



Parish of Saint Joseph

Malvern
Worcestershire

Archdiocese of Birmingham
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

15th –16th April 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday

REFLECTION

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

Jn 20:23

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, the first reading shows us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy and sharing, sacrificial *agápe* love, practiced by the early Christians. They expressed their love and mercy by sharing what they had with everyone in need. In the second reading, St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting to His Son, Jesus Resurrection from the dead and a glorious Ascension into Heaven, thus offering us the assurance of our own resurrection, entry into Heaven, and "imperishable and unfading" Heavenly bliss. In today's Gospel, as we recall Jesus' appearance to the Apostles on that first Easter evening, we are vividly reminded of the Sacrament of Reconciliation – the power to forgive sins which Our Lord gave to His Apostles, saying, "*Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained*". Today's Gospel also emphasizes the importance of Faith in the presence of the risen Lord of Mercy. Let us ask God our Father to open our hearts so that we may receive His Mercy.

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	15	Easter Saturday	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sat	15	Blessing of Ukrainian Easter Baskets	2.30pm		
Sat	15	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	James Smith † (Jackie Smith)
Sun	16	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Brian Davis † (Irene Davis)
Mon	17	Easter Feria	12.00 noon	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Violet Odala † (Michael Blair)
Tue	18	Easter Feria		No Mass	
Wed	19	Easter Feria		No Mass	
Thu	20	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm		In Church
Thu	20	Easter Feria	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	
Fri	21	Easter Feria	9.15am	Holy Mass	
Sat	22	Easter Feria	10.00am	Holy Mass	
Sat	22	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Dorothy Brooks † (Sue Whitteron)
Sat	22	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	First Holy Communion Family Mass Live streamed	Jerry Chance † (ann) (Mary Chance)

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed via

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk> or
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_tto



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St Joseph's Catholic Parish, Malvern UK

Fr Naz hears confession in the Confessional from 10:30am until 11am on Saturdays or by appointment.
For Holy Saturday - if anyone wants Confession please make an appointment with Fr Naz.

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, Terry Warneford, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. **Amen**

REGULAR OFFERTORY DONATIONS

We are very grateful to all parishioners who have already set up standing orders to donate weekly or monthly to the parish. Thank you very much. If any other parishioners are in a position to donate this way, you may easily set up at a new standing order yourself using online banking.

Here are the bank details for our Planned Giving (Business) account.

Sort code 53-81-33

Account No. 89263588

Account name RCA of Bham St Josephs Malvern

Please email Mary Marsh on mary@mtmarsh.co.uk to let her know that you have done this. If you are also able to sign a Gift Aid declaration please do so and return it to the parish office. They are available on the website, from the parish office and in the narthex. Thanks again.

UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH will have their Blessing of Easter Baskets this Saturday, 15th April at St Joseph's Church at 2.30pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: 30th April 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide is World Vocations Day, characterised by the Gospel Account of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, giving this Sunday the name 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The Mass will be led by the young people of the parish. We need a number of young people to volunteer to welcome people as they come into church, take part in the readings and Bidding Prayers, taking collection and take part in the offertory procession as well as in altar serving and music. Those wishing to volunteer on any of these specific roles please contact Suzie at 07939511177. The Youth Mass will be followed by a question-and-answer session on vocations in the church ending with a bring-and-share lunch supported by a few pizzas. Let us make it a day to celebrate the gift of ministry in the church.

CHORAL DIRECTORS The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking up to five enthusiastic Choral Directors to work with the Programme Director to implement, deliver and develop the National Schools Singing Programme within the Archdiocese. The positions are suitable for new graduates, offering a permanent contract, based in Coventry/Warwickshire and in Staffordshire. To start this September. To find out more please visit the Jobs page of the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs

BULLETIN BY EMAIL If you would like to receive the parish bulletin by email please let the parish office know. It may be that you need to complete a Parishioner's Details Form to register with the parish. If you are already registered but are not getting bulletins by email then please contact the parish office. Thank you.

A CAFOD word of thanks Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill

NOAH'S CAMP RUNNING AGAIN IN 2023

7th to 11th August. Keep the dates. Inspiring Talks, Family fun, and more. www.noahscamp.co.uk 7961346343

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY 22 April 2023

Mother Earth is in danger. Systemic, broad-scale action is needed to tackle the climate crisis. Get involved, act now and speak up to demand action for the planet. Read more here: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/earth-day>

Being a Welcoming Church At Father Hudson's we know that so much already happens in parish communities, doing what they can to welcome the refugee, help the homeless, support those living with dementia, and valuing the contribution to parish liturgical and community life of those who experience disability.

We want to encourage the social mission of the Church by sharing our own experience in these areas of need, and the experience of parishioners from around the Diocese, to foster the great work in parishes.

You can join in one of our three remaining online Zoom evening meetings starting on Monday 17th April from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Our next session is on 'supporting refugees'; there is no charge. Simply email kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk to register or use



this QR code.

Thank you for your support and we do hope you are able to join us. Kind Regards, Kevin Hateley.