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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

15 - 16 February 2020

'They are happy who follow God's law!'

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THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Today's readings reveal God's law as something different from human-made laws, which are imposed on people to keep them in check. God's law is born in love and given in love, and, is fulfilled by our loving response to it. Because God does not impose the law, we are always free to choose our response. God's loving and wise care means that we are supported in our response. When we do respond lovingly, we will experience happiness on earth and know greatness in God's kingdom. Let's ask for the grace, in the coming week, to really seek the Lord with all our hearts. And to respond to the circumstances of our daily lives with loving wisdom, knowing that in everything we are being guided, held and encouraged by God's law of love.

Mass Times and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	15	Memorial of Our Lady	10.00 am	Holy Mass	
Saturday	15	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	16	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Maura Smith † (Lynne Harper)
Monday	17	Feria in Ordinary Time	12 noon	Requiem Mass	John Joseph O'Shea †
Tuesday	18	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am	Communion Service	
Wednesday	19	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am	Communion Service	
Thursday	20	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 6.45 pm 7.00 pm	Exposition Benediction Holy Mass	
Friday	21	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am	Holy Mass	
Saturday	22	Feast of the Chair of St Peter,	10.00 am	Holy Mass	
Saturday	22	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	Maura Smith † (Jackie Smith)
Sunday	23	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

Archbishop Bernard Longley's Visit 7 – 8 March There are a few times over this weekend when volunteers are needed to prepare the McEnnis Room, serve teas and coffees and clear up. If you are able to help, sign-up on the various forms in the Narthex. Your help will be greatly appreciated! The more the merrier!

Coronavirus Despite the low risk to the public from Coronavirus, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has advised Catholics with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from receiving Communion on the tongue or from the Chalice in order to help contain the spread of the Coronavirus. This is in keeping with the Church's Health Care Ministry.

Parish Office Opening hours this week

Monday	08.30 – 11.30
Tuesday	09.00 – 12.00 (Bulletin deadline)
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	09:00 – 12.00
Friday	CLOSED

All Altar Servers need to try on their new cassocks and cottas to make sure we have the right size. Please see Peter to arrange a fitting ASAP.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISITATION TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 7TH MARCH

14.30 – 15.30	Ecumenical meeting at the Lyttelton Well meeting rooms
16.00 – 17.00	Visit to The Avenue Care Home
18.00	Holy Mass
19.30	Dinner with clergy

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

08.30 – 09.15	Breakfast hosted by Young People of the parish
10.00	Holy Mass with children from school
11.15 – 12.00	Parish Coffee in School and tours
12.00	Shared Parish lunch in McEnnis Room
14.00 – 14.45	Visit to a housebound person
15.00	Parish Meeting
16.00	Meeting & visit end with Benediction
17.00	Pre-booked Individual Meetings
18.00	Dinner with Archbishop in a pub.



Official Prayer for the Year of a God who speaks: Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world AMEN.

First Holy Communion Parents wishing to register their children for First Holy Communion please collect a form from the Narthex, fill it in and return it to Sue Stubbings or the parish office as soon as possible.

Marriage Preparation A parish-based course will be taking place soon. If you are planning a wedding in St Joseph's in the next year, please see Fr Naz as soon as possible so that you can be included.



The God Who Speaks Fr Pat will be leading a course at St George's Catholic Church, Worcester on the first four Mondays in Lent from 7.30pm to 9pm.
2 March The God who speaks
9 March The Bible: The Word of God
16 March 2020 The year of St Matthew
23 March Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word
All are welcome. Car park postcode is WR1 1UT.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman Wed 19 Feb at 12 noon at Maryvale House, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham, B44 9AG St John Henry Newman's first Catholic home. Mass is to be celebrated by Fr Guy Nicholls CO and Fathers of the Oratory. Musicians from the Birmingham Oratory. All are welcome.

Parish Magazine Copy Day for the Lent edition is **Sunday 1 Mar**. Please send copy to Margaret Rank at merank@btinternet.com or leave in an envelope at the back of church. All contributions welcome, especially if you've never written for us before.

Climate Group Have you considered making Lent green? Do something that helps the planet while remembering Christ's sacrifice for us: leave the car behind and walk short distances, buy clothes from a charity shop or create a bee friendly garden this spring with perennial plants. It all helps.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: Jam, Marmalade, boxes of 80 tea bags, jars of coffee (large and small) Sugar 500g and 1 kg Tomato ketchup, washing powder small and medium size, bio and non bio. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

The ecumenical intention this week is for The Baptist Church, Abbey Road Pastor Dave Clarke, Community Outreach, Bible Teaching, Home groups, Junior Church, Wednesday Coffee Stop, Men's Breakfasts, Women's Brunches, Christianity Explored, the 1st Malvern Boys' Brigade and 7th Malvern Girls' Brigade, Craft Club, Walking Group, Overseas Mission support. Meeting of CTM on Monday.

CTM There will be a CAP Prayer Meeting at St Andrew's Church, Poolbrook at 7.30pm Mon 17 Feb.

Belmont Abbey Pastoral Programme's booklet for 2020 is available in the narthex, giving details for private retreats, conference facilities or holiday breaks. Phone 01432 374750 or visit the website: retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk. Hedley Lodge is the Abbey Guesthouse, 3*. Tel 01432 374747 www.hedley@belmontabbey.org.uk. Men wishing to stay in the monastery may contact Dom Jonathan: guestmaster@belmontabbey.org.uk

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February: Listen to the Migrants' Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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

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

Please pray for those who have died recently: John Joseph O'Shea's Requiem Mass will be at St Joseph's on Monday 17 February at 12 noon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of St Joseph's parish, including: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Barbara Innes, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdul, Jonah Willis, Anna Tyack, 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. **Monika Hill is now in remission and thanks everyone for their prayers.**

This week there is a Second Collection for LIFE.