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24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY

Year A

16th – 17th September 2023

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24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 'FORGIVENESS'

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7: The Book of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) was also known as the '**Church Book.**' It was used to instruct new candidates for Baptism with all its wisdom lessons for living. Today, '**forgiveness**' is the theme. Breaking the chain of hurt, unforgiveness and violence is extremely difficult. **Q: Are you 'hugging tightly' any anger or resentment?**

Romans 14:7-9: Tensions existed between Jews who kept all their 'laws' and 'customs' faithfully, and Gentiles who did not feel the obligation of the 'laws' and 'customs' of the Jews. **Q: Do you identify with a particular 'group' within the Church? Q: Do you create barriers and ill feeling toward 'others' who are not of 'your group'?** Paul reminds us we are not individuals or 'groups' but one.

Matthew 18:21-35: Peter asks Jesus precisely how generous one has to be towards someone who has wronged them. Rabbis taught three times. Peter suggests a large and generous amount using the perfect number 7. Jesus pronounces an uncountable amount: 77 (double perfection!). Justice and its strict legal prescription is to be overwhelmed by Mercy and God's love. **Q: Do you have a struggle with acceptance of forgiveness or the giving of it?** You may as well consider what you need to do.

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	16	Saints Cornelius & Cyprian	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intention of Vivienne (Pauline Kirton)
Sat	16	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Jon Ellison RIP (Lindsay & David Lucas)
Sun	17	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Ron Taylor RIP (John Eckersley & Max)
Mon	18	Feria in Ordinary Time	12 noon	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Intention of Brian Ingles
Tue	19	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.45 am	Holy Mass	Intention of Charles & Joseph Gallagher
Wed	20	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Companions		Private Mass	
Thu	21	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thu	21	Feast of St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Intention of Mary & Stephen Beresford (Mother & Son)
Fri	22	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15am	Holy Mass	Prisoners' Intention
Sat	23	St Pius of Pietrelcina	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intention of Rev Nigel Coke-Wood
Sat	23	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Day of Prayer for Harvest	6.00pm	Holy Mass	David Buxton RIP (Recent)
Sun	24	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Day of Prayer for Harvest	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Raymond Bree (RIP)

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/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxmT_tto

Pope's Intention for September: For people living on the margins.

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 for one hour. Please come and join in



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St Joseph's Catholic Parish, Malvern UK

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.**

RECENT DEAD

Jane Bennetti: Funeral Service at St Joseph's on Tuesday, 26th September at 11 am.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Paulina & Tomasz Mayerski: 19th September (14th ann)
Des & Ruth Hopkins: 23rd September (51st ann)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- : **This Sunday:** Catholic Evangelisation
- : **Next Week:** 23-24 September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic Social Care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people in need in communities near you. As inflation rises the challenges faced by those with the least are multiplied. Please give generously to support those with nowhere else to turn.

• Mass on the Hills

- A big thank you to all who risked turning up for Mass on the Hills last Sunday in the face of uncertain weather forecasts. It turned out such a beautiful day. Thanks to all who helped in organising, setting up, and playing specific roles in the celebration as well as reaching out to passers-by. Bishop David and the visiting clergy were most pleased. Despite the weather scare more than 50 took part in the celebration. Thanks to all who brought food to share for the picnic afterwards. Looking forward to another Mass on the Hills on the Second Sunday of September next year.

• Season of Creation 1 September - 4 October

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. This Year's theme is **"Let Justice and Peace Flow"**

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: 17 September 2023

Evangelii Gaudium: Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer. This Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "*Evangelii Gaudium*" is Latin for "*Joy of the Gospel*". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.

Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

EVENTS

SUNDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER: First Holy Communion Family meeting after the 10.00am Mass.

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER at 11.30am *Baptism of Cylcia*

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER at 7pm **PAC MEETING**

MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER at 7pm: **CONFIRMATION SESSION I, "Who are you?"**

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER at 7pm: **RCIA Session 2:** 'The Father's plan for all humanity.'

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER from 10am to 4pm, **Workshop Day for Catechists:** Also, for anyone else who would like to find out more about passing on the Good News of Salvation in Christ.. Lunch and tea/Coffee breaks will be provided.

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER at the 10am Mass a simple **Enrolment Rite** will take place for those starting the Confirmation programme.

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 4pm Calvin Robinson will be speaking on the **'IMPORTANCE OF PRAYING IN PUBLIC.'** to help launch the autumn '*40 Days for Life Campaign*' – All welcome! This will be held in St Joseph & St Helen's RC Church Hall, 84 Northfield Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 1JG. For more information, please contact Isabel 07773501721 or email izzyvs@gmail.com

MONDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm in the McEnnis Room: **Liturgy/music/Sacramental meeting:**

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER: THE WELLSRING (Ledbury) are hosting a self-led Quiet Day called **"Draw Near to God"**. To find out more, or to book your place, visit www.thewellspring.uk. or phone 01531 635727. Space on the day is limited to 10.

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER at 12 noon: Guild of St Stephen annual Mass of thanksgiving will take place at St Chad's Cathedral. All Altar Servers are welcome to attend.

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER at 7.30 pm: **CTM Meeting** in the Lyttleton Well Hall. It will be devoted to 'Prayer'. All churches and associated organisations please help contribute to creating a prayer space. Please bring your prayer requests and simple prayer station information or activity to the hall at 7 pm.

SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER at the 4pm Canon Brian McGinley will induct Fr Naz at Our Lady and St Alphonsus Church as Parish Priest of Upton and Blackmore churches.

Director of Education: The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies and the Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk websites. The closing date is Monday 18th September.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.