



Parish of Saint Joseph

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Year A REFLECTION

15th– 16th July 2023

Parable of the Sower. Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus used parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As we read the Parable of the Sower, are likely to recognise that at different times we have been like each of the different types of soil. It is important to recall those times when we presented fertile soil for the word of God and ask ourselves what helped us create that receptive atmosphere and draw lessons from that for living.

Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like Sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil will impact on the child, pupil, or listener. The seed can be sown but the bearing of the fruit cannot be guaranteed. At times there may be the temptation not to try any more. When have we been surprised by the harvest we have reaped – positive or negative? Have we ever felt that we have wasted our time with our efforts bearing little or no fruit at all? The challenge is always to keep sowing in hope. Oh God help us to yield a harvest that is a hundredfold.

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	15	St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10.00am	Holy Mass	Deceased of the Rees & Burger Family (Liz & Chris Burger)
Sat	15	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Laura Bader RIP (Sam Craig)
Sun	16	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECEIVED SACRAMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR
Mon	17	Feria in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Successful Operation (KC)
Tue	18	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.45am	Holy Mass	Mary Smith RIP (Emily Vaughnspruce)
Wed	19	Feria in Ordinary Time		Private Mass	
Thu	20	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thu	20	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Tom Hogan - Recovery (Mrs C Hogan)
Fri	21	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15am	Holy Mass Whole School Mass in the School Hall	
Sat	22	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intention of the Priest
Sat	22	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Day of Prayer for Europe - World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the elderly	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Irma Tonietto RIP (Daniela Cresta)
Sun	23	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Day of Prayer for Europe - World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the elderly	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Tom Hogan - Recovery (Mrs K Hogan)

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed on some days via YouTube:

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For a Eucharistic life



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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.

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

PARISH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION: Congratulations to all who have received different sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. This Sunday, 16th July we shall have a Parish Thanksgiving for them and all who have received various sacraments in the past year at the 10am Mass followed by a Parish Picnic for everyone in the Presbytery Garden. Even if you have not yet indicated what food you wish to bring on the sheets in the Narthex please some food to share

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Des & Ruth Hopkins: Sunday 23rd

100+ Club June 2023 Draw - Congratulations to the winners who are:

1st prize £80 – Bridget Bache;
2nd prize £40 – Alan Hood;
3rd prize £40 – Catherine Wiseman;
4th prize £20 – Barbara Mitchell;
5th prize £20 – Mary Taylor

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to 100+ Club. We are grateful for your continued support. We are now down to 80+ numbers and we are hoping that the numbers will go up again to 100+.

100+ Club provides essential funds for church maintenance. So how does it work?

✂ Anyone who is interested may contact Sundrella Kirby (sundrellakirby@gmail.com)

✂ Each number is £5. Once a person signs up, his/her name will be associated with a number. The more £5 contributions, the more numbers the person will have.

✂ Each month, there will be 1 draw with 5 winners. The winners' names will be published in the bulletin

✂ Prizes vary according to the number of people in the club. Currently, the top prize is £80. Hopefully, when we reach more than 100+ numbers, we will be able to increase prizes!

Parish Magazine No need to miss out if you didn't manage to get a copy last weekend - you can now read it online on the parish website.

OPEN AFTERNOON: Due to the school having a two day RE Inspection this week, the School Library open afternoon on Friday 14th July has been postponed until September

Extraordinary Parish Meeting: to discuss the future of the church will be held in the McEnnis Room on Monday, 17th July at 7pm. This is a carry-over agenda raised at the last AGM Meeting. Canon Brian McGinley and the Parish Priests of the parishes in Malvern Cluster will be in attendance.

REPOSITORY items are available from St Paul's On Line Store : 0207 828 5582 or ask Pauline Kirton if you like help

Season of Creation 1 September - 4 October
Look ahead to the Season of Creation. How can you help your parish/community to celebrate? Begin to make plans. Go to seasonofcreation.org for ideas.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference provides more information on the Season of Creation and this year's theme here: Season of Creation - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)

PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES FREE IF YOU CAN

Sunday 3rd September – Diocesan pilgrimage and annual Mass for the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall – Celebrating 100 year of ownership of the hall and site by the Archdiocese with Archbishop Bernard as principal celebrant.

Sunday 10th September – Mass on the Malvern Hills with Bishop David Evans

A Day for Catechists Saturday 23rd September. Being a catechist is the responsibility of every Christian. A Catechist is someone who "echoes" what they have heard about Jesus Christ. We will be organising a day for all "catechists" and anyone else who would like to find out more about passing on the Good News of Salvation in Christ, on Saturday 23rd September, here at St Joseph's. Please keep that date free is you can.

CONFIRMATION 2023-24: The next Confirmation programme will start with a Parent and Child Meeting at 5pm on Monday 11th September 2023. Meanwhile all those baptised and not confirmed from Year Six onwards are invited to register for the programme. The Sacrament of Confirmation itself is with the archbishop booked for Sunday 21st January 2024 at the 10am Mass. Please pick a form from the Narthex to register and return it to Fr Naz or Sue Stubbings as soon as possible.

COMMUNION 2023-24

Preparing to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion is a wonderful thing. We are inviting families with children who will be in year 3 or above in September, to apply for this Sacrament now. Application forms are available on the website. Applications close on 31st July 2023. The programme will begin in September.

RCIA 2023-24

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults draw closer to Christ and discern whether they wish to become Catholics. We will be having sessions for anyone interested wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, starting in September. If you would like to find out more, without any obligation, please speak to either Fr Naz or Carol Ann Harnett as soon as possible.

DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.....

The AGE UK charity shop in Malvern Link will receive it.

Harvington's Pilgrimage celebrates 100 years since Hall's rescue from oblivion Sunday 3 September from 1.45pm

We give thanks for the lives of all of the martyr saints, those recognised on earth as saints of the Church and those known only to God.

Every September hundreds of pilgrims gather in the beautiful grounds of Harvington Hall, Worcestershire, for the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs.

This year is extra special as it marks the centenary of Harvington's rescue from ruin by Ellen Ferris, who gifted the Hall to the Archdiocese of Birmingham

The moated property, which was gifted to the Archdiocese in 1923, has the greatest number of priest hides of any house in the country.

Master builder St Nicholas Owen, believed to have been the creator of four of them, is remembered during the Archdiocese's annual pilgrimage to commemorate the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall.

To mark this milestone in our history we are pleased to announce that His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the principal celebrant of this year's Pilgrimage Mass

We hope you can join us to support this act of devotion to the Martyrs of the Midlands.



A Sower going out to sow..