

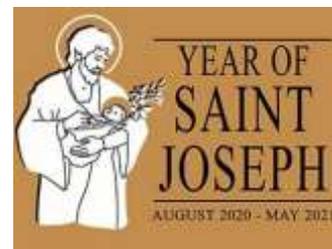


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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B

6 FEBRUARY – 7 FEBRUARY 2021

REFLECTION

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 147:1-6

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

In today's First Reading, Job's lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin. Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes. But, as we read today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the broken-hearted and gather those lost in exile from Him. We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel. Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself. Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins. Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel. Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

Masses and Intentions for This Week

Sat	06	Memorial of St Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs	10.00 am	Mass Livestream Only	Beryl Gaunt † Benefactor
Sun	07	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 am	PUBLIC MASS	Freddy Louise †
Mon	08	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Day for the Victims of Human Trafficking</i>	12 noon	PUBLIC MASS	Elvira Morrell † (Mary-Rose Hughes)
Tue	09	Feria in Ordinary Time	12 noon	Mass Livestream Only	People of the Parish
Wed	10	Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin	-	Private Mass	Intention of Lusungu Kacheche
Thur	11	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	9.30 am – 6.45 pm	Aldwin Room	
Thur	11	Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes <i>World Day for the Sick</i>	7.00 pm	PUBLIC MASS	Thanksgiving (S George)
Fri	12	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am	Mass Livestream Only	Sue Peeling – Health & Wellbeing (S and D Craig)
Sat	13	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Mass Livestream Only	People of The Parish
Sun	14	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Day for the Unemployed	10.00 am	PUBLIC MASS	Stan Williams † (Mary Williams)

**MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S
HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed
via YouTube:**

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm_mPDRxzmT_ttow

During this lockdown, if you are isolating or in need and would like help/assistance with anything such as shopping, or if you would just like a friendly chat please contact our outreach team headed by Liz and Chris Burger on 01886 832729. **If you would like to volunteer** to be part of this outreach team please contact Liz or Chris.

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

The next PAC Meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday, 9 February 2021 via Zoom. Please pray for this important group in its work of supporting and advising Fr Naz in all areas of parish life. Thank you.

CAFOD Lent The Big Walk for Water

"I am wasting my life. I am a young man; I should be doing something else." These are hard words to hear. They were spoken by Abdella who lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It is one of the hottest places on earth. He spends nearly all his time collecting water just to keep his family alive. He walks for ten hours a day and is shattered. He has no time to lead the life he wants, he must keep walking. **Could you join Abdella and Walk for Water?** Could you take the challenge of 10,000 steps a day throughout Lent to raise awareness and funds? They can be walked, run or even danced if you prefer. Do you know anyone who would like this challenge? **Could you join our Big Walk for Water on Saturday 20 February at 2pm**, walking alongside Abdella as part of our **virtual** event? Could you encourage others to join, your friends, parishioners or family?

To join in & for more information go to the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Organise-an-event/Big-Walk-for-Water> .

Shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank this week:

Tomato ketchup, antibacterial surface wipes, antibacterial kitchen spray, tinned fruit, jars of jam, tinned potatoes, tinned carrots, instant mash, ladies' shampoo, ladies deodorant, Size 6 and 6+ nappies, sugar, jars of coffee, UHT Milk, 1 litre bottles of squash and washing up liquid. Thank you for your continued generosity in these difficult times.

The One World Group Christmas Collection has raised £2250.08 so far and the group would like to thank all who have donated so generously. 🙏

We are invited to "prayer for the nation" at 6pm every day throughout February. Churches Together Malvern (CTM) hosts a Zoom gathering each day at 6pm lead by a different Malvern church each time. Fr Naz and St Joseph's Gospel Share will lead prayers on Friday February 19th and St Joseph's Angelus Group will lead prayers on Friday February 26th. You are invited to you to join in every day at 6pm. Zoom details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89157033760?pwd=UFRjU250QVlwdkFmbVUxVE5KRC9zUT09>

Fr Naz would like to offer **birthday greetings and prayers** for parishioners at Mass. If you would like your or a loved one's birthday mentioned, please send a message to the Parish Office by email or post.

Christmas Picture Competition. Thank you for all the pictures depicting the mystery of our Lord's birth. These (together with certificates) have been taken down & are awaiting collection from the Narthex when the church is open for Mass. If you are not able to collect yours, please let the office know. The pictures will be incorporated into a parish Christmas card this year.

Altar servers across the Archdiocese are invited to join the live streaming of the Guild of St Stephen Mass in March and submit a photo of themselves. The Mass will be celebrated at: **St Chad's Cathedral at 10am on Sat 6 March.**

For more information please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/annual-guild-of-st-stephen-mass-2021> .

Servers (young and old, vested or not) are encouraged to send a picture of themselves holding their Guild Medal, so that the Vocations Team may create a montage poster in lieu of the annual official photo at mass. If you are a server and need a guild medal from the sacristy to use in your photo please contact the Parish Office. If you send a photo to the Archdiocese, you could also send it to the parish office to go on the parish website if you wish to.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the souls of Freddy Louise† (Chris Louise's father) and **Robert Galliar†** (Jane Jones' father).

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: *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*

If you would like to be added, or add someone else, to the list of sick & housebound please contact the Parish Office for a form to complete.

Right to Life Prayer We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, & the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord, hear us.

Next week there will be a second collection for the LIFE Charity. Find out more at: <https://lifecharity.org.uk/>