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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

18th – 19th February 2023

REFLECTION

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalm 103

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

“Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” We are called to the holiness of God. That is an extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading as well as the Gospel this Sunday. How is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect? Jesus is only saying that we must be imitators of God. As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good. Jesus Himself, in His Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to. He offered no resistance to the evil—even though He could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside Him. He offered His face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. On the Cross, He prayed for those who persecuted Him. In all this, He showed Himself to be the perfect Son of God.

Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	18	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Holy Mass	Amelia - Recovery of health (Mary Chance)
Sat	18	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Intention of Edd Hogan & Family
Sun	19	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Private Intention (John Eckersley)
Mon	20	Feria in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	John Griffiths † (Maggie Griffiths)
Tue	21	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.45am	Holy Mass	Mrs Jeannette Robson † (Janet and Michael Lupino)
Wed	22	ASH WEDNESDAY	12.00 noon		
Wed	22	ASH WEDNESDAY	7.00pm	Livestreamed	
Thu	23	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm		In Church
Thu	23	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	7.00pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Holly Robson † (Janet and Michael Lupino)
Fri	24	Friday after Ash Wednesday	9.15am	Holy Mass	Peace in Ukraine (Invasion Ann.)
Fri	24	Stations of the Cross	7.00m	Led by Carol Ann & Pople of the Parish	
Sat	25	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Mass	
Sat	25	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Alison Calnan † (Jean Rogers)
Sun	26	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Stewart & Jenny Anderson † (Jean Rogers)



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

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk> OR
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmTttow>

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

GOSPEL SHARE: on Friday, at 7.30pm in the McEnnis Room. Everyone is welcome.

Reception & Funeral of Canon Garret (Garry) Byrne
Reception of the Body and Mass at St Joseph's Church, Quinney's Lane, Bidford-on-Avon, B50 4JL on Monday 27th February at 6.30pm.

Funeral Mass will be at Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, Westhill Road, Coventry, CV6 2AA on Tuesday, 28th February 2023 at 12 noon. Archbishop Bernard Longley presiding. Burial at Bidford-on-Avon

Parish Magazine Just one week to go until copy day next **Sunday, 26 February**, so if you've been thinking of writing something for the next edition now is the time to put pen to paper or finger to keyboard. If you haven't written for us before your contribution would be especially welcome. Copy to Margaret Rank merank@btinternet.com or leave in an envelope in the narthex.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023 - PRAYING WITH TAIWAN Friday 3 March

2.00pm at the Methodist Church, Somers Park Avenue, WR14 1SE (with Malvern Community Choir)

7.30pm at Malvern Link URC, Worcester Road, WR14 1SS. All are welcome and refreshments will be served at the end of each service.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, BIRMINGHAM 'When the Law Takes Sides – A lawyer's guidance for pr-lifers' – Come & Listen to Jeremiah Igumnubole, legal counsel for ADF, explain the **implication** of buffer zones/PSPOs & how we can respond. Sunday 19 February. 3.30pm at parish hall of St Joseph & St Helen's RC church, Station Road, Kings Norton 30 1JG. For more details contact Isabel: 07773 501721.

Family Activities and Saints for Lent Carol Ann has produced two more editions of her "booklets" one on the Sunday Gospels and the other on saints and celebrations. These can be downloaded from the parish website here. <https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/> Not just for families, these booklets give us all food for thought!

This week there is a Second Collection for LIFE and next week there will be a special collection to fund our own parish defibrillator which will cost about £1200.

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR THE EARTHQUAKE IN SYRIA AND TURKEY. Let us support CAFOD to give hope to those who have survived the worst earthquake disaster in Syria and Turkey.

LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S

BEGINNING LENT This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. The palm leaves and crosses saved from last year's Palm Sunday are burnt into grey ashes. They will be smeared in the shape of a cross onto the foreheads of the people of the parish. It's a powerful symbol – an unexpected image. If on that day you're walking down the street or coming out of a shop and you happen to pass someone who has recently been at a church service and is marked with this prominent Lenten sign, you'll look twice. The cross makes a person stand out. You are all are invited to stand out this **Ash Wednesday as ashes are distributed at the 12 noon and 7pm Masses**

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS is a very old devotion; it may well originate in the desire of Christians to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and be in the place where Jesus went to his death. Our church has 15 'stations' in the form of fifteen sculptures or engravings, to allow Christians to pause ('stop') and enter reflectively into those last moments of Jesus's journey of love, and to pray by imagining themselves in Jerusalem with him. Over the centuries the number and format of this devotion has changed a good deal, but it has had its present form since the 15th Century. **Every Friday of Lent you are all invited to join in the Stations of the cross at 7pm organised by different groupings of the parish.**

ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN HOLY JOE'S POP-UP CAFE will be open again on Mondays at 12 noon in Lent for delicious soup and stimulating conversation A chance to get together with fellow-parishioners and staff from our School Donations are welcomed. Any surpluses will go to support the work of the Parish One World Group

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

JOIN THE GREEN HEART CAMPAIGN, an initiative run by the Climate Coalition - the UK's largest group of people dedicated to climate action Show the love for our planet this Valentine's Day by making and wearing a green heart to promote conversations, and get involved further by writing to your MP asking them to champion action on the climate, nature and cost of living crises. For more information and help with writing to your MP go to: <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love>

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER, MALVERN March 19th to 25th Would you like the opportunity to deepen your relationship with God, with the personal help of a Prayer Guide? Members of the Worcester Diocesan Network of Spiritual Directors, who have done this in Malvern for the last 4 years, can offer you 45 minutes each day from Monday to Friday. The week starts on the Sunday (19th) & ends with a group meeting of the participants & prayer guides at 6 Cowleigh Road (Gospel Hall) where you could meet your guide & arrange times and locations etc. As it is Lent, a theme has been chosen, "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Isaiah 53). However, as the week is about your personal faith journey, you will be free to follow on from the Isaiah quotation or not. For more information, see the leaflets in the narthex or contact Rev Sylvia Coke Woods on 07533917150 or sylvia.cokewoods@gmail.com OR Jane Long on 01684 566101 or email, janerlong@icloud.com. by March 1st if possible. On Saturday 18th February & Sunday 19th February, at the end of Mass at St Joseph's, one of the team, Anne King, will speak about the Week of Guided Prayer.