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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

11 July – 12 July 2020

REFLECTION

Isaiah 55: 10-11 Romans 8: 8-23 Matthew 13: 1-23

Today's readings ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel, especially. We see that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit. The first-fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God (second reading). In this, we are made a "new creation", the first-fruits of a new heaven and a new earth. Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility. But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void (First Reading). His Word awaits our response. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

Masses and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	11	Saturday	10.00am	Holy Mass	Rev P Howell† (Johnson Association)
Saturday	11	Saturday <i>Feast of St Benedict, Patron of Europe</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Peter Verdult† (J & E Verdult)
Sunday	12	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Sea Sunday</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	People of The Parish
Monday	13	Monday <i>Feria</i>	12.00pm	Holy Mass	Enos Turnbull† (M L Gogerty)
Tuesday	14	Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.15am	Holy Mass	Isabel Margaret Kay (Johnson Association)
Wednesday	15	NO MASS			
Thursday	16	Thursday	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Ted Lawrence† (G Lawrence)
Friday	17	Friday <i>Memorial of St Kenelm, Prince of Mercia</i>	9.15am	Holy Mass	People of The Parish (Johnson Association)
Saturday	18	Saturday	10.00am	Holy Mass	Enos Turnbull† (M L Gogerty)
Saturday	18	Saturday	6.00pm	Holy Mass	People of The Parish
Sunday	19	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass	Louisa Park† (C & A Park)

HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S

livestreamed via YouTube every day *except 6pm Mass on Saturday*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT> ttow



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REOPENING CHURCHES FOR HOLY MASS

St Joseph's is now open for Mass. Two stewards greet parishioners at the Church entrance 15 minutes before each Mass. Face coverings must be worn by all who attend and a one-way system has been created in the church to help maintain social distancing. We need volunteer stewards. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sue Stubbings on 01684 541 716. If we do not have stewards for a Mass, then the church will remain closed for that service.

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.

Hear Mass by Telephone by calling 01642 130 120 at any time for the cost of a local phone call. Mass begins a few seconds after the phone is answered.

Support for Quarantined or Isolating Parishioners

If you would like help or support during lockdown, please contact the parish office or call Chris & Liz Burger on 01886 832729. (Your details will be used by parishioners to contact you only for so long as you wish us to do so. Your information will be held securely on the basis of your consent by the parish and those parishioners who contact you in accordance with the diocesan privacy policy at <http://www.birminghamdioces.org.uk/privacy-policy>. St Joseph's parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, registered charity number 234216.)

Weekly Offertory We are always grateful for parishioners' donations. As we implement strategies for making ourselves COVID secure, please consider making your weekly donation by standing order so that we minimise our volunteer counters' exposure to the virus. Contact the Parish Office on stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk for more information.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: anti bacterial wipes, kitchen rolls, J cloths, hair shampoo for men and women, bars of soap, washing powder (all sizes), washing up liquid, tinned fruit, tins of stewed steak, minced beef, chicken in a sauce, jars of jam, packets of Smash. The Foodbank has been **VERY** busy. **Thank you all for your generous contributions.**

Mission Today Magazine and Impact Report are available at missio.org.uk/mission-today Follow the link to read about projects that are flourishing thanks to the prayers and donations of supporters. Those little red collection boxes do a lot of good in the world.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

The OWG Summer Appeal is this weekend

If you come to church you can collect an envelope as usual, to return in the next two weeks. To learn about the appeal and to donate electronically, please go to: <https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/index.php/articles/one-world-group-summer-2020-appeal>

For information about the projects we support, go to: <https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/index.php/parish-groups/charity/one-world-group/40-one-world-group>

We can all make a real difference to poor communities worldwide and to our local homeless by supporting the appeal.

The ecumenical intention this week is for Residential, rest and nursing homes, hospices.

Residents, staff; all who provide day care to people in their own homes and in day care centres. Acorns Children's, St Richard's and St Michael's Hospices.

Sight Concern For parishioners with sight problems, help is available from the charity Sight Concern. Although the "Visits to your Home" service is currently not available, do please phone Jenny Douglas and discuss your needs with her now, rather than leave it until life is back to normal. Our parishioner, Lynne Harper, has recently been greatly helped by Jenny at Sight Concern and strongly recommends the charity's services. Contact: Jenny Douglas, Sight Loss Advisor, Malvern Area, Tel: 01905 723245, Mob: 07722 630217, j.douglas@sightconcern.co.uk Jenny's working days are Mon, Tues & Wed.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Stan Chetwood (husband to Margaret); **Louisa Park** (mother to Chris); **Jennifer Sturgeon** (sister-in-law to Georgina) and **Angel Ventura Moraris** of Sister Sylvia's spiritual family.

Anniversaries 19 July Mary Teresa Ferguson†

PLEASE PRAY FOR all key workers especially teachers, parents & pupils at St Joseph's Primary School. Lord, be with them & sustain them in their daily service. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdult, 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.

Oregano cutting: The H20 cafe at the Wyche Innovation Centre is looking for an Oregano plant - currently in short supply in the UK. If anyone has a cutting to spare, Pauline Kirton would be grateful to have it. Tel: 01684 563 004.

Next Sunday there will be an opportunity to make a donation for the **Apostleship of the Sea** which provides spiritual and welfare support for seafarers. In 2019, 8,084 ships were visited, 117,848 seafarers were helped and 648 received donated clothing. Details for sending postcards to those serving at sea and absent from home for many months, are available on the website: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.