



Parish of Saint Joseph

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

18th – 19th March 2023

REFLECTION

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9:1-41

In Lent we do house-keeping so that we can see clearly, without our usual prejudices pulled in front of the windows of our soul. Take the Pharisees in the Gospel. They could not see clearly. When they asked the blind man how his sight had been restored, the man replied simply, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed it off, and now I can see." The Pharisees screamed: "That man cannot be from God because he does not keep the Sabbath" These Pharisees run and get the man's parents, who will surely know what really happened. But the parents say an arch reply: "he is a grown man, he can speak for himself." Back to the blind man. He explains, "It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man [Jesus] were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." The man born blind sees well. The Pharisees are the ones who refuse to see. They could have beheld a miracle, with wonder and awe. Let us pray to have our eyes opened.

Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	18	Lent Feria <i>Dementia Prayer Week Novena to St Joseph</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Zina Cumming † (Vicki Alfonso)
Sat	18	Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Dementia Prayer Week Novena to St Joseph</i>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Stephen Rogers † (Jean Rogers)
Sun	19	Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Dementia Prayer Week Novena to St Joseph</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Amelia - Recovery (Mary Chance)
Mon	20	SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Novena to St Joseph</i>	11.30am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Josie Whiston † (Maggie Griffiths)
Tue	21	Lent Feria	7.45am	Holy Mass	World Refugees (Helen Connelley)
Wed	22	Lent Feria		Private Mass	Fr Anthony De Vere † (Fr Naz)
Thu	23	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm		In Church
Thu	23	Lent Feria	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Lydia Camilleri † (Vicki Alfonso)
Fri	24	Lent Feria	9.15am	School Lenten Reconciliation Service (Year 5&6)	
Fri	24	Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	Led by Life group	
Sat	25	SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sat	25	Fifth Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Canon Garry Byrne † (Fr Naz)
Sun	26	Fifth Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Dermot Donoghue (Marion Haley)

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

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed via YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk> or
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_ttow

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 7.30 pm in the McEnnis Room. Everyone is welcome.

Defibrillator We have collected £886 towards the £1200 cost of a Defibrillator thanks to a generous donation from a Parishioner of £500.

LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S CLUSTER LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE
St Joseph's, Malvern: Friday 24th March at 7pm
St Wulstan's Little Malvern: Sunday 26th March at 4pm
HOLY JOE'S POP-UP CAFÉ is open on Mondays 11-12 noon in Lent for delicious soup & stimulating conversation; a chance to get together with fellow parishioners & staff from our school. Donations are welcomed and any surplus will go to support the work of the Parish One World Group

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS OF LENT

DATE	LEAD GROUP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
7pm Friday 17 th March	Life	Isabel Van Spruce
7pm Friday 24 th March	Cluster Penitential Service	
7pm Friday 31 st March	Angelus/One World Group	Michesca

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.00 pm 6th April

Washing of the Feet: Please sign up for the washing of the feet

Transfer of the Most Blessed for adoration: soon after Mass till 10.30pm (Please sign up for adoration either as individuals or as Parish groups)

GOOD FRIDAY 7th April

Ecumenical Good Friday open air service **at the Priory** 10.00am with a start of Procession from St Joseph's at 9.30am.

Good Friday Children's Service at 11.30am

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

Compline 7.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 8th April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer: 9.30am

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

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 8.30pm

EMERGENCY SECOND COLLECTION in support of victims of one of the most powerful storms on record which has swept away people and displaced thousands in Malawi

6 weeks has passed since the Brave the Shave event I would like to update everyone that £1970 has been raised for MacMillan Cancer Support! Thank you again for all the support and donations from everyone in the parish! My 19 inches of hair was received by The Little Princess Trust a few days after the shave. Last year, they managed to give out 2000 free real hair wigs to children who lost their hair because of cancer. With the donations raised, I pray that both of these charities will continue to help supporting cancer patients to make their lives a little bit easier. – Sundrella.

A prayerful guide to our church building Carol Ann has created a prayerful guide to the church building. It's not a history (that has been done already) but a walk around the church stopping at various points to reflect on what they are and why they are in the church. A PDF is attached which can be downloaded and printed. If you would like one printed for you, for which there will be a small charge, please email Carol Ann on stjoe.fam.activities@gmail.com.

Thank you to the Young People of the Parish who organised a successful Bake Sale last weekend which raised £93 for CAFOD.

A Synodal Church: What might Newman think? Thursday 30 March. Speaker: Dr Mary McCaughey, Director of Studies & Lecturer in Theology, Oscott College. 7.30pm at St George's Parish Hall, Sansome Place, Worcester, WR1 1UT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The church cleaning team would welcome more volunteers. The number of "Holy Dusters" is gradually diminishing, so if you could spare two or three hours every few weeks to help clean our lovely church, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you feel you could help

Children's Liturgy of the Word Families are coming back to Sunday Mass because we have Children's Liturgy of the Word, where youngsters leave to explore the Gospel at their own level. The team desperately needs more leaders willing to take a turn, once or twice a term. Full support is given and all the materials are ready prepared. This is a wonderfully rewarding ministry, helping to ensure the future of the Church. Please speak to Fr Naz or email Carol Ann on stjoe.fam.activities@gmail.com to find out more.

Fr Hudson's Care On Monday evening 20th March, 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. there is an online Zoom session for anyone interested in how parishes can support older people and those who experience dementia. It has been prepared by Father Hudson's Care working with a number of local parish groups. The session is free. Please sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/a-welcoming-church-1741579>

UKRANIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. Liubomyr Pidluskyi of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) in Gloucester invites all Ukrainians to the first Mass he will celebrate for all our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Malvern and beyond. The Mass will take place on Saturday, 15th April at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 125 Newtown Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 1PF. Easter Baskets will also be blessed on this day. Should any of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters wish to contact Fr Liubomyr please call Fr Naz at 01684574250 to get the mobile contact for Fr Liubomyr.