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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

23 May – 24 May 2020

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS ON THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The First Reading picks up the early Christian story immediately after Jesus's ascension: Mary the mother of Jesus, his disciples and extended family gather in the upper room to await in prayer the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel also takes us back to a special place, the room where the Last Supper took place. Here Jesus prays, making known to his disciples – and to us – the name and teachings of the Father. Eternal life is to know the Father and Christ and their intimate relationship together. In the Second Reading, Peter gives his community encouragement as they endure challenges and hard times. He assures them of a special blessing if they live the values of Christ. As the Easter Season draws to a close, we might pray together: 'Lord, we believe you are indeed our light, help and stronghold in these dark times. May your Holy Spirit comfort us all; and may our relationship of loving trust with you grow.'

Masses and Intentions for This Week

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| Saturday | 23 | Saturday <i>Easter feria</i> | 10.00am | Holy Mass | Dorothy Brooks† (S Witteron) |
| Sunday | 24 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Communications Day | 10.00am | Holy Mass | People of The Parish |
| Monday | 25 | Monday <i>Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i> | 12.00pm | Holy Mass | Etase Kakota (M Blair) |
| Tuesday | 26 | Tuesday <i>Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest</i> | 9:15am | Holy Mass | Intention of Mary Gruber (P Kirton) |
| Wednesday | 27 | Wednesday <i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i> | 9.15am | Holy Mass | Fernando Liu & Luiza Lobato† (M Goncalves) |
| Thursday | 28 | Thursday <i>Easter feria</i> | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Paul & Anne Lewis (A Lewis) |
| Friday | 29 | Friday THE SOLEMNITY OF DEDICATION | 9.15am | Holy Mass | Luciana da Silva† (L da Silva) |
| Saturday | 30 | Saturday <i>Easter feria</i> | 10.00am | Holy Mass | Dorothy Brooks† (S Witteron) |
| Sunday | 31 | SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST | 10.00am | Holy Mass | People of The Parish |

LIVE STREAMING OF HOLY MASS on Sunday at 10am will be via YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_ttow

Lockdown Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children and their families are invited to a short "Children's Liturgy of the Word" on Zoom, beginning on Pentecost Sunday 31 May at 11am and will last 25-30 minutes. Format will be: opening prayer and moment for reflection, reading of the Scriptures, chat and questions, ending with prayer and the Hail Mary. As it will be Pentecost Sunday, draw a picture of Pentecost to share with others if you would like to. **To join in: Parents, please email the Parish Office by Friday at 6pm on stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk**. The Office will forward your email to Carol Ann Harnett, who will send invitations to the meeting on the Saturday 30 May.

MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Fr Naz celebrates Mass 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.

ZOOM Meetings: Finance Committee will meet on Monday 1st June at 7pm. PAC will meet on Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm. Agendas and invite links for these meetings will be sent to the emails of those concerned.

NEW Facebook Page Search 'St Joseph's Catholic Parish, Malvern, UK' to find our Facebook page which will go live at 6pm on Sat 23 May. Many thanks to Helen and Carol Ann for organising and administrating.

Weekly Live-streamed Mass to Celebrate Frontline Workers will be at 7pm on 28 May from Middlesbrough Cathedral.

Support for Quarantined or Isolating Parishioners
If you would like help or support during lockdown, please contact the parish office or call Chris & 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 with 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.)

Laudato Si' Week This week marks 5 years since Pope Francis released his landmark encyclical on the environment: Laudato Si' (Praise be to You) which captures the interconnectedness of social, economic and environmental justice in building and protecting Our Common Home. You will find more info at: <https://laudatosiweek.org/>.

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.

Easy Fundraising Shop online AND raise funds for St Joseph's at no extra cost to you. It's easy, just go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>, type 'St Joseph's Catholic Church Malvern' into the search box and create an account. Thank you to the 17 parishioners who already support St Joseph's in this way.

Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes You are invited to an online Lourdes pilgrimage, starting at 3pm Sun 24 May with Archbishop Bernard's opening Mass live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral. The week features daily Mass, liturgy and Rosary 'processions'. Find the full

programme on the Archdiocese website at: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: Sugar, tomato ketchup, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned carrots, 1 litre bottles of squash, pasta sauce, microwave rice, washing up liquid, washing powder or liquid, kitchen cleaner/spray, J-cloths, size 5 and 6 nappies and adult toothbrushes. The numbers using Malvern hills Foodbank continue to escalate weekly, therefore, any items you can donate are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Divine Renovation is the answer to a question that parishes across the world have grappled with for decades. How do we continue to bring people to Jesus Christ in a society and culture that are constantly moving away from that relationship? From declining numbers to passive experiences of church, the obstacles for parishes are real. If anyone would like to explore the resources on the Divine Renovation website you will find them at: <https://divinerenovation.org/>.

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The ecumenical intention this week is for Holly Mount United Reformed Church The Congregation & Elders as they continue to grow their work in Malvern with Sunday services at The Cube, Friday evening youth groups at the Lyttelton Well Rooms and Seeds for Life Workshops for local schools in June and July.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Enos Turnbull who was Head Teacher at St Joseph's School; **Barbara Innes**, whose funeral service has been rescheduled to Worcester Crematorium on Fri 29 May 2020 at 15.30; and **Julie Lewis**, mother to Paul and mother-in-law to Anne Lewis, whose funeral was on Friday.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdult, Jonah Willis, Anne-Marie Elder, Jessica, Mary G (Pauline Kirton's stepmother). We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them. Amen.