

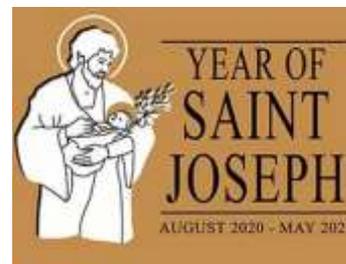


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year B

13 - 14 MARCH 2021

Days of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments / Dementia Prayer Week

REFLECTION

2 Chronicles 36: 14–16, 19–23; Ephesians 2: 4–10; John 3: 14–21

God's love for humanity is proclaimed throughout the liturgy this Sunday. The First Reading describes how the people turned away from God's wisdom. They became captives, not only to hostile invaders, but also to their sinful ways. But even though the hearts of the people turned away from God, God's love remained. In time this love would become flesh in the person of Jesus. In the Second Reading, Paul describes the depth of God's love and his understanding of the suffering of humanity. Paul explains how the incarnation, life and death of Jesus restore us all to the life we were always meant to live. Today's Gospel links Israel's story of exile with the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus. The deep truth at the heart of God's covenant is revealed to Nicodemus, who represents the ancient knowledge and law of Israel. Jesus brings light and love to a meeting that takes place in darkness and ignorance. Let us pray that our own hearts, and the hearts of all humanity, will turn towards the light of God's love. May we, in the way we live our lives, each make manifest God's love for the world.

Masses, Services & Intentions for This Week

Fri	12	Stations of the Cross Day 3 Novena to St Joseph	6.30 pm	PUBLIC & Livestream	Led by Isabel Vaughn Spruce Theme: LIFE
Sat	13	Lent Feria Day 4 Novena to St Joseph	10.00 am	Mass Livestream only	People of the Parish
Sat	13	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Day 4 Novena to St Joseph	6.00 pm	PUBLIC MASS No Livestream	Private Intention (M Mainini)
Sun	14	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Day 5 Novena to St Joseph	10.00 am	PUBLIC MASS & Livestream	James Kennedy † (L Harper)
Mon	15	Lent Feria Day 6 Novena to St Joseph	12 noon	PUBLIC MASS & Livestream	Douglas & Samantha Craig Wedding Anniversary
Tue	16	Lent Feria Day 7 Novena to St Joseph	12 noon	Mass Livestream only	Elizabeth Nyirenda † (Fr Naz)
Wed	17	Feast of St Patrick, Patron of Ireland Day 8 Novena to St Joseph		Private Mass	
Thur	18	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	10.00 am – 6.45 pm	Aldwin Room	
Thur	18	Funeral Mass for Zina Cumming	12.30 pm	Private Mass Livestream	Zina Cumming †
Thur	18	Lent Feria Day 9 Novena to St Joseph	7.00 pm	PUBLIC MASS & Livestream	Stan Williams † (Mary Williams)
Fri	19	Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.15 am	School Mass Livestream only	
Fri	19	Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon	PUBLIC MASS & Livestream	Zina Cumming † (Anne & Paul Lewis)
Fri	19	Stations of the Cross	6.30 pm	PUBLIC & Livestream	Led by Fr Naz
Sat	20	Lent Feria	10.00 am	Mass Livestream only	Sylvia Andrew † (The Craig Family)
Sat	20	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00 pm	PUBLIC MASS No Livestream	Sylvia Hargreaves † (M-R Hughes)
Sun	21	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00 am	PUBLIC MASS &	People of the Parish



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MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S
HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed
via YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm_mPDRxzmT_ttow

STEWARDS

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 16 March at 7:30pm via Zoom** for all Stewards. Fr Naz will send invitations. This will be an opportunity to connect, share experiences and talk about the upcoming Easter services.



Novena Prayer to St Joseph 10 – 18 March 2021

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became Man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil.**

(Please call to mind your special intentions...)

**St Joseph, Pray for us.
Add: Our Father..., Hail Mary...,
Glory be to the Father..., Amen**

APPEAL TO DONATE MASS INTENTIONS TO PRIESTS WHO HAVE FEW OR NONE

The Vicar General's Office has asked for our help with donations for mass intentions. Parishes which have a surplus of mass intentions may send them to the Vicar General's office and they are allocated, by request, to priests based in parish priests who have few, if any, mass intentions, or to priests who work in the Archdiocese but who do not have a parish. The office is now at the end of the supply.

Would you consider making a mass intention and donation to the Vicar General's office for priests who have none at this time? For any mass intention, please write your intention request, your name, and preferred mass date on the front of an envelope. If you would like it to go to the Vicar General mark your envelope with 'Vicar General'. Put a donation inside the envelope and leave it on your chair at mass or drop it in the letter box at the presbytery. Thank you.

Shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: 1 ltr bottles of squash, jars of pasta and Indian curry sauce, sugar, women's & men's deodorants, coffee, women's shampoo, tinned fruit, jars of. Thank you for your continued generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: *Michael Nealon, Arthur & Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, 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*

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Masses are planned as follows:

Vigil for Palm Sunday 27 March 6pm

Palm Sunday Mass 28 March 10am

Maundy Thursday Mass 1 April 7pm

(Those who cannot attend Holy Thursday are encouraged to say evening prayers which will be circulated with the Bulletin at a later date.)

Good Friday

Children's Service 2 April 11am

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Celebration of the

Lord's Passion 2 April 3pm

Easter Vigil Mass 3 April 9pm

Easter Sunday Mass 4 April 10am

Easter Sunday Mass 4 April 12 Noon

Booking To make sure everything is safe, runs smoothly and no one is turned away, we ask that everyone who wishes to attend any of the above Masses book a place.

From Monday 15 March, bookings may be made by phoning the Parish Office on 01684 574 250 or emailing: stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk

Please tell us:

which service(s) you wish to attend _____

the total number of people in your party _____

the number of children under 11 years of age _____

the names of everyone in your party _____

and a contact number _____

Booking will be on a first come, first served basis.

Coronavirus Safety Measures in Church will continue for some time to come. We ask that all parishioners attending Mass continue to wear face coverings and sanitise hands on arrival and departure. We will also continue ventilating the church by keeping doors open and ask that everyone allow 2m between them (or their bubble) and other parishioners. For those who might appreciate extra social distancing, Holy Masses on Mondays at 12 noon and Thursdays at 7pm continue to enjoy extra elbow room. Thank you all for your co-operation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the souls of Zina Cumming† (Vicki Alfonso's mother) whose funeral will be at 12:30 on Thurs 18 March at 12:30 and **Morag Duncan†** whose funeral will be at 2:15pm on Thurs 25 March. Both funerals will be livestreamed.

Reaching Out to the Homeless. Maggs Day Centre has launched a web based Crowdfunder with a website hosted by Aviva Insurance. The whole basis of crowdfunding is that people pass on the link to friends and family, the more people who see it, the more will make a donation, even if it is only a small one. Crowdfunders are time limited; this one runs until 22nd March. If you wish to support Maggs please use this link to donate and please share the link : <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/reach-out-to-the-homeless>