



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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**Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Psalm 31 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45**

**Social Acceptance** - All three readings today contain the Christian teaching on the need for social acceptance even when people are different from us. They also tell us that it is purity or holiness of soul coming from God that cleanses our lives. The first reading shows the ancient Jewish attitude toward leprosy and the rules for segregating lepers. This provides a background for Jesus' healing of a leper. In today's **Responsorial Psalm (Ps 32)**, the psalmist exhorts us to rejoice in the Lord because He purifies us from our sins: "I confessed my faults to the LORD, and You took away my guilt." In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts us to testify to our healing from the leprosy of sin by living changed lives, expressed in our doing "everything for the glory of God" and for the salvation of others. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus heals a leper, liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust and inhuman social isolation and ostracism to which the lepers were subjected.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	10	MEMORIAL OF ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN	10.00am	Holy Mass	St. Germaine Perruse MIC †
Sat	10	UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH	3.00pm	LITURGY	
Sat	10	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Michael Townson Wellbeing (Pauline and Viv)
Sun	11	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -World Day of the Sick -Day for the Unemployed	10.00am	Celebration of the Word and Communion with Deacon Sean – Live streamed	
Mon	12	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	12.00 noon	Holy Mass Lived streamed	Tom & Family Special Intention
Tue	13	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	7.45am	Holy Mass	Intention of Felix Stephen (Lizzy Philip)
Wed	14	ASH WEDNESDAY	12.00 noon		Pro Populo
Wed	14	ASH WEDNESDAY	7.00PM		Michael Townson - Wellbeing
Thur	15	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thur	15	THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Intentions of Sr Sylvia (Pauline Kirton)
Fri	16	FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Holy Mass	Mrs D K Buckley † (D.A. Buckley)
Sat	17	SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am	Holy Mass	David Jones † (Anne & Paul Lewis)
Sat	17	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (VIGIL)	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Eakin Family Special Intention (Bernadette)
Sun	18	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	10.00am	Holy Mass Lived streamed	Pat Pettit (Requested in Will)



**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 February:** For the terminally ill. We pray that these families receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

❖ **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.**

**This Sunday there will a Second Collection for the LIFE Charity.**

**BAPTISM:** The young Michael Doran will be baptised at the 10am Celebration of the Word and Communion this Sunday. Please pray for him.

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY: 14TH FEBRUARY**

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. It marks the beginning of Lent, a season of 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter Sunday. The observance of Ash Wednesday is marked by the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads. The imposition of ashes may be accompanied by the words **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,"** or **"Repent and believe in the Gospel"** emphasizing mortality and the need for repentance. Ash Wednesday serves as a time for us to reflect on our lives, confess our sins, seek repentance, and prepare spiritually for the celebration of Easter. It is a solemn day that signifies humility, mortality, and the acknowledgment of human frailty. We are all called upon to engage in fasting and self-denial during the Lenten season as a way of drawing closer to God. All the same Ash Wednesday is not just about repairing ourselves as individuals. It is also about re-establishing good and balanced relationships with those around us.

**ST WULSTAN'S PARISH INVITES US** to join and participate in two Saturday sessions in their Parish room after the 11am Mass (11.45am) on 17th February and 2nd March which we will explore our Holy Father's invitation to become better stewards of our planet. • Session 1 will look at Pope Francis' open letter 'Laudato Si', as we watch the Film "The Letter". • Session 2 will unpack the detail in that letter and discern how we can respond, with Martin Davis who will give us a guided talk through Laudato Si'. The sessions should finish by 1.30pm with a soup and cheese lunch provided.

#### **SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS PANEL MEMBERS**

Would you be interested in volunteering to be a member of a school admission appeals panel? The Governors of Catholic schools are responsible for convening appeals hearings if requested by a parent or carer who is refused admission to their school. The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service recruits and trains individuals to sit on appeals for Catholic schools within the Diocese and is currently inviting applications from individuals who would like to volunteer for this service. If this is a role that you think you might be interested in considering, application forms and further information can be obtained from: Mrs Rebecca Tonks Admissions and Governance Adviser Diocesan Education Service Coventry Road Coleshill B46 3EA Tel: 01675 464755 ext 110 Mob: 07443 404188 Email: [r.tonks@bdes.org.uk](mailto:r.tonks@bdes.org.uk)

**INVITATION TO THE YEAR OF PRAYER SESSIONS.** Fr Naz would like to invite all parishioners of St Joseph-Malvern, St Joseph's-Upton and Our Lady and St Alphonsus in Blackmore to come together for exciting weekly meetings reflecting on the "Our Father" every Wednesday of Lent beginning with 21st February and ending with 17th April which is in the Third week of Easter. There is a total of 9 sessions on the Our Father. The venues for these sessions will be by rotation between the three churches. This means that each church will host three sessions. This will be a great opportunity for the people of the three churches to connect with each other. Each Session will start at 6.30pm with a light Pizza meal sharing for 30 minutes (Upton says they will offer something special). At 7pm someone will give a 15-minute input followed by a 15-minute discussion/sharing and another 15-minute prayer to all finish at 7.45pm. Please take the programme home and do attend all sessions or as many as you can.

#### **Events**

**13<sup>th</sup> February 7pm to 8.30pm - RCIA**

**ONE WORLD GROUP APPEAL** – The delayed Christmas Collection for the parish's One World Causes in Bolivia will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a short talk at the end of Mass on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February at which time envelopes for contributions will also be given out.

**Churches together in Malvern-** Are hosting a **Pancake Party** – at Lyttelton Well Café – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm to 8pm – be prepared to wait – bring the family - there is no charge – Voluntary Contributions are welcome.

**Parish Magazine - Copy Day** for the next edition is Sunday 25 February. All contributions very welcome. Please send to Margaret Rank [merank@btinternet.com](mailto:merank@btinternet.com) or leave in an envelope in the narthex. Many thanks - and see you soon! Margaret

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION – BELMONT ABBEY,** Ruckhall Lane, Hereford HR2 9RZ, Saturday, 9th March 2024. Organised by Andrew Grant on behalf of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta. The programme begins from 10am with tea /Coffee and runs through till 15.30 with a lunch break in between. Cost £40.00 per person including lunch. RSVP and cheque payments to: Andrew Grant, Bransford Manor, Chapel Lane, Bransford, WR6 5JG. BACS PAYMENT DETAILS: Sort Code: 60-95-34 A/C: 74257804. The Menu choices are on the reply form in the Narthex.

#### **100+ Club January 2024 Draw**

**CONGRATULATIONS to the winners who are:**

**1st prize £100 – Oona Painter;**

**2nd prize £50 – David John Lucas;**

**3rd prize £50 – Angela Park;**

**4th prize £25 – John Taylor;**

**5th prize £25 - Georgina Sturgeon**

**Parish Lenten Soup Café** to support our One World Group will be up and running on Mondays during Lent beginning on Monday 19th February in the McEnnis Room, from 12 noon following the 11.30am Mass. Do come and meet others for these very sociable lunches where there will be a choice of soups and bread, followed by tea and coffee. There is no set charge for the lunch, but donations are welcome and will go towards the cost of providing the soup and supporting the One World Group projects. We look forward to sharing our Lent with you. "