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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C

19th – 20th March 2022

Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

REFLECTION

Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 Psalm 103: 1-4, 6-8, 11 | Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 Luke 13: 1-9

Jesus warns in today's Gospel that we could perish, not as God's punishment for being "greater sinners" but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits. Jesus calls us today to "repentance"—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We're called to live the life we sing about in today's Psalm, blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy. The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel. As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance. Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let "the gardener," Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.

Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	19	Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	10.00am	Livestreamed	Matthew Varghese † (Fr Naz)
Sat	19	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	6.00pm	Not Livestreamed	Thanksgiving (Sunil George & Family)
Sun	20	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	10.00am	Livestreamed	Pamela Craig (Fr Naz)
Mon	21	Lent Feria	12.00 noon	Livestreamed	Frank Hilary † (Michael Blair)
Tue	22	Lent Feria	9.15am	Not Livestreamed	Special Intention (Colette Phelps)
Wed	23	Lent Feria		Private Mass	
Thu	24	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am-6:45pm	In Church	
Thu	24	Benediction	6:45pm	In Church	
Thu	24	Lent Feria	7.00pm	Livestreamed	Thanksgiving (Sunil George & Family)
Fri	25	Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord	9.15am	Not Livestreamed	School Mass (Ash Class –Years 3 & 4)
Fri	25	Stations of The Cross - Led by the Youth Group	7.00pm	Not Livestreamed	
Sat	26	Lent Feria	10.00am	Livestreamed	Zina Cumming † (Janet Williams)
Sat	26	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	6.00pm	Not Livestreamed	Luke Fabros Private Intention (S Craig)
Sun	27	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	10.00am	Livestreamed	People of the Parish



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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm mPDRxzmT ttow> 1127 6987 Passcode: 433646

The sanctuary and some front row seats are shown on camera but the rest of the church is not on camera.

FAMILY ACTIVITY PAGES FOR LENT

<https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/images/Documents/Lent-2022-Family-Activities.pdf>

MARCH SAINTS AND FESTIVALS ACTIVITY SHEET

<https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/images/Documents/Saints-March-2022-Family-Activities.pdf>

LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S

Exposition If you would like intentions prayed for on Thursdays during Exposition, please put them in the box in front of the altar. Paper & pencil are available in the narthex.

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7pm every Friday during Lent.

School children, parents and teachers wishing to light a candle during Exposition for displaced children in Ukraine are welcome to do so on Thursdays after school during Lent.

Stations of the Cross Exhibition St Joseph's will once again display your work in church depicting Jesus' last hours as he journeys from Jerusalem to the Cross. There are 15 stations (including the Resurrection), and we would love to receive a wide range of images, reflections, poems, prayers etc. from members of the parish. Entries welcome now!

We shall have soup for lunch after Monday Masses during Lent at Holy Joe's Pop-Up Café (McEnnis room) – come along for soup, company and conversation

Walk With Me Booklets for Lent are available in the narthex for a voluntary donation of £1. Please take one for yourself and for anyone you think may like one,

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Sunday 4th April at 4.00pm at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern

Friday 8th April at 7.00pm at The Most Holy Trinity Ledbury.

Please go to these as they are for our parish too.

READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & STEWARDS

Following the COVID hiatus, and in preparation for Easter, rota arranger, Alan Hood, would like to confirm details of all those who wish to continue Eucharistic and Reading Ministries (as well as hopefully more traditional Stewarding as things return closer to normality). Would any Ministers who do not receive email, as well as anyone who would like to be added to the rota, please put details of any ministry you wish to do together with your current contact details on the form in the narthex or contact the parish office with the same details. Thank you.

FOOD BANK SHORTAGES tinned fruit, tinned fish, squash, tomato ketchup, pkts of 40 and 80 tea bags, ladies deodorant, shampoo, washing up liquid, small boxes /packets of detergent, surface cleaner. Thank you everyone for your constant generosity.

A BRIEFING TO THE EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Mon 21st March at 7pm in the McEnnis Room

This will be for existing extraordinary ministers of communion and for those called to be a minister.

PAC MEETING

Sun 27th March at 7pm in the McEnnis Room

If you have an item for the agenda, please let the Parish Office know in writing by Mon 23rd Mar (email: stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk)

THIS WEEK THERE IS A SECOND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

COLLECTION COUNTERS After the Covid hiatus, we may now have Collection Counters back. We would like to operate a 5 week rota system, with 2 parishioners in each team, so you only have to count the collections approximately 10 times during the year. Full training will be given. If you are able to assist with this important task, please contact Fr Naz, Chris Park or the Parish Office on 01684 574250.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH ONE WORLD GROUP SPECIAL EVENT - WAR AND PEACE AND PIZZA on April 8th at 7.30pm in the McEnnis Room. An evening for young people (14 - 30 years old) looking at issues of war and peace in the world today - and eating pizza together.

- What are the causes of conflict?

- How can peace be established and maintained?

Put the date in your diary and tell your friends.

RENEW CAFOD Sat 23rd April from 11am to 5pm. An in-person event for young Catholics aged 18 to 30 at CAFOD's head office in central London. St Joseph's One World Group are happy to cover the costs for two young people from our Parish to attend. If you are interested, contact Michael Townson on m.townson1@btinternet.com or Parish Office.

CHARITY COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE Thank you to the many people who have donated items this week. The charity organising this is Amici Dog Rescue <https://amicidogrescue.org.uk/> They go to Romania at least once a month to bring rescue dogs back to the UK. This trip with items is because they were taking an empty van over to collect the dogs and decided, as they will be so close to the border with Ukraine, that they would organise this appeal and get it to a place on the border where it could be taken by aid workers and distributed to refugees.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES If you would like your wedding anniversary to be remembered in the parish, please fill in the form for Anniversaries in the narthex.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of Frank Partington OBE who died recently. Frank's OBE was for services to the Fire Brigade Service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Arthur & Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, 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**