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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

25 April – 26 April 2020

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS AT A MASS THAT STARTS FROM THE ROAD TO EMMAUS



In the Gospel story of the road to Emmaus we find a perfect matching of our liturgy. On the road Jesus the Word of God explains to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. As Catholics we see this clearly when we assemble for Mass. The first part of the Mass centres on reading and interpreting the Scriptures. Then when Jesus and the disciples arrive at their destination, he becomes the high priest who takes bread, blesses, breaks and shares it with his companions. What we see here is that the disciples are nourished and empowered by Word they have heard and the bread they have shared. It is that empowerment that enables them to rush out to share the good news of Jesus's resurrection with the rest of their community. Mass is not complete until we reach out. *"Go out to proclaim the Good News!"*

Masses and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	25	Saturday Feast of St Mark, Evangelist Novena St Joseph – Day 4	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Edward Crawford† (J Williams)
Sunday	26	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Novena St Joseph – Day 5	10.00 am	Holy Mass	The Phelps/O'Malley Family (C Phelps)
Monday	27	Monday Novena St Joseph – Day 6	12.00 pm	Holy Mass	Arabella Cureton (S Craig)
Tuesday	28	Tuesday Novena St Joseph – Day 7	9:15 am	Holy Mass	Dinah Sweet† (A Lewis)
Wednesday	29	Wednesday Feast of Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i> Novena St Joseph – Day 8	9.15 am	Holy Mass	Julie Omar† (P Kirton)
Thursday	30	Thursday Novena St Joseph - Day 9	7.00 pm	Holy Mass	Alexander Craig (D & S Craig)
Friday	1	Friday <i>Feast of St Joseph the Worker</i>	9.15am	Holy Mass	Antony Wolfe† (M Wolfe)
Saturday	2	Saturday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Catherine Craig (S & D Craig)
Sunday	3	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of The Parish

On May 1, we celebrate the **Feast of St. Joseph the Worker**. Pope Pius XII established this feast day in 1955 to honor St. Joseph and celebrate the Catholic Church's commitment to the dignity of labour. **You may wish to prepare for the feast day by praying a Novena St Joseph from 22 through 30 April.** St. Joseph is a powerful patron. He was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. He was, as John Paul II called him, the Guardian of the Redeemer. He humbly accepted his role as guardian, husband and father in the Holy Family. You will find Novena St Joseph prayers on the parish website: <https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/>

MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Fr. Naz is celebrating Masses 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.

Masses Online Although you cannot physically attend Mass, many parishes livestream Masses and there are many resources online. See the Birmingham Archdiocese website or follow this link: [Parishes and resources online - prayers and resources for Catholics](#)

Support for Quarantined or Isolating Parishioners

The parish has a team of people who have offered help to those who would like it during this time of isolating and quarantining. If you would like support or would like to offer help, please contact the parish office or call Chris and 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 by the parish and those parishioners who contact you in accordance with the diocesan privacy policy at <http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>. St Joseph's parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, registered charity number 234216.)

Online Donations. We pray and hope that any people of the parish who are struggling financially during the shutdown will get the support they need. Anyone needing assistance of any kind may contact the Parish Office. Many parish churches share in these financial struggles with reduced weekly incomes. Some parishioners who are not on standing orders around the diocese have said they would like to continue supporting their church during this time. To this end the diocese has developed a system for the people of the parish to continue to donate. Visit the diocesan website link below. There is a donate button (top right) on the home page: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk From there donations may also be gift aided and made to any parish via credit or debit card. Funds will initially be passed to the diocese but the diocese will have reports available to allow them to pass the funds on to each parish. Otherwise please note that standing orders remain the most efficient way for our parishioners to donate directly to the parish.

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.

Mass intentions have incalculable spiritual weight. During these uncertain times, it can be a comfort to have mass said for a loved one. If you would like Mass said for you or someone you know, please email the Parish Office.

Parish Census and Database Thank you to all who completed census details last year. They have been entered on to a secure database provided by the Archdiocese of Birmingham. There are still a few parishioners who have not completed a census form. If you are an existing or a new parishioner, have not yet completed a form and wish for the parish to hold your contact details, please contact the parish office? A form will be sent to you on request. The forms require a signature giving the parish permission to hold your personal details.

Auxiliary Bishops for Birmingham Archdiocese Canon Stephen Wright and Canon David Evans have been appointed Auxiliary Bishops and will be consecrated during an Episcopal Ordination at 12noon on 10 June at St Chad's.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: Toilet rolls, tinned potatoes 400g, UHT Milk 1 litre, tinned fruit, bio and nonbio laundry liquid or powder (small and medium sizes) adult and children's toothpaste and toothbrushes, ladies and men's deodorants. While the church is closed, please make your contributions at Morrisons, Waitrose, or anywhere else where there is a FB basket. The need for food is greater than ever. We have made many changes to the way we to comply with government rules and to keep volunteers safe. Thank you for your continued support.

The ecumenical intention this week is for Malvern Link with Cowleigh Parish, (St Matthias, St Peter's and Ascension Churches): The Revd Phillip Johnson (Vicar), and for all of our ministry team. For the launch of our new services & the opening of The Ascension Centre for Contemplation & Reconciliation in May 2020.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May: For Deacons We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

PRAYER DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.
Be our shelter in this time of peril
and strengthen the bonds of our community.
Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease
and assist those whose skill and art
can put an end to this affliction.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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.