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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

22 - 23 February 2020

'The Lord is compassion and love'

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THE GOD WHO SPEAKS THIS WEEK

An understanding of the true teaching of the Law is presented in different ways in this week's readings. In the First Reading from Leviticus, Moses receives instructions to tell the people to become more like their God in their dealings with others. 'Be holy for I am holy.' St Paul, in the Second Reading, reminds the Corinthians that the indwelling of the Spirit makes them sacred. This is more important than all their divisions. In Christ we are all the temple of God. The Psalm, uniting these readings, is a prayer of praise and gratitude to the God who is love and compassion: he heals, forgives and redeems us. Jesus, in the Gospel, is like the new Moses. He is the new law-giver, taking the teaching of the Law to a deeper, more demanding level. Being 'perfect like our heavenly Father is perfect' asks us to assume Jesus's values and treat our neighbour as a brother or sister in Christ. Maybe this week, we can consider these values and pray for the grace to be more accepting of all whom we encounter.

Mass Times and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	22	Feast of the Chair of St Peter	10.00 am	Holy Mass	
Saturday	22	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	Maura Smith † (J. Smith)
Sunday	23	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Monday	24	Feria in Ordinary Time	12 noon	Holy Mass	Mary Foster † (L. Harper)
Tuesday	25	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am	Communion Service	Magdalena Szarkowska (E. Mills)
Wednesday	26	Ash Wednesday Whole school mass in the church Distribution of ashes at all masses	9.15 am 12 Noon 7.30 pm	Holy Mass for the Whole School Holy Mass Holy Mass	
Thursday	27	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9.00 am 6.45 pm 7.00 pm	Exposition Benediction Holy Mass	Thomas – Thanksgiving (T. & B. Jennymon)
Friday	28	St Oswald, Bishop	9.15 am	Holy Mass	
Saturday	29	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	
Saturday	29	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	30	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of Wolfe Family † (M. Wolfe)

Coronavirus Despite the low risk to the public from Coronavirus, the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has advised Catholics with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from receiving Communion on the tongue or from the Chalice.

Receiving Communion Please avoid self-intinction of the Sacred Host into the chalice. The Blood of the Lord must be received by drinking from the chalice directly.

Parish Office Opening hours this week

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	09.00 – 12.00 (Bulletin deadline)
Wednesday	13.00 – 16.00
Thursday	08:30 – 12.00
Friday	CLOSED

Archbishop Bernard Longley's Visit 7 – 8 March

There are a few times over this weekend when volunteers are needed to prepare the McEnnis Room, serve teas and coffees and clear up. If you are able to help, please sign-up on the various forms in the Narthex. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Archbishop's Visitation Programme

SATURDAY, 7TH MARCH

14.30 – 15.30	Ecumenical meeting at the Lyttelton Well meeting rooms
16.00 – 17.00	Visit to The Avenue Care Home
18.00	Holy Mass followed by a cup of tea in the McEnnis Room
19.30	Dinner with clergy

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

08.30 – 09.15	Breakfast hosted by Young People of the parish
1000	Holy Mass with children from school
11.15 – 12.00	Parish Coffee in School and tours
12.00	Shared Parish lunch in McEnnis Room
14.00 – 14.45	Visit to a housebound person
15.00	Parish Meeting
16.00	Meeting & visit end with Benediction
17.00	Pre-booked Individual Meetings
18.00	Dinner with Archbishop in a pub.

Parish Magazine Copy Day for the Lent edition is **Sunday 1 Mar**. Please send copy to Margaret Rank at merank@btinternet.com or leave in an envelope at the back of church. All contributions welcome.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Friday 6 Mar is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day. It is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect a Family Fast Day envelope this week and give what you can.

World Day Of Prayer 2020 The women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service, which will take place on **Friday 6 Mar at St Leonard's Church, Newland at 2pm** and here at **St. Joseph's at 7.30pm**. The service lasts approx. 1 hour and refreshments are served after each service. All are welcome - men, women and children.

100+Club Draw Results for 16 Feb: £90 Maureen Douglas; £45 Pat Taylor; £45 Bridget Bache; £22.50 Liz Griffin; £22.50 Jean Horne. Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will be on Sunday 15 Mar. Thank you to everyone who is taking part.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: Jam, Marmalade, boxes of 80 tea bags, jars of coffee (large and small) Sugar 500g and 1 kg Tomato ketchup, washing powder small and medium size, bio and non bio. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

The ecumenical intention this week is for The Society of Friends, Orchard Road Today being Church Action on Poverty Sunday, the Malvern Hills Food Bank. With Fairtrade Fortnight starting tomorrow, all those businesses and organisations promoting fairly traded goods.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February: Listen to the Migrants' Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Marriage Preparation A parish-based course will be taking place soon. If you are planning a wedding in St Joseph's in the next year, please see Fr Naz as soon as possible so that you can be included.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at 10.30 on Saturdays or by appointment. 01684 574250

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

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. Monika Hill is now in remission and thanks everyone for their prayers.

NEXT week there is a Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

Official Prayer for the Year of a God who speaks:
Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world AMEN.

The God Who Speaks Fr Pat will be leading a course at St George's Catholic Church, Worcester on the first four Mondays in Lent from 7.30pm to 9pm.

2 Mar The God Who Speaks

9 Mar The Bible: The Word of God

16 Mar 2020 The Year of St Matthew

23 Mar Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word

All are welcome. Car park postcode: WR1 1UT.

The Rite of Baptism for Children This Sunday Gabriella Maria Kurek, daughter of Robert and Magdalena Kurek, will be received at Mass.

First Holy Communion Weekly meetings for the children have changed to weekends. Parents please come to a meeting on **Mon 24 Feb at 6pm** in the Aldwin Room to discuss elements of the programme.

Altar Servers Please try on new cassocks and cottas. Please see Peter to arrange a fitting.

Stations of The Cross during Lent will be held on Mar 1, Mar 15, Mar 22, Mar 29 and Apr 5 at 5.00pm.