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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

14 March - 15 March 2020

'O that today you would listen to his voice: "Harden not your hearts".'

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS THIS WEEK

This Sunday's Gospel centres on a very personal encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Jesus sees into the heart of her being: he understands her true longing and invites her to draw from the well of living water. In Lent we are all invited to meet Jesus in a personal way. Jesus understands all that we truly need. So as we try to make time to pray during these weeks, we too can come to the living waters and drink from the wellspring of life that Christ pours out for all people.

Mass Times and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	14	Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	-	NO MASS	
Saturday	14	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	Christine Marsh † (M Marsh)
Sunday	15	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Roger & Wendy Eckersley (The Eckersley Family)
Monday	16	Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	12 noon	Holy Mass	Emma Simpson † (P Kirton)
Tuesday	17	St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland Dominic Barberi	9.15 am	Holy Mass School Yr 5	
Wednesday	18	St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	9.15 am	Communion Service	
Thursday	19	St Joseph, Husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	9.00 am 6.45 pm 7.00 pm	Exposition Benediction Holy Mass	All Prisoners
Friday	20	Lent Feria	11.30 am	Holy Mass	Funeral Mass for Gabrielle Evans
Saturday	21	Lent Feria	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Ingles Family Grandchildren
Saturday	21	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	22	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Jim Harper † (L Harper)

Holy Week & Easter readers and ministers if you are able to steward, read or minister at any of the services over this time, please email Edd Hogan at edd.hogan@marsh.com or call 07500 639308. Edd is preparing the rota for these important services. A paper copy of the rota will be at the back of church then so that gaps can be filled.

Please take this Bulletin home or dispose of it after Mass in the bin provided in the narthex.

Parish Office opening hours this week

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9.00 – 12.00 (Bulletin deadline)
Wednesday	13.00 – 16.00
Thursday	08:30 – 12.00
Friday	CLOSED

Archbishop Bernard Longley's Episcopal Visitation 2020

I wish to thank the people of the parish and most particularly those who contributed to the organisational success of the Episcopal Visitation to our parish last weekend. So many of you contributed ideas, services, food, time, and attended the various activities and events that were scheduled for the weekend. The archbishop was very much engaged in each item on the programme and asked me to express his deep personal appreciation of who we are as a community. I personally found each and every item on the programme very nourishing and will draw on that as we find a way forward for the diverse strands of our parish life. The meetings, the liturgies, the socials, the school and the provision of meals and coffee breaks were all a source of pride for me. Fr Naz.

The Malvern World Day Of Prayer committee wish to thank St. Joseph's for hosting the service on Friday evening and everyone who helped in the preparation and organisation of the event.

Stations of The Cross during Lent will be led on Sundays during Lent at 5pm. **One World Group will lead on Mar 15**, PAC will lead on Mar 22, Youth Group will lead on Mar 29 and Altar Servers will lead on Apr 5. All are welcome.

Closing Mass of the Deanery Visitation will be on **Wed 18 Mar from 7pm to 9pm** at St George's, Worcester.

Climate Group will be showing the film "Global Caring, Living in Harmony with God's Creation," on **Mon Mar 23 at 7pm** in the McEnnis Room.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Catholics in China We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel & grow in unity.

Parish Car Park. On Sunday mornings, and at certain other times, the car park can become very congested. If you are able, please consider parking nearby so that older/disabled members and those of our community with young children can have easier & safer access and use of the car park at these times? **PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK AT ANY TIME. THANK YOU.**

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: TOILET PAPER, Ladies shampoo, Men's shower gel, Men's deodorants, tinned custard, tinned fruit, jam, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, bottles of tomato ketchup, sugar, UHT milk, kitchen rolls, men's razors, washing up liquid, surface cleaner, small and medium bio and non-bio washing powder. Thank you all so much for your continued support and generosity.

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

This week there is a Second Collection for CAFOD.

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales recommends that all parish churches adopt the following measures to reduce the spread Covid-19:

- Have communion under one species and receive by hand only.
- Remove holy water stoups and fonts.
- Suspend the physical sign of peace.
- Stop use of shared missal and hymn books.
- Collection bags should not be passed around.
- **All members of the congregation** should wash or sanitise their hands as they come into church.
- **Eucharistic** ministers should sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion.
- Tea & coffee will not be served after Mass.
- **If you have cold or flu symptoms we ask you to refrain from attending Liturgy, public events & the sacrament of reconciliation.**

Thank you all for your co-operation.

The ecumenical intention this week is for St Joseph's Church, Newtown Road; Fr Naz, the One World Group, with their support in Guyana, Bolivia and India; links with Fr Vincent Ole Tendue among the Maasai in Tanzania; weekly Gospel Share; the SVP group, the Thursday Group, the Youth Group, St Joseph's Primary School.

Fairer Taxes for the Common Good A public discussion on Sat Mar 21 at 19.30 at Lansdowne Methodist Church in Lansdowne Crescent WR14 2AW.

Newman Association Talk 'Canterbury and Rome', Speaker John Inge, Bishop of Worcester. **7.30pm Thursday 26 March** at St George's, Worcester parish hall. All welcome – tickets £3.

Lyttleton Well Quiz Sat 18 Apr at 19.30 in the Lyttleton Rooms hall. £3/person with donations for refreshments, in support of the Lyttleton Well.

The Annual Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 23 to 29 May, will be led by Archbishop Bernard Longley. Please see the flyer in the narthex.

Noah's Camp is running from 10 to 14 Aug. Come encounter God and know his love in a deeper way. For more information, visit www.noahscamp.co.uk.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at 10.30 on Saturdays or by appointment. 01684 574250.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosey Chacko, auntie to Abhilash Pappachan; and Gabrielle Evans both of whom died recently. Gabrielle's funeral will be at 11.30 am, on Friday 20 Mar at St Joseph's.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of St Joseph's parish, including: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Barbara Innes, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdult, Jonah Willis, Anne-Marie Elder, Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them.