

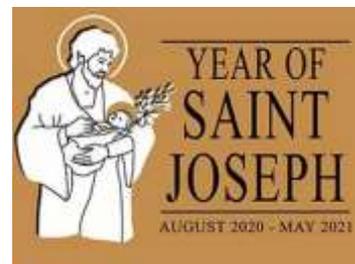


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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

4 – 5 September 2021

REFLECTION

The Gospel today, in typical Markan fashion, is telling us a lot in a short space of time. Jesus is travelling through the “Decapolis” – a confederation of ten Gentile cities – and happens to come across a deaf man with a speech impediment. In Jesus, God is active in the world and brings healing and peace, even if here He tries to do so quietly. This is ironic, however, given what takes place. The description of the Lord putting His fingers into the man’s ears and touching his tongue with spittle is similar to the action described in John 9:6. In fact, Mark has Jesus spit on the eyes of a blind man in the very next chapter (no.8). So, what is this saying? Firstly, it is clear that God does not hold back but is physically involved with us. Secondly, it is most likely that a very striking message is being sent through these actions. In 17th Century B.C. Babylonian epics, gods and goddesses would use their saliva to create. Here, then, Jesus is effectively claiming to be the Lord of Creation! Hence, why the people are said to be “astonished beyond measure”, and quote our first reading from Isaiah. The long-hoped-for Day of the Lord has arrived for Israel.

Masses, Services & Intentions

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| Sat | 04 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 10.00am | Livestream | 50 th Wedding Anniversary of Liam & Madeleine Close |
| Sat | 04 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 6.00pm | Not Livestreamed | Thanksgiving (Asha & Ken) |
| Sun | 05 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 10.00am | Livestream | People of The Parish |
| Sun | 05 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 1.00pm | MASS ON THE HILLS | |
| Mon | 06 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 12.00 noon | Livestream | Luzia Perreira Lobato & Fernando Neves Liu (Mama Bui) |
| Tue | 07 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 9:15am | Not Livestreamed | Intention for the Priest (Liz & Chris Burger) |
| Wed | 08 | Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | | Private Mass | Mr & Mrs Connelly† (The Johnson Association) |
| Thu | 09 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 10:00am to 6:45pm | In Church | |
| Thu | 09 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 7.00pm | Livestream | Holy Souls† |
| Fri | 10 | Feast of St Great the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church | 9.15am | Not Livestreamed | Anne Lewis – Birthday |
| Sat | 11 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 10.00am | Livestream | Doris & Peter Flanagan† (Mary Wolfe) |
| Sat | 11 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 6.00pm | Not Livestreamed | Thanksgiving (Tanya Davies) |
| Sun | 12 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Education Day</i> | 10.00am | Livestream | People of The Parish |

MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed via YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm_mPDRxzmT_ttow

**Mass on the Malvern Hills
Sunday 5th Sept at 1pm**

Park at Black Hill Car Park, 3 Jubilee Drive. Car parking will cost £4.60 unless there is a Malvern Hills Parking Pass displayed on your car.

We will gather at a spot a five-minute walk from the car park. Helpers will point you in the correct direction on the day.

It is recommended that you dress for the weather and wear suitable footwear, bring your own insect bite cream and plasters; and bring suitable support if you have mobility issues. We ask that you maintain 1 metre social distance.

Bring a chair if you need one and a picnic to enjoy after Mass.

Those wishing to work off lunch can join Fr Naz for a 6 mile (2.5 hours) walk back to St Joseph's where refreshments will be served.

Please pray for the soul of **Marie O'Connor** †, Helen O'Connor's mother. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

PARISH RETREAT

We are very fortunate to have Fr Dermot Byrne of the Mill Hill Fathers coming to St Joseph to lead our parish retreat. The proposed series of talks is as follows:

Friday September 24th

7pm to 7:45pm – Imagination and Faith, Joseph the Just Man

Saturday September 25th

10am - Mass

10:30am – 11:15am – Joseph: Listener & Man of Faith

6pm – Mass

7pm to 7:45pm – Joseph: Worker & Family Man

Sunday September 26th

10am – Mass

11am to 11:30am – Coffee in The McEnnis Room

11:30am – 12:15am – Joseph – Lover and Dreamer

12:30 – Bring and share lunch in the school hall

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS
To MADELEINE AND LIAM CLOSE who will celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary** at 10am Mass on **Saturday 4th September**
All are welcome to their Mass.

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**



MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
will meet **Mon 6th Sept**
at 6pm
in the **McEnnis Room.**

THANK YOU

"Thank you for all the kind words, greetings and input into our Benemerente celebrations. It was a really enjoyable Mass and all that followed.

A memorable day.

We were, and are, very blessed." Liz & Chris

**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.

Since the start of lockdown in 2021, Fr Naz & selected parishioners have been writing daily reflections that are posted on the website. As the Parish is starting to emerge from COVID restrictions, we're reviewing whether this is still something the Parish needs. If you routinely read the reflections, could you email the Parish Office at stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk with your thoughts? If you enjoy them, this is an opportunity to say thanks to the contributors. Please let us know, as there's a finite upkeep to keep these written and maintained, and we need to ensure it's still a valuable service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Sun 12th Sept. Mass will be at 3pm. Bring your own chair.

Youth Group meets on **Mon 13th Sept** at 7pm in the **McEnnis Room.** Anyone from year 7 through year 11 is welcome.

Confirmation classes for this year's cohort at St Joseph's begin at 4:30pm on **Monday 13th Sept** in the **McEnnis Room.**

First Holy Communion (FHC) Introductory Parents' Meeting will be in the Church from 6 to 7pm on **Sun 19th of Sept.** At least one parent from each FHC family must come. Children are welcome and activities will be provided for them. **Please return FHC registration forms to the parish office no later than Sun 5th Sept.**

Annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 12 noon, Sunday 9th October at St Chads. Any couple may attend but will need to register via marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk The search is on to find the longest married couple in the diocese & to invite all those celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2021 from 1st to 60th & every year after that. All these couples & those preparing to be married in 2021 will be included in the Mass booklet,

The Angry Course – Too angry? Or not angry enough? Lyttleton Well is offering a course for people who struggle to control their anger and people who hide their anger. For more info and an application go to: <https://www.thewellcounselling.co.uk/training>

Next Sunday there will be a **Second Collection** for the **Catholic Education Service.**