



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A** **13 June – 14 June 2020**

### THE GOD WHO SPEAKS ON CORPUS CHRISTI

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16    1 Cor 10:16-17    John 6: 51-58

Jesus presents the Eucharist as both a challenge and a promise in today's celebration. He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in crude terms signifying a 'gnawing' or 'chewing'. Jesus is clearly testing their faith in His Word in much the same way that today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. Just as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse. In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when He calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature. This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us to believe.

#### Masses and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	13	Saturday <i>Memorial of St Anthony of Padua</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	People of The Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Anne Bevan† (L Harper)
Monday	15	Monday <i>Feria</i>	12.00pm	Holy Mass	Barbara Innes† (L Harper)
Tuesday	16	Tuesday <i>Memorial of St Richard of Chichester, Bishop</i>	9.15am	Holy Mass	Luciana da Silva† (L da Silva)
Wednesday	17	Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.15am	Holy Mass	Julie Lewis† (Fr Naz)
Thursday	18	Thursday <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	The Delaney Family (L Harper)
Friday	19	Friday <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	9.15am	Holy Mass	People of The Parish
Saturday	20	Saturday <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Jim Brooks† (S Witteron)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Day for Life</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Patricia Rooney† (The Rooney Family)

#### REOPENING ST JOSEPH'S FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

We are working towards reopening the church for private prayer in the coming weeks. To prepare for this we are seeking volunteers to help steward the opening sessions. Initially we are looking for volunteers to open the church on Sundays 2-4pm, Tuesdays 6-8pm and Thursdays 9-11am. If you would like further information on stewarding please contact Sue Stubbings on 01684 541716, otherwise please contact the Parish Office on 01684 574250 or [stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk) to leave your details as a volunteer.



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**HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S is live-streamed every day of the week via YouTube:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmTttow>

**Lock Down Children's Liturgy at 11:10am (after Mass) on Sundays via Zoom.** To join in, email the Parish Office by 12noon on Friday of each week and we will forward your message to Carol Ann who will send you an invitation on the Saturday.

**Hear Mass by Telephone by calling 01642 130 120.** Mass begins a few seconds after the phone is answered. You may listen to Mass at any time of the day and it costs the same as a local phone call.

**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.)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** by appointment. Please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574250.

**Anointing of the Sick** To arrange an anointing please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574250.

**Mass Intentions** Phone or email the Parish Office to arrange a Mass to be said. It has been a great comfort to many to have Mass said for loved ones and private intentions during lock down.

**We mourn the deaths of two teenagers from our One World Group Project in India**, both of whom died during the lockdown in India. Matheswan drowned while swimming back in his native village, and Dharani died complications after contracting jaundice. Two young lives prematurely ended. Rest in peace.

**Easy Fundraising** Shop online AND raise funds for St Joseph's at no extra cost to you. It's easy, just go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> type 'St Joseph's Catholic Church Malvern' into the search box and create an account. Thank you to the 17 parishioners who already support St Joseph's.

**Research Survey of the Catholic Community During/Post COVID-19** In partnership with Catholic Voices, professor at the Universities of Birmingham, Warwick and York St John, are undertaking a major survey of UK Christian responses to the present crisis and its potential impact on future perspectives of UK Christians. This survey is intended to capture specifically Catholic experience and help us understand it better. It takes the form of an online questionnaire. Naturally they need to secure as wide a response as possible and are very keen to make sure that 'ordinary' Catholics get a chance to take part so that the findings are as rich as possible. With this in mind they would like to invite clergy, lay and consecrated associations to take part in the survey. The survey link is here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6vvn3hh>

**Divine Renovation** is the answer to questions parishes across the world have grappled with for decades. How do we continue to bring people to Jesus Christ in a society and culture that are constantly moving away from that relationship? From declining numbers to passive experiences of church, the obstacles for parishes are real. If anyone would like to explore the resources on the Devine Renovation website you will find them at: <https://divinerenovation.org/> .

**Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank:** tinned potatoes, pkts of Smash, tinned fruit, variety pack of cereal, Weetabix, 1 ltr bottles of squash, tins of meat eg. stewed steak , minced beef , Fray Bentos pies, tins of rice pudding and custard, jars of jam, tins of ravioli, Small bars of chocolate and other sweet treats for children, antibacterial wipes, Shampoo / conditioner for men and ladies, shower gel men's and ladies, men's razors, toilet rolls , kitchen rolls. **Thank you all for your generous contributions.**

**The ecumenical intention this week is for Malvern Welcomes** and its work supporting refugee families in the town. Also, the local Amnesty International group. In World Refugee week, refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants; those who work in the immigration system.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for June** We pray that those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

#### **MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Fr Naz leads Exposition at the end of live-streamed mass on YouTube. During Exposition, one 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.***

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of Enos Turnbull** who was St Joseph's Head Teacher. Masses will be said for **Enos** on 13 & 18 July. Masses will be said for the repose of the souls of **Barbara Innes** at noon on 15 June and 2 & 10 July and for **Julie Lewis** on 17 June at 9:15.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all key workers who care for the most vulnerable in our community and 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, Jessica, Mary G (Pauline Kirton's stepmother). We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them. Amen.