

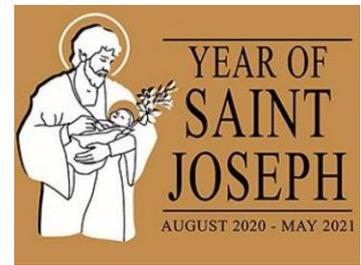


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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

31 July to 01 August 2021

REFLECTION

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Psalm 78:3-4, 23, 54 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 4: 24-35

The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life. The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading. It helps to see times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith. As Paul reminds us in this week's Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made. Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food. Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him.

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	31	Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola	10.00am	Public Mass Livestream	People of The Parish
Sat	31	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Public Mass No Livestream	Gail Anderson † (Lindsay & David Lucas)
Sun	01	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Public Mass Livestream	Private Intention (Edyta Mills)
Mon	02	Feria in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon	Public Mass Livestream	Brian Whalley † (Viv Fox)
Tue	03	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15am	Public Mass Livestream	For the Parish Office (Pauline Kirton)
Wed	04	Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest		Private Mass	O'Dwyer Family of Stoubridge (The Johnson Association)
Thu	05	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10:00am to 6:45pm	In Church Public	
Thu	05	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.00pm		Prisoners & their Families (Theresa Ingles)
Fri	06	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	9.15am	Public Mass Livestream	Thanksgiving (The Craig Family)
Sat	07	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Public Mass Livestream	Margaret Lyon-Mercado † (Mary Wolfe)
Sat	07	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Public Mass No Livestream	Mike Clarke † Birthday (Carys Clarke)
Sun	08	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Public Mass Livestream	Emily & Rebecca Moore † (Sara Moore)



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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_mPDRxzmT_ttow

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The new PAC members are: Peter Armstrong (Chair), Chris Park, Zbigniew Twarowski, Sue Stubbings, Chris Louise, Helen Morgan, Mary Taylor, Virginia Lee, Susan Van Ling, Cathy Showell, Barbary Wortley and Marion Haley.

NEW RULES AT MASS FROM MONDAY 19th JULY

Though the infection rate appears to be falling, we believe this is due to a drop in testing so will continue to do what we can to limit the spread of the virus amongst those who have not yet been vaccinated (everyone under the age of 17) and those for whom vaccination has not triggered an adequate immune response.

Therefore, we will keep all our current COVID-19 safety measures in place. We thank you for continuing to do the following:

- wearing masks whilst inside church
- disinfecting hands upon arrival & departure
- maintaining at least 1m social distance
- remaining seated until a steward indicates it is safe to leave.

Doors are open during Mass for fresh air and stewards clean all used seats after Mass.

THEFT

Please keep your valuables (especially bags) safe when you are in church. A parishioner's bag was taken during Adoration. The matter is now with the police.

There will be a STEWARDS MEETING on Monday 2nd Aug at 7:00pm in Church. We will be discussing the new guidelines and agreeing how we will keep parishioners safe over the coming months.

HELLO, MY NAME IS...

With the retention of face masks in Church for some time to come, we thought it would be good to wear name tags at Saturday vigil and Sunday morning Masses as a reminder of who we all are! Colourful name tags will be available on arrival!

Seminarian David Bench will be on placement at St Joseph's from Mon 9th Aug through Sun 19th Sept. David will be looking for opportunities to practice his pastoral skills. If you would welcome a visit from David (Covid permitting, of course!) please phone the parish office on 01684 574 250. Don't be shy.

Foodbank Shortages: Cereal, tinned custard, biscuits, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, washing powder, men's shower gel. Thank you for helping!

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Would you like to consider being an altar server? We are reintroducing altar servers at our Sunday masses. This is also an opportunity to welcome new people to this important ministry. If you would like to learn more about serving and get involved, please contact Fr Naz or Edd Hogan (07500 639308). We will arrange training for you in small groups.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Peace Vigil Sat 7th Aug at 11.00am for about 20 minutes in Great Malvern Priory grounds overlooking Church Street. Annual public vigil to remember Hiroshima, Nagasaki and other nuclear disasters. Please come along and support members of Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group. **NB** This year, there will be no meditation inside the Priory Church following the vigil.

Young People's Virtual Seminar for 16 to 23 year olds on 10 August. Six speakers will cover the following topics:

- Mental Health, Faith and Young People
 - Understanding Religious life and Religious Orders
 - Understanding Finance
 - Understanding Canon Law
 - Knife Crimes, its consequences from a Judicial perspective
 - Laudato Si – Our Environment and Young People
- To apply please contact via the Head Office email: headoffice@ksc.org.uk

Root and Branch Synod 5th to 12th Sept. Inclusive lay-led synod with key note address by Mary McAleese. For more information and to book, visit: <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org>

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall Sun 12th Sept. Mass is at 3pm. Free parking. Please bring your own chair. For more information visit:

Prayer of Spiritual Communion for the Year of St Joseph

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Son of God and Son of Mary, through the intercession of St Joseph, your earthly Guardian and guardian of the Church, unite us with the gift of your Real presence, your Sacrament and Sacrifice, which feeds your Church along the path of holiness. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: *Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Arthur & Irma Bevan, 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**

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR SISTER SYLVIA

The One World Group's special appeal for Sr Sylvia's parish in Bolivia and the Covid-19 crisis there has now raised **£4558.27**. Sr Sylvia recently phoned Fr Naz to express her heartfelt gratitude for the parish's generosity. Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed.