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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

18 April – 19 April 2020

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS ON THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



In the Gospel (John 20:19-31), the risen Christ appears amongst the disciples in their hiding place. Blessed with the Holy Spirit, they are sent out to spread Christ's message of love, forgiveness and peace. Thomas is not with them and cannot believe what they tell him, but eight days later, Jesus returns and the reality of resurrection is revealed to Thomas in a personal way. United with Christians everywhere, and against a tide of doubt and scepticism, our faith-filled actions, expressed in small acts of kindness will declare with the Psalmist: 'His love has no end'. At one with the Easter spirit of the Early Church, let's pray for each other, and especially for those facing trials because of their health or isolation. May we remain joyful in the certain knowledge of God's great mercy that has made us his children.

Masses and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	18	Easter Saturday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of The Parish
Sunday	19	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Alec & Isobel Craig † (The Craig Family)
Monday	20	Monday <i>Easter feria</i>	9.15 am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Eastwood & Lucas families † (L & D Lucas)
Tuesday	21	Tuesday <i>Easter feria</i>	9:15 am	Holy Mass	Ray Buxton † (K Buxton)
Wednesday	22	Wednesday <i>Easter feria</i>	9.15 am	Holy Mass	Dorothy Brooks † (S Witteron)
Thursday	23	Thursday Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England*	7.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of The Parish
Friday	24	Friday <i>Easter feria</i>	9.15am	Holy Mass	The Crawford Family (J Williams)
Saturday	25	Saturday Feast of St Mark, Evangelist**	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Edward Crawford † (J Williams)
Sunday	26	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	The Phelps/O'Malley Family (C Phelps)

**Popular tradition presents St George as the knight who killed the dragon, making him a symbol of triumph of faith against the forces of evil. He was the son of an illustrious family of Cappadocia (modern day central Turkey) and at a young age was raised to the ministry. When the Emperor Diocletian promulgated an edict against Christians, St George professed his faith publicly, for which he was martyred. He was decapitated on 23 April AD 303. During the crusades Richard the Lionheart (Richard I of England 1189-99) impressed by the cult of St George, so popular in the east, made St George the Protector of England. St George's tomb is in Lod, near Tel Aviv, Israel.*

*** St Mark was the son of Mary in whose house Peter sought refuge after being freed from jail. He aided St Paul and St Barnabas in the evangelisation of Cyprus. Later, St Mark became the companion and secretary of St Peter in Rome. He wrote the second Gospel which emphasises the miraculous power of the Saviour.*

MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Fr. Naz is celebrating Masses on behalf of the people of the parish. Please find time to make an act of Spiritual Communion by saying the following prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.

Masses Online Although you cannot physically attend Mass, many parishes live stream Masses and there are many resources online. See the Birmingham Archdiocese website or follow this link: [Parishes and resources online - prayers and resources for Catholics](#)

Support for Quarantined or Isolating Parishioners

The parish has a team of people who have offered help to those who would like it during this time of isolating and quarantining. If you would like support or would like to offer help, please contact the parish office or call Chris and Liz Burger on 01886 832729.

(Your details will be used by parishioners to contact you only for so long as you wish us to do so. Your information will be held securely on the basis of your consent by the parish and those parishioners who contact you in accordance with the diocesan privacy policy at <http://www.birminghamdioceses.org.uk/privacy-policy>. St Joseph's parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, registered charity number 234216.)

Online Donations. We pray and hope that any people of the parish who are struggling financially during the shutdown will get the support they need. Anyone needing assistance of any kind may contact the Parish Office. Many parish churches share in these financial struggles with reduced weekly incomes. Some parishioners who are not on standing orders around the diocese have said they would like to continue supporting their church during this time. To this end the diocese has developed a system for the people of the parish to continue to donate. Visit the diocesan website link below. There is a donate button (top right) on the home page: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk From there donations may also be gift aided and made to any parish via credit or debit card. Funds will initially be passed to the diocese but the diocese will have reports available to allow them to pass the funds on to each parish. Otherwise please note that standing orders remain the most efficient way for our parishioners to donate directly to the parish.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) by appointment. Please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574250.

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

Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have incalculable spiritual weight. During these uncertain times, it can be a comfort to have mass said for a loved one. If you would like Mass said for you or someone you know, please email the Parish Office.

New Auxiliary Bishops for the Birmingham Archdiocese Canon Stephen Wright and Canon David Evans have been appointed Auxiliary Bishops and will be consecrated during an Episcopal Ordination at 12noon on 10 June at St Chad's Cathedral.

Our visiting seminarian, Jithin Thomas Titto, has written an article on the Parish website: <https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/jj/index.php/articles/jjithin>

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is available on the Parish website. Join the whole world every day at 3pm to pray for the end of COVID-19.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: TOILET PAPER, Antibacterial wipes, Ladies shampoo, Men's shower gel, Men's deodorants, tinned custard, tinned fruit, jam, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, bottles of tomato ketchup, sugar, UHT milk, kitchen rolls, men's razors, washing up liquid, surface cleaner, small and medium bio and non-bio washing powder. Thank you all for your continued support & generosity. While the church is closed, please leave donations at the stores where you shop.

The ecumenical intention this week is for Uniformed Organisations: Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, members of the Boys and Girls Brigades; Red Cross; St John's Ambulance Cadets; Army Cadets; Sea Cadets; Air Cadets; their leaders.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John O'Brien (Jack) whose funeral service will be held on Monday 20 Apr at Worcester Crematorium at 11:30am.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April: Freedom from Addiction We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

PRAYER DURING A TIME OF 'FLU & ILLNESS

Loving God, in Christ Jesus, the servant of all, you call us to the service of others.

Grant to those who govern the community the skill to recognize its urgent needs and the strength to pursue the common good.

Endow us all with patience and courage, that we may care for the suffering, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and sustain the needy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR all key workers who care for the most vulnerable in our community and especially the teachers, parents & pupils of St Joseph's Primary School. Lord, be with them and sustain them in their daily service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of St Joseph's parish, including: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Barbara Innes, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdult, Jonah Willis, 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.