

Parish of Saint Joseph

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20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Year A

19th - 20th August 2023

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7, Psalm 67 Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

As non-Israelites we are all foreigners like the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. Like her we come to worship the God of Israel. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel. Our Lord tests the faith of the Canaanite woman three times. After ignoring her plea, he a kind of tells her that his mission is only to Israelites. He then uses the word "dog," which was used to disparage non-Israelites. But the woman persists, believing that Jesus alone offers salvation. In this drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in today's Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations his way and his salvation. Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professes; that Jesus is Lord. Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel. But his ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in today's second reading. In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. With the Canaanite woman we take our place at the master's table to be fed as His children.

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	19	Feria in Ordinary Time Novena for the Cause of canonisation of	10.00am	Holy Mass	Deceased of the Zgambo Family
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Sat	19	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Novena for the Cause of canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Special Intention of H
Sun	20	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Novena for the Cause of canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Intention of Jetto & Nissy George - Recent Wedd. Ann (Jetto)
Mon	21	St Pius X, Pope Novena for the Cause of canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi	12.00 noon	Holy Mass Live streamed	Thanksgiving W.A. (Viv Fox)
Tue	22	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Novena for the Cause of canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi	7.45 am	Holy Mass	World Refugees (Helen Connelly)
Wed	23	Funeral Mass of Jane Flanagan	11.00am	Funeral Mass Live streamed	
Thu	24	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thu	24	St Barthlomew, Apostle Novena for the Cause of canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi	7.00 pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Sarah Cooke (Vicki Alfonso)
Fri	25	Feria in Ordinary Time Novena for the Cause of canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi	9.15am	Holy Mass	Margaret McAteer RIP (Johnson Association)
Sat	26	Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi Novena for the Cause of canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intention of Bishop Yohane Suzgo Nyirenda
Sat	26	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Novena for the Cause of canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Susan Raywood (Tony & Chris Hoyle)
Sun	27	TWENT-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Antony Wolfe RIP (Mary Wolfe)

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed on some days via YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk or

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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, 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: Please pray for the repose souls of **Mrs Jane Flanagan**, Funeral Service on Wednesday, 23rd August 2023 at 11.00am

Fr Keith Enston, priest of the Diocese who died early on the morning of Wednesday 16 August 2023.

The Holy Ghost (Spiritans) Mission Appeal Collection We welcome this weekend Fr Martin Goba and a Spiritan clerical student of the Holy Ghost Fathers who will be making the appeal on behalf of Holy Ghost Fathers at the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday Mass itself.

Priory Drive Farmers Market - Saturday 19th August, the LW will be holding a discount Sale event on the green by the Counselling Suite. The 19th is also the date that folk are bussed in from the Three Counties Showground and is known as Super Saturday. LW will be taking the opportunity to sell off the merchandise that relied on the passing trade that we no longer have. Mainly ceramic and Fabric products but we will also be selling some second had books at very reasonable prices

PARISH FINANCE

A big thank you to Marie-France Hicks for volunteering to take responsibility for the two electronic plates we have from Mary Marsh. We still need someone to take on the role of Gift Aid Coordinator from Mary Marsh who has excellently done it for the last three years. To find out more please contact Fr Naz or Mary Marsh or Chris Park.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR THE CAUSE OF CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI The annual novena of prayer for the Conversion of Blessed Dominic Barberi begins on Friday 18 August 2023 and concludes on Saturday 26 August, the feast day of Blessed Dominic. This novena of prayer can be prayed in the Parish or at home privately

Worcestershire Open Studios 19-28 August 2023

Meet artists in their creative spaces, see how they make their work and be inspired! Founded in 2015, this is the largest free art event in the county: 128 artists, 97 venues, 10 days. Each artist has a venue number so you can see where they are located on the maps online. Full details here - https://www.worcestershireopenstudios.org/for-visitors

Maryvale Institute has announced the continuation of the Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) and Licence Programmes, allowing them to begin recruiting new students immediately. The Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS) is the only ecclesial institute of this kind in the Englishspeaking world. It operates both the B.Div and Licence Programmes. The Ecclesiastical BDiv is a five-year parttime, collaborative-learning degree programme in Catholic theology providing a comprehensive exposition and analysis of Christian doctrine based on the study of the sacred Scriptures, the works of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and the documents of the Magisterium. The Licence in Divinity: Pathway in Catechetical Sciences is another qualification of the Holy See, distinct from an STL. It is a three-year, part-time, programme aimed at those in leadership positions in catechetics and in other positions of responsibility. To enquire, please contact Deacon Harry Schnitker: researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION 2023-24: The next Confirmation programme will start with a Parent and Child Meeting at 5pm on Monday 11th September 2023. Meanwhile all those baptised and not confirmed from Year Six onwards are invited to register for the programme. The Sacrament of Confirmation itself is with the archbishop booked for Sunday 21st January 2024 at the 10am Mass. Please pick a form from the Narthex to register and return it to Fr Naz or Sue Stubbings as soon as possible.

COMMUNION 2023-24 The first meeting with parents and children will take place on Sunday 17th September at 11.15am. We are inviting families with children who will be in year 3 or above in September, to apply for this Sacrament now. Application forms are available on the website. Applications close on 31st July 2023.

RCIA 2023-24 The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults draw closer to Christ and discern whether they wish to become Catholics. We will be having sessions every Tuesday from 7.00pm to 8.30pm starting from 12th September till Easter with a break over Christmas. Anyone interested to learn more about the Catholic faith is welcome. If you would like to find out more, without any obligation, please speak to either Fr Naz or Carol Ann Harnett as soon as possible.

PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES FREE IF YOU CAN

Sunday 3rd September – Diocesan pilgrimage and annual Mass for the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall – Celebrating 100 year of ownership of the hall and site by the Archdiocese with Archbishop Bernard as principal celebrant. **Sunday 10th September** – Mass on the Malvern Hills with Bishop David Evans

A Day for Catechists Saturday 23rd September. Being a catechist is the responsibility of every Christian. A Catechist is someone who "echoes" what they have heard about Jesus Christ. We will be organising a day for all "catechists" and anyone else who would like to find out more about passing on the Good News of Salvation in Christ, on Saturday 23rd September, here at St Joseph's. Please keep that date free is you can.

FREEDOM

MARCH FOR LIFE this year takes place on Saturday, 2nd September in London. The theme this year is 'Freedom to Live'. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this

family friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak themselves. Full details can www.marchforlife.co.uk. There will be a coach leaving from St George's at 7.30am on the day and departing from London at 4.35pm to arrive back in Worcester at 8.00pm. Cost £25 for adults and £15 for under 16s. To book a place, please contact Isabel on - 07773501721. Payment in full must be made before travelling. You can pay, cash or cheque, made payable to **St George's RC Church**. Alternatively, if you wish to pay by BACS, the account details are as follows: Acc. 07099460 Sort code:55-81-57 Please use "Coach M4L" as your payment reference along with your surname so that the payment can be easily identified. Thank you.

Guild of St Stephen annual Mass of thanksgiving will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 7th October at 12 noon. All Altar Servers are welcome to attend