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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

29 February - 01 March 2020

'Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned'.

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THE GOD WHO SPEAKS THIS WEEK

As we move into this holy season of Lent, the readings slowly begin to prepare us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. The First Reading teaches us how Eve and Adam had ambitions for equality with God, leading to the beginning of our sense of alienation from the Divine. For Paul (Second Reading), death signifies being cut off from a relationship with God, whereas life invokes an image of friendship and union with God. Through the life of Jesus, the new Adam, we are all restored to that friendship. In the Gospel, Jesus, though genuinely tempted in the wilderness, remains faithful to his Father. He is resolute in resisting the devil's seductive, reasonable-sounding temptations. Let's begin the season of Lent by inviting God to show us how to find the freedom of spirit to live with open-hearted generosity, and to rediscover the joy and freedom in living for others, as did.

Mass Times and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	29	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	
Saturday	29	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	01	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of Wolfe Family † (M Wolfe)
Monday	02	Feast of St Chad	12 noon	Holy Mass	
Tuesday	03	Lent Feria	9.15 am	Holy Mass School Years 1 & 2 attending	June Morton † (J Horne)
Wednesday	04	St Casimir	9.15 am	Communion Service	
Thursday	05	Lent Feria	9.00 am 6.45 pm 7.00 pm	Exposition Benediction Holy Mass	Elizabeth Nyirende † (M Biggars)
Friday	06	Lent Feria World Day of Prayer	- 7.30 pm	No Mass Service for World Day of Prayer	
Saturday	07	Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Mathew Vanghese † (T & B Jennymon)
Saturday	07	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	John Edward †
Sunday	08	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

Coronavirus Despite the low risk to the public from Coronavirus, the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has advised Catholics with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from receiving Communion on the tongue or from the chalice.

Receiving Communion Please avoid self-intinction of the Sacred Host into the chalice. The Blood of the Lord must be received by drinking from the chalice directly.

Parish Office Opening hours this week

Monday	8.30 – 11.30
Tuesday	09.00 – 12.00 (Bulletin deadline)
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	08:30 – 12.00
Friday	CLOSED

Archbishop Bernard Longley's Visit 7 – 8 March Archbishop's Visitation Programme

SATURDAY, 7TH MARCH

14.30 – 15.30	Ecumenical meeting at the Lyttelton Well meeting rooms
16.00 – 17.00	Visit to The Avenue Care Home
18.00	Holy Mass followed drinks & an opportunity for parishioners to meet the Archbishop, in the McEnnis Room
19.30	Dinner with clergy

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

08.30 – 09.15	Breakfast provided by Young People of the parish
10.00	Holy Mass to include children from school
11.15 – 12.00	Parish Coffee in School & Archbishop's tour of the school
12.00	Shared Parish lunch in McEnnis Room
14.00 – 14.45	Visit to a family
15.00 – 16.00	Parish Meeting
16.00 – 16.20	Benediction
16.20 – 17.00	Drinks for Archbishop & parishioners
17.00 – 18.00	Pre-booked Individual Meetings
18.00 -	Meal for Archbishop & Fr Naz



The God Who Speaks Fr Pat will be leading a course at St George's, Worcester on the first four Mondays in Lent from 7.30pm to 9pm. **2 Mar** The God Who Speaks, **9 Mar** The Bible: The Word of God, **16 Mar** 2020 The Year of St Matthew, **23 Mar** Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word. All are welcome. Car park postcode: WR1 1UT.

Baptism Gabriella Maria Kurek, daughter of Robert & Magdalena Kurek, will be baptised at Mass this Sunday.

First Holy Communion The first Communion program will start on **Sunday 1 March, from 9am – 10 am**. The next session is on **Saturday 7th March, 10 – 11 am**.

Parish Magazine Copy Day for the Lent edition is **Sunday 1 Mar**. Please send copy to Margaret Rank at merank@btinternet.com or leave in an envelope at the back of church. All contributions welcome.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Friday 6 Mar is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day. This an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect a Family Fast Day envelope this week and give what you can.

Stations of The Cross during Lent will be held on Mar 1, Mar 15, Mar 22, Mar 29 and Apr 5 at 5.00pm.

Belmont Abbey Day of Recollection 14 Mar. If anyone who is going could give Anne Garner a lift, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

Thursday Group will meet on **Thurs Mar 5 at 2pm** to share memories of growing up. Visitors are welcome.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Catholics in China We pray that the Church in China may persevere its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

World Day Of Prayer 2020 The women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service, which will take place on **Friday 6 Mar at St Leonard's Church, Newland at 2pm** and here at **St. Joseph's at 7.30pm**. The service lasts an 1 hour & refreshments are served after each service. All are welcome - men, women, children.

100+Club Draw Results for 16 Feb: £90 Maureen Douglas; £45 Pat Taylor; £45 Bridget Bache; £22.50 Liz Griffin; £22.50 Jean Horne. Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will be on Sunday 15 Mar. Thank you to everyone who is taking part.

Parish Car Park. On Sunday mornings, & at certain other times, the car park can become very congested. If you are able, please consider parking nearby so that older/disabled members and those of our community with young children can have easier & safer access and use of the car park at these times?

Climate Group We will be showing the film "Global Caring, Living in Harmony with God's Creation," on **Mar 23 at 7pm** in the McEnnis Room.

Eco-Greenhouse Project. St Joseph's School is collecting 1,300 2 litre round plastic bottles to build a greenhouse. Please leave bottles in the Narthex.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: Ladies shampoo, Men's shower gel, Men's deodorants, tinned custard, tinned fruit, jam, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, bottles of tomato ketchup, sugar, UHT milk, kitchen rolls, men's razors, washing up liquid, surface cleaner, small and medium bio and non-bio washing powder. Thank you all so much for you continued support and generosity.

The ecumenical intention this week is for Life Church – Malvern Hill; Church plant of the Newfrontiers family of churches meeting at Malvern Vale Community Centre; its youth outreach and children's work; community involvement; World Day of Prayer & its organising committee; The Malvern Festival of Ideas - A Brave New World?

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at 10.30 on Saturdays or by appointment. 01684 574250

Anointing of the Sick To arrange an anointing please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574250.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gabrielle Evans who died recently. Her funeral will be at 11.30 am, on Friday 20th March, here at St Joseph's.

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

This week there is a Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

Next week there is a Second Collection for CAFOD.