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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

28 March - 29 March 2020

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS THIS WEEK



'Stay at home' is the phrase we hear about all the time at this difficult time. From our First Reading, Ezekiel 37: 12–14, we are like the people of Israel who were exiled in Babylon. The prophet tells them that God will put a new spirit in them and raise them from their graves. This is our hope and prayer. The Psalm 129 (130) is a prayer of trust in God, who is full of mercy and compassion. He will redeem Israel and he will redeem us as well. In the Second Reading, Romans 8: 8–11, St Paul tells us that because we have received the Spirit of Christ, then 'he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies.' The Gospel, John 11: 1–45, unites all these themes of mercy and trust, of death and life, of redemption and resurrection, in the miracle of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This great sign of Jesus being 'the resurrection and the life' leads us into the current situation. As we contemplate these readings this week, may we draw closer to our Lord and accompany him as he sets his face towards Jerusalem.

Masses and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	28	Lent Feria	Holy Mass	Shakeel Manji (A-M Elder)
Saturday	28	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Holy Mass	The People of The Parish
Sunday	29	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	Holy Mass	Sylvia & Charles Walker (The Craig Family)
Monday	30	Lent Feria	Holy Mass	Kathleen Salmon† (P Kirton)
Tuesday	31	Lent Feria	Holy Mass	Bolaji Jimoh Salami† (M Hayley)
Wednesday	1	Lent Feria	Holy Mass	
Thursday	2	Lent Feria <i>Commemoration of St Francis of Paola, Hermit</i>	Holy Mass	Christopher Try† (Jo Roberts)
Friday	3	Lent Feria <i>First Friday. Day of prayer for the survivors of sexual abuse.</i>	Holy Mass	Edmund Kapinga†
Saturday	4	Lent Feria <i>Commemoration of St Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of The Church</i>	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Nyirenda†
Saturday	5	PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD	Holy Mass	The People of The Parish
Sunday	6	PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD	Holy Mass	Mary & Angelo Mainini (M Mainini)

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.

Live Stream Sunday Mass from Our Lady Queen of Peace on Sunday at 9am. The feed will be running a little before 9am, so if it drops out just refresh the page. If you have a smart TV or google chromecast you may be able to stream this to your TV. Just follow this link to their Facebook page. [Catholic Worcester](#)

Although you cannot physically attend Mass many parishes live stream Masses and there are many resources online: [Parishes and resources online - prayers and resources for Catholics](#)

Mass from the private chapel of Bishop Robert Barron may be found at www.mcnmedia.tv. Mass takes place every day around lunchtime on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mu4g5V9bjBE>. You can also find **Stations of the Cross** on Bishop Barron's YouTube channel.

Rededication of England to the Dowry of Mary

Follow events on Sun March 29 at <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

Mass Intentions Fr Naz is still saying Mass for parishioners' intentions. If you would like Mass said, please email the Parish Office.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) by appointment. Please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574250.

Parish Office Anne and Sam are working remotely. They are monitoring Parish Office emails from home, continuing to produce the weekly Bulletin for the website and working on the Parish database.

Please welcome to St Joseph's Presbytery Seminarian Jithin Thomas Titto from the English College in Spain. While the Seminary is closed, Jithin will be living at the Presbytery, continuing his studies online and responding to incoming phone calls to the Parish Office. It is a great blessing to have him at this time.

Divine Mercy Rosary every day at 3pm. Phone the Parish Office to arrange to collect a free CD and booklet from outside the Presbytery. Play the CD every day at 3pm and join the whole world in praying for the end of COVID-19.

Raymond Bree, a long-time member of our Parish and former sacristan, will celebrate his 90th birthday on 10 Apr. It would be great if people who know him could send him a card or a message I could add to a card. Cards sent to 14 Cockshot Road Malvern WR14 2TT will be delivered by me on the day. Messages can be e-mailed to parkct@btinternet.com - Chris Park

100+Club Draw – Results 15th March:

£90 Lindsay Lucas; £45 Barbara Innes; £45 Helen O'Connor; £22.50; Malcolm Garner; £22.50 Christine & Anthony Hoyle Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will be on Sunday 19 Apr. Thank you to everyone who is taking part.

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank:

TOILET PAPER, Antibacterial wipes, Ladies shampoo, Men's shower gel, Men's deodorants, tinned custard, tinned fruit, jam, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, bottles of tomato ketchup, sugar, UHT milk, kitchen rolls, men's razors, washing up liquid, surface cleaner, small and medium bio and non-bio washing powder. Thank you all for your continued support & generosity.

The ecumenical intention this week is for St Mary's Church, Guarlford

The Revd Gary Crellin, Readers Ros Davies, Rosemary Wells and Julia Davis; Authorised Lay Ministers Barbara Hill and Meg Allsop. Link with Morogoro Diocese in Tanzania.

In Our Time with Melvin Bragg

Listen to experts and scholars discuss religious topics such as The Trinity, Mary Magdalen, Angels, Miracles, Grey Friars and Black Friars, & Prayer. There are over 100 episodes of this fantastic programme on BBC Radio 4 IPlayer. Cut and paste this link into your internet browser: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01gvqlg?page=1>

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

John O'Brien (Jack) whose funeral service will be held on Monday 20 Apr at Worcester Crematorium at 11:30am; Rosey Chacko, auntie to Abhilash Pappachan; and Gabrielle Evans whose funeral mass was held at St Joseph's on Fri 20 Mar.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April: Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

PLEASE PRAY FOR teachers, parents & pupils of St Joseph's Primary School and for all those who care for the most vulnerable. 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.