



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

1 - 2 February 2020

'Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.'

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### THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other. 2020 is the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. During this year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new Scripture initiative. It is an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'. Throughout 2020 there are a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities there will be three themes of celebrating, living and sharing God's word. PAC will be looking at how these three themes can be brought to life in our parish community.

#### Mass Times and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	1	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Margaret Mills✠ (E and S Mills)
Monday	3	Feria in Ordinary Time	12 noon	Holy Mass	
Tuesday	4	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am	Holy Mass	
Wednesday	5	Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	
Thursday	6	Memorial of St Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs	9 am 6.45 pm 7.00 pm	Exposition Benediction Holy Mass	
Friday	7	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am	Holy Mass	
Saturday	8	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Paul Lewis Thanksgiving Anne Lewis

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR FR. NAZ & THE PARISH OFFICE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT [fr.nazarius.mgungwe@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.nazarius.mgungwe@rcaob.org.uk) and [stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk)**  
These new email addresses have been set up by the Archdiocese to ensure all priests, parishes and officers in the parish use the same e-mail format.

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

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

### **Parish Office Opening hours this week**

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	09.00 – 12.00
Wednesday	13.00 – 16.00
Thursday	08:30 – 12.00
Friday	CLOSED

**Blessing of Throats** Using candles blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord this weekend, there will be the **Blessing of the Throats** at the Midday Mass this Mon 3 Feb on the commemoration of St Blaise who was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the 4th century. From the 8th century St Blaise has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Part of the plan laid out by God's providence is that we should fight strenuously against all sickness and carefully seek the blessings of good health. So you are all welcome to the Blessing of Throats.

**Baptism Preparation** Baptism is the first and most important sacrament we receive. In order that parents are prepared for their children's baptism, preparation will happen in small groups after Mass on Sunday mornings, regularly throughout the year. If you are planning a baptism, even if the child is not yet born, please consider booking to attend the next set of sessions, which will be on 23 Feb & 15 Mar. Both sessions need to be attended. For further details please contact the parish office.

**First Holy Communion Programme** Parents wishing to register their children for First Holy Communion please pick-up a form in the Narthex, fill it in and return it to Sue Stubbings or to the parish office as soon as possible. The first meeting involving parents and children will take place on Monday, 24 Feb 2020 from 6pm until 7pm. Thereafter weekly meetings will take place every Monday of the school term from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The celebration of the First Holy Communion is scheduled for Sunday 14 June at the 10am Mass.

**Marriage Preparation** A parish-based marriage preparation course will be taking place soon. If you are planning a wedding in St Joseph's in the next year, please see Fr Naz as soon as possible so that you can be included.

**Thank you for the palms.** We shall have enough ashes for the next five years!

**Next PAC Meeting** is on Mon 3 Feb at 7pm in the McEnnis Room.

**Thursday Group** We will be meeting on Thursday 6 Feb at 2pm in the McEnnis Room for a talk on "Iran Unveiled" by Penny Platts. Visitors are welcome.

**One World Group** Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13 Feb at 7pm at Park Farm, Harcourt Road, Malvern. You are warmly welcome. Sharing supper. Do ring if you want more information or a lift. Rosemary and Tim: 562769.

**Climate Group - St Joseph's church** We will be holding our next meeting on 5 Feb at 7pm. If you are interested in coming along please do email Ginny [ginstarlee@gmail.com](mailto:ginstarlee@gmail.com) .

**100+Club Draw Results 19th January** £100 Jean Rogers; £50 Patricia Pettit; £50 Frances Mainini; £25 John Taylor; £25 Maggie Griffiths, Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will be on **Sunday 16 February**. Thank you to everyone who is taking part.

**Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank:** jars of coffee, pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned custard, tinned potatoes, tinned peas and carrots, tomato ketchup, baby wipes, men's and ladies toiletries, men's shaving cream, men's razors.

**Eco-Greenhouse Project.** St Joseph's School needs to collect 1,300 2 litre and 50 x 1 litre round plastic bottles to build a greenhouse. Please leave them in the Narthex. Thank you.

**CTM** There will be a CAP Prayer Meeting at St Andrew's Church, Poolbrook at 7.30 pm Monday 17 February. All welcome.

**Day of Recollection at Belmont Abbey** led by Fr Brian McGinley from 10.15 pm, Saturday 14 March 2020. Please contact the parish for details.

**What is Pope Francis asking of the Church? .....And of me?** A day with papal biographer Austen Ivereigh. 10am-4pm, Sat 8 Feb. Belmont Abbey, Hereford. Bring your own lunch, tea & coffee will be provided. Suggested donation of £12. No need to book. More details on the website: [www.belmontabbey.org.uk](http://www.belmontabbey.org.uk)

**The ecumenical intention this week is for Salvation Army, Newtown Road** Lt Sarah Griffiths; outreach to the community, work with mothers and toddlers, youth and children. The new Maggs Day Centre, effective operation of the SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol)

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for February: Listen to the Migrants' Cries.** We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Ann O' Donohue; John O'Shea who came to the parish in 1994 but has been unable to come to church of some time. Some of you may remember him.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of St Joseph's parish, including: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Monika Hill, Barbara Innes, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdul, Jonah Willis, Anna Tyack, 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.**

**Next Sunday there will be a voluntary Second collection for Racial Justice Sunday.**