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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

25 July – 26 July 2020

REFLECTION

Isaiah 55: 10-11

Romans 8: 8-23

Matthew 13: 1-23

Today's readings, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel, especially. We see that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit. The first-fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God (2nd reading). In this, we are made a "new creation", the first-fruits of a new heaven and a new earth. Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility. But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, (1st reading). His Word awaits our response. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

Masses and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	25	Feast of St James, Apostle	10.00am	Holy Mass	Barbara Innes† (Fr Naz)
Saturday	25	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pat Gallagher† (C & A Phelps)
Sunday	26	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass	People of The Parish
Monday	27	Blessed Robert Sutton	12.00pm	Holy Mass	Amanda Bealer (The Craig Family)
Tuesday	28	Feria	12.00pm	Holy Mass	Simon & Edyta Mills 2 nd Wedding Anniver. (E Mills)
Wednesday	29	Memorial of St Martha	Private Mass	Holy Mass	Roy Regan† (S McVeigh)
Thursday	30	Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Bryan Joinson 62 nd Wedding Anniver. (G Joinson)
Friday	31	Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	9.15am	Holy Mass	Margaret Callan BDM (The Callan Family)
Saturday	01	Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary, de'Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	10.00am	Holy Mass	Annetta Kanyanta (Mama Mabwe)
Saturday	02	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Louie Park † (C & A Phelps)
Sunday	03	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass	People of The Parish

HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S

Is livestreamed via YouTube every day *except 6pm Mass on Saturday*

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



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REOPENING ST JOSEPH'S FOR HOLY MASS

It may be helpful for parishioners to know how many people have attended which Masses this week so everyone can see what capacity remains.

Mass	Parishioners	Capacity used
Fri 17 Jul at 9:15am	7	28%
Sat 18 Jul at 10am	14	56%
Sat 18 Jul at 6pm	17	68%
Sun 19 July at 10am	18	72%
Mon 20 July at 12pm	23	92%
Tue 21 Jul at 12pm	10	40%
Thu 23 Jul at 7pm	12	48%
Fri 24 Jul at 9:15am	11	44%

MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you cannot attend Mass, you may make an Act of Spiritual Communion by saying:

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.

THURSDAY EXPOSITION

Taking into account requests I have had on partial resumption of the All Day Thursday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, I have resolved an allowance of a limited exposition from 1pm till 6.45pm every Thursday until things come to a normality of some kind. This will start with Thursday, 30th July in the Aldwin Room. Those who wish to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament must book with Emily Vaughan-Spruce (tel: 07858048095). A maximum of three people can pray before the Blessed Sacrament at any one time. Please follow the procedure of sanitisation on entry and exit of the Aldwin room. Emily and others appointed by her will be responsible for cleaning up after the exposition. There will be no benediction to end exposition. Fr Naz.

Prayers, games reflections for children of all ages on Zoom. New summer holiday activity sessions on zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am, lasting for about 30-40 minutes. The home is the domestic church and we hope that these sessions will help families to keep Christ at the centre of family life. If you are interested, please email the office, sessions will begin on Tuesday 4th August.

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 by the parish and those parishioners who contact you in accordance with the diocesan privacy policy at <http://www.birminghamdioces.org.uk/privacy-policy>. St Joseph's parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, registered charity number 234216.)

The OWG Summer Appeal

There is still time to donate to the One Word Group Summer Appeal. To learn about the appeal and to donate electronically, please go to:
<https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/index.php/articles/one-world-group-summer-2020-appeal>

For information about the projects we support, go to:
<https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/index.php/parish-groups/charity/one-world-group/40-one-world-group>
We can all make a real difference to poor communities worldwide and to our local homeless.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Church cleaning Due to the coronavirus pandemic several regular volunteer cleaners unable to continue at present. If anyone could spare an hour or two every three or four weeks and join one of our teams it would be much appreciated. Please contact Mary-Rose Hughes on 01684 560139 maryrose.hughes@gmail.com or the Parish Office.

The 100+ Club in our parish has recently had its 10th anniversary and over the years it has raised significant funds for our church maintenance. For many years now, Alf Teuma has been organising the draw but he has now retired from this role and we thank him for his very valuable service. Anne Lewis has taken over as the 100+ Club Organiser. Recently, the draws have been deferred due to the lockdown but we are now able to start catching up on the draws.

The 100+ Club Draw for March subscribers was made on 16 July 2020. For this draw there is a first prize of £90. Congratulations to the winners: £90 Malcolm Garner; £45 Maria Plant; £45 Ruth Harrison; £22.50 David Taylor; £22.50 Elizabeth Griffin. The next draw will be on Thursday 30 July, which will include those who were subscribed to the 100+ Club in April. Draws for the June and July subscribers will take place in the coming weeks. Thank you to all of you who are contributing. If you would like to join the 100+ Club please contact Anne Lewis via the parish office.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: tinned potatoes (all sizes), packets of smash, sugar, tins of meat/ham, jars of jam, tins of fruit, cleaning materials and children's toothpaste. **Thank you everyone for your continued support.**

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

Monastic house of the month:
http://www.poorclaresnottingham.org.uk/10_Welcome/Start.html