



Parish of Saint Joseph

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

25th – 26th March 2023

REFLECTION

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalms 129

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

The gospel tells us that Jesus is the resurrection and the life and that whoever believes in him even though he dies he will live and that whoever lives and believes in him will never die! The question is: *“Do you believe this?”* This is the question that the gospel asks us! This is the question that Jesus asked Martha, and Martha answered: *“Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.”* Because of Martha’s faith and belief, Jesus raised her brother Lazarus from the dead: *“Lazarus, here! Come out, and the dead Lazarus came out!”* On Easter Vigil Night we will also be questioned about our faith and belief! We will be asked 6 questions, 3 rejecting Satan and 3 professing our faith in God! We reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises, because Satan always tempts us not to believe in God in much the same way as he tempted Adam and Jesus not to believe in God! We constantly need to affirm our faith and belief in God.

Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	25	SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sat	25	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Canon Garry Byrne † (Fr Naz)
Sun	26	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Dermot Donoghue (Marion Haley)
Mon	27	Lent Feria	11.30am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Joe Coleiro RIP (Vicki Alfonso)
Tue	28	Lent Feria	7.45am	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Nyirenda † (Marielle Biggars)
Wed	29	Lent Feria		Private Mass	
Thu	30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm		In Church
Thu	30	Lent Feria	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Matthew Varghese † ann. (Bincy Jenymon)
Fri	31	Lent Feria	9.15am		END OF TERM SCHOOL MASS
Fri	31	Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	Led by Angelus/One World Group	
Sat	01	Lent Feria	10.00am	Holy Mass	Sylvia Walker † & the Craig Family (Marrielle Biggars)
Sat	01	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Fr Anthony De Vere †e
Sun	02	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Holy Souls

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for April is for a Culture of Peace and non-violence

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH’S is livestreamed via
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rparish.malvernuk> or
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_ttow

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, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. **Amen**

GOSPEL SHARE: on Friday, at 7.30 pm in the McEnnis Room. Everyone is welcome.

**LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S
CLUSTER LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE**
St Joseph's, Malvern: Friday 24th March at 7pm
St Wulstan's Little Malvern: Sunday 26th March at 4pm

HOLY JOE'S POP-UP CAFÉ is open on Mondays at 12 noon in Lent for delicious soup & stimulating conversation; a chance to get together with fellow parishioners & staff from our school. Donations are welcomed and any surplus will go to support the work of the Parish One World Group

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.00 pm 6th April

Washing of the Feet: Please sign up for the washing of the feet .

Transfer of the Most Blessed for adoration: soon after Mass till 10.30pm (Please sign up for adoration either as individuals or as Parish groups)

GOOD FRIDAY 7th April

Ecumenical Good Friday open air service **at the Priory** 10.00am with a start of Walk of Witness Procession from St Joseph's at 9.30am.

Good Friday Children's Service at 11.30am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm followed by Hot Cross Buns afterwards (provided by Liz & Chris)

Compline 7.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 8th April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer: 9.30am

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets (**Polish Tradition**): 11am

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 8.30pm

Please pray for Jan Krawczyk, Edyta's Father, who died suddenly. Edyta and her family will be attending his funeral in Poland this Saturday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Families are coming back to Sunday Mass because we have Children's Liturgy of the Word, where youngsters leave to explore the Gospel at their own level. The team desperately needs more leaders willing to take a turn, once or twice a term. Full support is given and all the materials are ready prepared. This is a wonderfully rewarding ministry, helping to ensure the future of the Church. Please speak to Fr Naz or email Carol Ann on stjoe.fam.activities@gmail.com to find out more.

Parish Administrator news After 4 and half years in the role as Parish Administrator at St Joseph's, Anne Lewis will be retiring in May.

REGULAR OFFERTORY DONATIONS

We are very grateful to all parishioners who have already set up standing orders to donate weekly or monthly to the parish. Thank you very much. If any other parishioners are in a position to donate this way, you may easily set up at a new standing order yourself using online banking.

Here are the bank details for our Planned Giving (Business) account.

Sort code 53-81-33

Account No. 89263588

Account name RCA of Bham St Josephs Malvern

Please email Mary Marsh on mary@mtmarsh.co.uk to let her know that you have done this. If you are also able to sign a Gift Aid declaration please do so and return it to the parish office. They are available on the website, from the parish office and in the narthex. Thanks again.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES CONGRATULATIONS

This week we have an unusual coincidence!

On Thursday 30th March, two couples, Pat & Dave Taylor and Peter & Rose Stewart are celebrating their 64th Wedding Anniversaries

& on Friday 31st March, Dee & Martin Burger will be celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary.

A prayerful guide to our church building Carol Ann has created a prayerful guide to the church building. It's not a history (that has been done already) but a walk around the church stopping at various points to reflect on what they are and why they are in the church. A PDF is attached which can be downloaded and printed. If you would like one printed for you, for which there will be a small charge, please email Carol Ann on stjoe.fam.activities@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed

The church cleaning team would welcome more volunteers. The number of "Holy Dusters" is gradually diminishing, so if you could spare two or three hours every few weeks to help clean our lovely church, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you feel you could help.

Act of Consecration to Our Lady on the Solemnity of the Annunciation

Pope Francis has invited us to renew the Act of Consecration to Our Lady on the Solemnity of the Annunciation and to pray for Ukraine. The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be celebrated this Saturday and our thoughts turn to March 25 of last year, when, in union with all the Bishops of the world, the Church and humanity were consecrated, especially Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us never tire of entrusting the cause of peace to the Queen of Peace. I therefore wish to invite each believer and community, especially prayer groups, to renew the act of consecration to Our Lady every March 25, so that she, who is a Mother, may keep us all in unity and peace. And let us not forget, in these days, battered Ukraine, which is suffering so much.

Harvington History Festival_Tickets are now on sale for the first ever Harvington History Festival, taking place this July. The Festival will take place in the grounds of the Hall, in Worcestershire from 25-30 July, featuring 16 talks from top historians, authors and broadcasters, as well as a concert by the Birmingham Oratory Consort. This year is an important one for Harvington as it is celebrating the centenary of its purchase, which rescued it from ruin 100 years ago. An Elizabethan manor house with medieval origin, Harvington was saved by Mrs Ellen Ferris, who bought the Hall in a dilapidated state and gifted it to the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The 'House of Secrets' reveals seven ingenious priest hides (more than any other house in England) and rare wall paintings.

Tickets available at [Harvington Hall - History Festival](#)