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27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Year A

7th - 8th October 2023

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FAITH QUESTIONS

Isaiah 5:1-7: "What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes?" cried the owner of the vineyard. Could we have done anything to prevent discrimination? What could we have done to prevent? What can we do now to rectify other wrongs? What are some things you could do if you discover that all the "grapes" in your spiritual garden were all turning out small or sickly?

Philippians 4:6-9: "There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it..... fill your mind with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure". What would happen to anxieties in the world right now in matters regarding global warming, gun violence, immigration or racial injustice if all people embraced whatever is true, whatever is honourable, or just, or pure, or lovely, or gracious, ... anything worthy of praise?

Matthew 21:33-43 In Matthew's parable, the landowner leased his vineyard to tenants. Who are God's messengers right now? How can you somehow be God's envoy in your community, work, Church or the world? Will you move toward necessary changes in society?

Sat	07	Our Lady of the Rosary	11.00am 12.15pm	Mass at St Wulstan ROSARY at Belmont Abbey followed by Mass	
Sat	07	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass	Brian Davis RIP (Irene Davis)
Sun	08	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Prisons Week	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Frankie Theakston & Chris Michalak - recently married (Janet Lupino)
Mon	09	Feast of St John Henry Newman <i>Prisons Week</i>	12 noon	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	World Refugees (Helen Connelly)
Tue	10	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Prisons Week</i>	7.45 am	Holy Mass	Prisoners and their families
Wed	11	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Prisons Week</i>		Private Mass	
Thu	12	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thu	12	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Prisons Week</i>	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Tom & Family Special Intention
Fri	13	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Prisons Week</i>	9.15am	Holy Mass	
Sat	14	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Prisons Week</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Jay Hunt and Family (Frances Hunt)
Sat	14	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Prison's Week	5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass	Janette Pearson RIP (Chris & Tony Hoyle)
Sun	15	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Recovery of Tom Hogan (Mrs. K Hogan)

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed on some days via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk> or
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_tto

❖ **Pope's Intention for October: For the Synod.** We pray for the Church that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



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❖ **Fr Naz hears confession** in the Confessional from 10:30am until 11 am on Saturdays or by appointment.

❖ **GOSPEL SHARE GROUP** meets every Friday in the McEnnis Room at 7.30 pm for one hour. Please come and join in.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Anne-Marie Elder, Margaret Coleman, Jessica and Christine Smith. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. **Amen.**

RECENT DEAD

Please pray for Kathleen Bret who died in the week. Funeral arrangements underway

SPECIAL COLLECTION today for CAFOD Harvest Fast

OCTOBER ROSARY MONTH: Please join in the rosary 30 minutes before the Saturday Evening and the Sunday Morning Masses. After the dismissal of each Mass in October, we say the 'Lourdes Prayer' to Our lady.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Following the interviews held Thursday, 5th October Nazzarena Wood has been offered the post of Parish administrator at St Joseph's Church. Thanks to Chris Park, Zbigniew Twaroski and Ann Lewis for coming up with a very positive recommendation of Nazzarena (Nazz) after the interviews. Everyone will be pleased to know that we finally have an administrator appointed to start work very soon.

The Synod of Bishops started in Rome yesterday, Wednesday 4 October, focused on the theme: '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*'.

The Synod is, for the first time, including non-Bishop voting members, comprising of a number of laymen and laywomen.

SIGN UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX: For those who would like to lead rosaries in October and for Prayer partners for the confirmandis

Defibrillator training. Malvern Heartstart are willing to run 90 mins. training sessions here at St Joseph's from the beginning of Nov for groups up to 12. If you are interested please can you email Chris Park, parkct@btinternet.com. Please state if you can attend Mornings, Afternoons or Evenings.

GARDEN SERVICES: We are looking for a new contractor to take care of the lawns and hedges around the Church. All interested parties please send a message to fr.nazarius.mgungwe@rcaob.org.uk

A Corporal Work of Mercy: Visit the prisoner.

God calls each of us in different ways to serve Him and our neighbour. This prisons week you are invited to join a live Zoom meeting online to hear the testimony of how a lay prison chaplain became involved in prison ministry and evangelisation. Those over the age of 18 are welcome and there will be time for Q&A and prayer. These hour-long informal talks will happen this month of October and will contain the same content: Tuesday 10th at 20:00, Wednesday 11th at 20:00, Friday 13th at 12:30. For the Zoom link, please email claz.gomez@justice.gov.uk with your preferred day of attendance, and roughly where you are located. You'll be emailed back with the link.

Engaging the Disengaged: an online Seminar with Sherry Weddel: 21 November 2023 from 6pm until 8pm. The evangelisation group in the parish will work out logistics of the evening. It will be an important event during the Advent time.

Laudate Deum - Praise God!

Pope Francis has released his Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, 'Praise God', to "clarify and complete" what he started in 2015 with his Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'* on how we care for our common home. It was released at the end of the Season of Creation on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October

EVENTS

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER at 10am Mass: Enrolment of children for the First Holy Communion Program.

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER from 2.45pm: Tea and Coffee for parents of children in our school by the McEnnis Room

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER at 6.00 pm **Parish Finance Meeting**

TEUESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER at 7.00pm **RCIA:** The Church, the mission of the Body of Christ on earth

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER at 7.30 pm: **CTM Meeting** in the Lyttleton Well Hall. It will be devoted to 'Prayer'. All churches and associated organisations please help contribute to creating a prayer space. Please bring your prayer requests and simple prayer station information or activity to the hall at 7 pm.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER AT 11.15am -12.15: Magazine Meeting in the McEnnis Room

SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER at the 4pm Canon Brian McGinley will induct Fr Naz at Our Lady and St Alphonsus Church as Parish Priest of Upton and Blackmore churches.

SUNDAY, 15TH OCTOBER at the 10am Mass: Rite of Acceptance for those on the RCIA Program.

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 1.30pm till 3pm

Official opening of the School Library at St Joseph's RC Primary School. Parishioners and families of pupils are all invited.

CERTIFICATE OF LONG SERVICE

On Sunday, 15th October the Christian Aid Representative for West Midlands, Batanai Padya, will be coming to give a certificate of outstanding service to Margaret Allen who has served as Parish Representative for Aid at St Joseph's for the past 25 years. The West Midland Representative will also thank the people of the parish for their outstanding support to the Christian Aid Appeals and confirm and welcome Marie-France Hicks and Win Crawford as parish representatives

CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS ANGEL KNIT IN

A weekly 'Knit In' for the Christmas Angels in the Welcome Room at Lansdowne Methodist Church every Friday from 2.00 – 4.00pm. This year, it is intended to distribute the knitted Angels around Malvern in the early morning of Thursday 21st December. The group is for everyone, wool and pattern provided. Any queries, please contact Jenny Bull 01684 561307 or email jennybull10@btinternet.com.

Parish Magazine Copy Day for the next edition is **Sunday 12 November**, so you have a whole month to write something for us. All contributions welcome, especially if you haven't written for the magazine before. Please send copy to Margaret Rank at merank@btinternet.com or leave in an envelope in the narthex.