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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Year A

22nd - 23rd July 2023

CATHOLIC DOCTRINE: The Problem of Moral Evil

Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Romans 8: 26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

The readings the Church assigns to this Sunday emphasizes that there is a type of evil we choose to engage in, either by action or inaction, and that at the end times all will be judged accordingly. What does it mean to categorize evil as moral? There is a distinction between the evil we do and the physical evil that is not our personal responsibility. Think of an earthquake that tragically kills individuals. The idea of moral evil rests upon the foundation of free choice. The Church teaches that human beings are accountable and therefore move toward their final destiny by their choice, through the exercise of their free will (CCC 311). Acknowledging the existence of moral evil the church asserts that God is neither directly nor indirectly responsible for the cause of moral evil in the world. The responsibility for choosing does not belong to God, but to human beings. God is neither directly nor indirectly the author or cause of evil. God is *always on our side*. "The Sower of the good seed is the Son of Man," Jesus confirms. Thus, God is always championing the good in us, and working for our well-being.

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	22	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intention of the Priest
Sat	22	16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the elderly - Day of Prayer for Europe	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Irma Tonietto RIP (Daniela Cresta)
Sun	23	16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the elderly - Day of Prayer for Europe	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Tom Hogan - Recovery (Mrs K Hogan)
Mon	24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon	Holy Mass Live streamed	Intention of Theresa (P Kirton)
Tue	25	Feast of St James, Apostle	7.45am	Holy Mass	For healing in the family (Mary Wolfe)
Wed	26	St Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary		Private Mass	
Thu	27	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thu	27	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.00 pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Bryan Joinson (RIP) & Grania - Wedding Ann (Grania)
Fri	28	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15am	Holy Mass Whole School Mass in the School Hall	Zina Cumming RIP (Vicki Alfonso)
Sat	29	Ss Martha and Mary and Lazarus	10.00am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Rees and Burger Families (Liz & Chris Burger)
Sat	29	17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Susan Raywood RIP (Tony & Chris Hoyle)
Sun	30	17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Stan Chetwood RIP - 3rd Ann. (Margaret Chetwood)

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

https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk or

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_tto

Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For a Eucharistic life





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

PARISH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION: A big thank you to all who brought in food to share for the celebration last Sunday and to those who remained behind after the 10am Mass. We bit the rain by turning into the McEnnis room which was jam packed.

3RD WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GREANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The Church is celebrating the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, 23 July, announced the Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. The Church observes the World Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne.

Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young." Pope Francis chose as this year's theme "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50), which expresses the link with World Youth Day, 1-6 August 2023, which will take place shortly thereafter in Lisbon, Portugal. The World Youth Day's theme "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39) shows us, the Dicastery's statement noted, the young Mary who sets out to go and find her elderly cousin Elizabeth and who loudly proclaims, in the Magnificat, the strength of the alliance between young and old.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Bryan Joinson (RIP) & Grania Joinson Wedding Ann 26th July
- Anne-Marie & Adrian Wood Wedding Anniversary: 27th July
- Edyta & Simon Mills Wedding Anniversary: 28th July
- Mary & John Taylor Wedding Anniversary: 28th July

A BIG THANK YOU TO LIZ AND CHRIS BURGER for organising the 'Tea in the Garden' at their house on the First Sunday of in July. Thank you to all who were in attendance. Initiatives like these are very instrumental in creating fraternal bonding among the people of the parish.

PARISH MEAL ORGANISED BY THE FAMILY OF TANJA-SHARMI & AVABELLA: Monday, 24th July at 7.00pm in the McEnnis Room. There are still a few spaces on the sheet in the Narthex if you wish to attend. Bring a drink to share if you wish.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The Parish Finance Team need a volunteer with technical knowledge to look after the two card readers that have become very useful for parishioners and visitors to contribute to the first and second collections. Find out more details from Mary Marsh or Chris Park or Fr Naz

Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

Please pray for Bishop Stephen Wright has been installed the 15th Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle at a Solemn Mass of Installation in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Until his installation, Bishop Wright had served as an auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.....The AGE UK charity shop in Malvern Link will receive it.



REMEMBERING ALL CONFLICTS IN THE WORLD:

Saturday 5th August, 10.30am - 11.00am in Great Malvern Priory Churchyard: Vigil to remember all conflicts in the world today, on the occasion of the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima 78 years ago

Extraordinary Parish Meeting on a Church with Fewer Priests. Thank you to all those who came on Monday and contributed to the discussion around planning for the future. Special thanks to Canon Brian McGinley , Dean of Worcester and Kidderminster for coming in his capacity as dean. Having fewer priests in the future is a reality. We will continue to pray to the holy spirit to guide us and work together in our parish, deanery and diocese and to share ideas that will ultimately strengthen our faith. Notes will be prepared based on the questions, answers, and comments given. These will be available to everyone once finished and will also be shared beyond our parish. Additional questions can always be directed to Fr Naz or Edd.

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.

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

Preparing to receive Our Lord

in Holy Communion is a wonderful thing. 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. The programme will begin in September.

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 for anyone interested wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, starting in September. 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.