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TO OFFER OUT OF FAITHFULNESS

To suffer for the sake of suffering is absurd and not worth it. To suffer to show one's self-control is a path chosen by few, but a choice that almost always suffers from pride. To suffer out of faithfulness to a number of principles and beliefs that are the foundation of one's life: here lies the true meaning and value of suffering. It is suffering to be faithful to one's conscience. It is suffering to be faithful to the duties of one's state in life, with sincerity and perseverance, without fear for the opinion of others. It means suffering to be faithful to one's religious beliefs: as a Christian, and in every situation behaving in a consistent and genuine manner. In the eyes of God, not only does this suffering have a meaning, but it also has an everlasting value: a value of redemption, like the suffering of Jesus Christ. This suffering is not easy, but it is always beautiful and fruitful. Let us place our hand on our heart and ask ourselves whether we have suffered to be faithful, whether we are willing to suffer out of faithfulness to God and man, our brother.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Fri	15	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7.00pm	Parish Youth Young People	
Sat	16	LENT FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intention of Felix Stephen (Lizzy Philip)
Sat	16	EVE OF FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Olly Jones (Gemma Lawrence)
Sun	17	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Third Scrutinises: Presentation of the Creed	10.00am	Holy Mass- Live streamed	Paula Yamoi Binti Yakob † (Sundrella Kirby)
Sun	17	LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE	4.00pm	Reconciliation Service	
Mon	18	LENT FERIA (Dementia Prayer Week)	11.30am	Holy Mass Lived streamed	Pauline Brennan RIP (Carmel)
Tue	19	SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	7.45am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Tue	19	SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	12 noon	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Wed	20	LENT FERIA		Private Mass	
Thur	21	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thur	21	LENT FERIA	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Intention of Felix Stephen (Lizzy Philip)
Fri	22	(ST JOSEPH'S MASS)	9.15am		Whole School Mass in the School Hall
Fri	22	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7.00pm	FHC Team	
Sat	23	LENT FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Special Intention (Mary Wolfe)
Sat	23	EVE OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Janette Richard(well-being) (Tony & Chris Hoyle)
Sun	24	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Holy Mass Lived streamed	Roger Eckersley † 2nd Anniversary (Eckersley Family)



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

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk> or
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGyZ7CmmPDRxzmT> tto

❖ **Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.**

❖ **Fr Naz hears confession** in the Confessional from 10:30am until 11 am on Saturdays or by appointment.

❖ **GOSPEL SHARE GROUP** meets every Friday in the McEnnis Room at 7.30 pm for one hour. Please come and join in.

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, 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.**

SESSION ON THE YEAR OF PRAYER: Our shared Malvern, Upton & Blackmore Park Lent & Easter programme, Reflecting and Praying on 'Thy will be done on earth As it is in heaven' will be at St Joseph's Upton this Wednesday 20th March beginning with fellowship at 6.30pm followed by a 15-minute input on: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" by Roger Watson and a discussion/sharing on "Mary's Total Yes to the will of God" and concluding with 15 minutes of prayer – ending at 7.45pm. Next week's session 27th March will be at Our Lady & St Alphonsus Blackmore and will focus "Give us this day our daily bread" – full schedule for the 9 weeks is in the Narthex. A big thank you to Francesca Townson for a very reflective session on the "Thy kingdom Come".

19th March 2024 -

Fr Pat Kilgarriff (Priestly Anniversary) 1966

Fr. Long Nguyen (Priestly Ordination) 2014

The Parish Magazine is out this weekend – be sure to get a copy.

EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION: Children are invited to create a miniature Easter Garden in a tray or on a plate (maximum length, 40 cm). There will be a prize each for the best entry from key stage 1, key stage 2 and up to year 11. We are looking for a scene that may include an empty tomb, miniature plants, etc. Entries to be submitted from 10.30 am on Good Friday until 11.am on Easter Saturday, and must have the child's name and year group on a label, parent/carer contact details on the back.

Parish Lenten Soup Café to support our One World Group will be up and running on Mondays during Lent this Monday 18th March in the McEnnis Room, from 12 noon following the 11.30am Mass. Do come and meet others for these very sociable lunches where will be a choice of soups and bread, followed by tea and coffee. There is no set charge for the lunch, but donations are welcome and will go towards the cost of providing the soup and supporting the One World Group projects. We look forward to sharing our Lent with you". Thank you to Susan Van Ling for last week. This week the Soup will be provided by Tim Thorpe. **There is no one named on the list for Monday 25th March to do Soup if anyone would like to do it – please let Father Naz or Nazzarena in the office know. Thank you. This will be the last Monday of Soup for Lent.**

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN MASS TIMES: Following the Mass time survey we had to change the Sunday Mass Times: Fr Naz is very grateful for the responses he received concerning the timing of Masses on Sundays that might allow one priest to serve both St Joseph's, Upton and St Joseph's, Malvern. He is particularly thankful for the understanding that has been shown of his predicament: to serve both parishes he must allow enough time to offer the Mass with proper reverence in both localities, which will allow time for him to meet with parishioners after the Masses and to travel between the two. The Sunday Mass times will, therefore, change on the **7th of April**, that is the Sunday after Easter, to 9am at Upton and **11am at Malvern**; and will follow that pattern thereafter. These times will inevitably cause a degree of inconvenience but are the times most people opted for. Fr Naz trusts that with tolerance and goodwill we shall adapt to the change. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED PLEASE - Any volunteers to join our church cleaning team would be very welcome. If you could spare two or three hours a month, please contact Maryrose for further information on 01684 560139 or 07588633751

Events

19h March – Tuesday – RCIA 7pm-8.30pm

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ROTAS are available in the narthex. Please have a look and register where you can be of help in terms of readings, washing of the feet, stewarding and Eucharistic ministry

Thursday March 21st at St. Georges Church Hall 7.30 pm.
Do we need Human Rights? A Challenge for Christians Today. A discussion led by John Duddington, editor of *Law and Justice*, the Christian Law Review.

HELP A FAMILY: If you have any unwanted furniture or carpet please help and contact 07821137189.

LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

Across England and Wales, 100 schools have now achieved the 'LiveSimply' Award. One of the latest school's to achieve this award is our own **St Joseph's Primary School**. The LiveSimply Award, championed by CAFOD, the Catholic international development charity, recognises schools and parishes that pledge to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. The school has embraced a holistic approach to live simply and the pupils demonstrated their commitment through a range of activities, including but not limited to:

- creating prayer gardens and celebrating peace days
- visiting and forging strong links with local care homes
- supporting foodbanks and homeless shelters
- campaigning and taking action to speak out against global injustice
- introducing Fairtrade initiatives at school and participating in CAFOD's 'Big Lent Walk'.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY

a) Vigil Mass (23rd March) at 6.00pm

b) Sunday Mass (24th March) at 10.00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March 7.00pm

a) Please sign up for the washing of the feet on a sheet in the Narthex

b) Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration: soon after Mass till 10.30pm.

(Please sign up for adoration either as individuals or as Parish groups)

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March

a) Ecumenical Good Friday open air service at the Priory 10.00am with a start of Procession from St Joseph's at 9.00am to join the faithful of Holy Trinity at 9.30am.

b) Good Friday Children's Service at 11.30am

c) Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm followed by Hot Cross Buns afterwards (provided by Liz & Chris Burger)

d) Compline 7.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March

a) Office of Readings and Morning Prayer: 9.30am

b) Blessing of Easter Food Baskets (Polish Tradition): 11am

c) Blessing of Easter Food Baskets for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic 2.00pm

CELEBRATION OF EASTER VIGIL: 30th March: 8.30pm

a) Blessing of the Fire by the School entrance

b) Baptism and Reception Liturgy during Mass

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: 31st March

a) Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at the Beacon at 6.30am

b) Easter Sunday Mass: 10.00am