



# Parish of Saint Joseph

## Malvern Worcestershire

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### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Year A

8<sup>th</sup>– 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### REFLECTION

*Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9,11-13 Matthew 11:25-30*

Zechariah makes a prophesy that the Saviour will enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Horse and Chariot were symbols of power and war. A donkey was a symbol of humble work and peace. Horse and Donkey. Power and Humility. Violence and Service. **Why does the world favour a horse, God a donkey?**

"Meek" is a word mentioned twice in today's readings. It comes from a Greek word meaning 'not easily provoked'. Like a person feeling anger and yet staying in full control, able to turn it to justice rather than violence. Meek people lead the way in reconciliation, healing. **Who could you identify as 'Meek'? What practice could you adopt to develop a meek character?**

Jesus remarks how great learned religious figures (Pharisees and Scribes) cannot accept him, yet 'little ones' (the poor, those without learning, workers of the land) accept him. It is not necessarily learning that has proven an obstacle but pride and position. Within those who are 'comfortable' and 'satisfied' grows an inability to be 'open'. **Are you satisfied? Have you made Jesus comfortable? What challenge of Jesus do you find hardest to be 'open' to?**

### Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	08	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Holy Mass	Marian & Philip Longstaff RIP (Liz & Chris Burger)
Sat	08	<b>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEA SUNDAY</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Holy Mass	World Refugees (Helen Connelly)
Sun	09	<b>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEA SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Fr Michael White (40th Ordination Ann) Pauline Kirton
Mon	10	Feria in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	John Walsh - Return to health (Mary Chance)
Tue	11	Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	7.45am	Holy Mass	Bishop David McGough RIP (Johnson Association)
Wed	12	Feria in Ordinary Time		Private Mass	
Thu	13	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thu	13	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Tom Hogan - Recovery (Mrs C Hogan)
Fri	14	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15am	Holy Mass	<b>Sycamore (Year 5) &amp; Holly Class Reception</b>
Sat	15	St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10.00am	Holy Mass	Deceased of the Rees & Burger Family (Liz & Chris Burger)
Sat	15	<b>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Holy Mass	Laura Bader RIP (Sam Craig)
Sun	16	<b>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	<b>FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECEIVED SACRAMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR</b>

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYZ7CmmPDRxzmT_tto)

Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For a Eucharistic life



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

**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, Terry Warneford, 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:** Of your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Father John Darley, Retired Priest of the Archdiocese, who died on Friday 30th June, in Alicante

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Apostleship of the Sea.** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday, 9th July, is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

**PLEASE PRAY OF DAVID BENCH,** our seminarian who was ordained Deacon on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July at Palazzola in Rome

**Parish Magazine** Congratulations and thank you to Margaret Rank for working so hard to produce this year's Summer Magazine. This latest edition is now available at the back of church and will shortly also be available online. Be sure to get your copy.

**PARISH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION:** Congratulations to all who have received different sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. On Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July we shall have a Parish Thanksgiving for them and all who have received various sacraments in the past year at the 10am Mass followed by a Parish Picnic for everyone in the Presbytery Garden. Please fill in the Food you can contribute on the sheets in the Narthex

**Extraordinary Parish Meeting:** to discuss the future of the church will be held in the McEnnis Room on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. This is a carry-over agenda raised at the last AGM Meeting. Canon Brian McGinley and the Parish Priests of the parishes in Malvern Cluster will be in attendance.

**How to Build a Parish of Apostolic Disciples** 19 July, 7pm. Join Deacon Keith Strohm, Fr. Stephen Pritchard, and Pauline McEvoy-Williams at our upcoming online event and learn strategies on overcoming maintenance culture in your parish. Register today at [divinerenovation.org/events](http://divinerenovation.org/events).

**Noah's Camp** We are sorry to let you know that sadly Noah's Camp scheduled for **7-11 August 2023** has had to be cancelled for this year on account of very few bookings.. Strategies will be made to have other plans for next year.

**REPOSITORY** items are available from St Paul's On Line Store : 0207 828 5582 or ask Pauline Kirton if you like help

#### PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES FREE IF YOU CAN

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Diocesan pilgrimage and annual Mass for the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall – Celebrating 100 year of ownership of the hall and site by the Archdiocese with Archbishop Bernard as principal celebrant.  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Mass on the Malvern Hills with Bishop David Evans

**A Day for Catechists Saturday 23rd September.** Being a catechist is the responsibility of every Christian. A Catechist is someone who "echoes" what they have heard about Jesus Christ. We will be organising a day for all "catechists" and anyone else who would like to find out more about passing on the Good News of Salvation in Christ, on Saturday 23rd September, here at St Joseph's. Please keep that date free if you can.

**CONFIRMATION 2023-24:** The next Confirmation programme will start with a Parent and Child Meeting at 5pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Meanwhile all those baptised and not confirmed from Year Six onwards are invited to register for the programme. The Sacrament of Confirmation itself is with the archbishop booked for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at the 10am Mass. Please pick a form from the Narthex to register and return it to Fr Naz or Sue Stubbings as soon as possible.

#### COMMUNION 2023-24

Preparing to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion is a wonderful thing. We are inviting families with children who will be in year 3 or above in September, to apply for this Sacrament now. Application forms are available on the website. Applications close on 31st July 2023. The programme will begin in September.

#### RCIA 2023-24

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults draw closer to Christ and discern whether they wish to become Catholics. We will be having sessions for anyone interested wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, starting in September. If you would like to find out more, without any obligation, please speak to either Fr Naz or Carol Ann Harnett as soon as possible.

#### Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby is running a campaign to fully 'decriminalise' abortion, which would introduce abortion up to birth! Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth) to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

**Mission Unleashed:** an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm. Please see [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation) to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

**Pact Roadshow** You are warmly invited to the Pact Roadshow on Saturday morning, 15<sup>th</sup> July, in the Grimshaw Room. Archbishop Longley will open the event. Come and meet Pact staff and volunteers working locally. Jesus challenges us with these words: 'I was in prison and you came to me.' We welcome all, including those with lived experience of the criminal justice system and ecumenical friends. You can register via this link: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/pact-to-host-justicepeople-roadshow-in-birmingham-saturday-15-july>

