
| Saturday  | 5  | Our Lady on Saturday                                      | 10.00am         | Holy Mass       | People of the Parish                         |
| Saturday  | 5  | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME                      | 6.00pm          | Holy Mass       | Gail Anderson ⊕<br>(D& L Lucas)              |
| Sunday    | 6  | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME                      | 10.00am         | Holy Mass       | Stanley Chetwood ⊕<br>(Fr Naz)               |



#### **HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S**

## Is livestreamed via YouTube every day <u>except 6pm Mass on Saturday</u> https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT ttow

New Web-streaming cameras and Sound System During this week the new camera and microphones have been installed in the church and they have been tested. Thank you to Simon & Jason from Keystone Sounds Systems for all their professional work during the week and to Al Hood for all his work in sourcing and supporting the installation team. Enjoy the web-streaming on the Youtube channel shown above.

Congratulations to Jonathan Powell who was baptised and confirmed at St Joseph's last Sunday. He will receive his First Holy Communion at this Sunday's 10 am Mass.

Our prayers and best wishes go to him and Carys as they prepare for their wedding next week.

The funeral of Stan Williams will take place on Tuesday 1 September at 12 noon. Due to restrictions on the number of seats available in the church, attendance is by invitation only. However, you may follow the service live via the web-streaming link if you are not coming to the funeral mass but would like to share in the service.

We welcome back the pupils and staff of St Joseph's School as they start their new term this coming week.

School Uniform & Milk Appeal Our Parish has agreed to support pupils and parents at our Parish School throughout the coming academic year during this difficult financial time. We are appealing on Education Sunday 12th/13th September for donations to help towards the cost of uniform and milk throughout the year for those in financial difficulties.

**Jithin Titto and his fellow seminarians** begin their studies at Oscott College next week. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Raymond Bree** is looking for someone to him help keep the small garden area around his bungalow tidy. If you can help please contact Chris Park on 01684 560071.

#### 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter are excited to announce a new Online Experience for marriage enrichment. For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, it offers a unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. During the Coronavirus pandemic our residential retreats have had to be cancelled so we are reaching out to couples who want to deepen their relationship by offering a newly energised video conferenced retreat. The next Marriage Encounter Online Experience is 26 & 27 September 2020. Find out more at www.org.uk or contact us on 0845 260 2016.

**Birmingham Justice & Peace Assembly.** This will take place via Zoom on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. For information & booking please go to https://bit.ly/JPassembly2020

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.

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased especially Gail Anderson (sister to Lindsay Lucas) and our faithful parish servant Stan Williams.

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 and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them. Amen