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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Year A

29th – 30th July 2023

1 Kings: 3:5, 7-12 Psalm 118

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Central idea: The prudence of choosing Christ.

The Lord says he will give Solomon anything he asks for. Instead of asking for a long life, or riches, or any of the other valuable things, Solomon asks for prudence so he can govern Israel. He goes for practical wisdom, the cardinal virtue of prudence. The kingdom of God, or Christ himself, is of unsurpassed value. The most prudent thing anyone can do who gets a glimpse of it is to put it first in one's life, like the person who finds the treasure buried in the field or the jeweller who finds a pearl of great price.

Becoming more prudent: Prudence is necessary for us to be good citizens of this earth and beyond. We are faced with choices every day and from time to time with very big decisions.

- The most prudent thing children can do is obey their parents and teachers.
- The most prudent thing a teenager can do is to have a close relationship with God and to discover his/her divine vocation.
- The most prudent thing an adult can do is always to ask, "What does God want me to do?" God will always want what is moral and what will be effective.

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	29	Ss Martha and Mary and Lazarus	10.00am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Rees and Burger Families (Liz & Chris Burger)
Sat	29	17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Susan Raywood RIP (Tony & Chris Hoyle)
Sun	30	17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Stan Chetwood RIP - 3rd Ann. (Margaret Chetwood)
Mon	31	St Ignatius of Loyola	12.00 noon	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Recovery of Tom Hogan (Mrs K Hogan)
Tue	01	St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori	7.45am	Holy Mass	Intention of Anne & Malcom Garner (Mary Williams)
Wed	02	Feria in Ordinary Time		Private Mass	
Thu	03	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thu	03	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Holy Souls
Fri	04	St John Mary Vianney	9.15am	Holy Mass	Chris & Liz Burger Wedding Anniversary (Chris & Liz)
Sat	05	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Holy Mass	Thanksgiving (Bincy Jennymon)
Sat	05	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Stan Williams RIP (Mary Williams)
Sun	06	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Chris & Liz Burger (NM)

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed on some days via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk> or

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYZ7CmmPDRxzmT_tto

Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For a Eucharistic life

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For World Youth Day



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St Joseph's Catholic Parish, Malvern UK

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

BAPTISM DURING THE 10.00AM MASS THIS SUNDAY: Robin Solis Harnett son of Alvaro Jose Solis Amaro and Christabel Tessa Harnett

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Pat & Peter Fenwick: Wedding ann. 1st August
Chris & Liz Burger: Golden Wedding ann. 4th August

SUNDAY, 5TH AUGUST TEA/COFFE AFTER THE 10AM MASS: Chris & Liz Burger hosting will be hosting Coffee & Cakes after mass for their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the McEnnis Room

APPOINTMENT OF PARISH PRIEST OF ST JOSEPH'S UPTON-ON-SEVERN ALSO SERVING OUR LADY & ST ALPHONSUS IN BLACKMORE PARK: Archbishop Bernard Longley has appointed Fr Naz to serve the two Severn Valley churches besides St Joseph's, Malvern. Logistics will eventually be worked out in due course.

A SERIES OF THANK YOUS:

Fr Naz would like to thank TANJA-SHARMI & AVABELLA for throwing a delicious big meal on Monday, 24th July and for all who came to the meal.

Another big thank you to all the people of the parish for their prayers, cards and presents on the double commemorations of the priestly ordination and birthday.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The Parish Finance Team need a volunteer with technical knowledge to look after the two card readers that have become very useful for parishioners and visitors to contribute to the first and second collections. Find out more details from Mary Marsh or Chris Park or Fr Naz

The Thursday Group will be meeting this Thursday **August 3rd** in the McEnnis room at **2.0pm** for a talk by **Penny Platts** called **"A Glimpse of China"**. Visitors are welcome & there will be a "Bring & Buy" at the end of the meeting.

AGE UK Shop Malvern Link - correction to last week's notice: The shop will dispose of mobile phones and tablets (but not computer equipment).

Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life: Saturday, 5 August 2023

Led by Most Rev. Kevin McDonald, Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark will be leading a Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation from Midday. For coach details please go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org or call 01858 571242 / 07779122365. Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation. Follow online at youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV or walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

REMEMBERING ALL CONFLICTS IN THE WORLD:

Saturday 5th August, 10.30am - 11.00am in Great Malvern Priory Churchyard: Vigil to remember all conflicts in the world today, on the occasion of the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima 78 years ago



MARCH FOR LIFE this year takes place on **Saturday, 2nd September in London.**

The theme this year is 'Freedom to Live'. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at www.marchforlife.co.uk. There will be a coach leaving from St George's at 7.30am on the day and departing from London at 4.35pm to arrive back in Worcester at 8.00pm. Cost £25 for adults and £15 for under 16s. To book a place, please contact Isabel on – 07773501721. Payment in full must be made before travelling. You can pay, cash or cheque, made payable to **St George's RC Church**. Alternatively, if you wish to pay by BACS, the account details are as follows: Acc. **07099460** Sort code: **55-81-57** Please use **"Coach M4L"** as your payment reference along with your surname so that the payment can be easily identified. Thank you.

On the weekend of 12/13 August Isabel from 'March for Life' will be giving a talk at both Masses about Pro-Life matters and the March for Life in September.

PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES FREE IF YOU CAN

Sunday 3rd September – Diocesan pilgrimage and annual Mass for the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall – Celebrating 100 year of ownership of the hall and site by the Archdiocese with Archbishop Bernard as principal celebrant.

Sunday 10th September – Mass on the Malvern Hills with Bishop David Evans

A Day for Catechists Saturday 23rd September. Being a catechist is the responsibility of every Christian. A Catechist is someone who "echoes" what they have heard about Jesus Christ. We will be organising a day for all "catechists" and anyone else who would like to find out more about passing on the Good News of Salvation in Christ, on Saturday 23rd September, here at St Joseph's. Please keep that date free if you can.

CONFIRMATION 2023-24: The next Confirmation programme will start with a Parent and Child Meeting at 5pm on Monday 11th September 2023. Meanwhile all those baptised and not confirmed from Year Six onwards are invited to register for the programme. The Sacrament of Confirmation itself is with the archbishop booked for Sunday 21st January 2024 at the 10am Mass. Please pick a form from the Narthex to register and return it to Fr Naz or Sue Stubbings as soon as possible.

COMMUNION 2023-24 Preparing to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion is a wonderful thing. We are inviting families with children who will be in year 3 or above in September, to apply for this Sacrament now. Application forms are available on the website. Applications close on 31st July 2023. The programme will begin in September.

RCIA 2023-24 The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults draw closer to Christ and discern whether they wish to become Catholics. We will be having sessions every Tuesday from 7.00pm to 8.30pm starting from 12th September till Easter with a break over Christmas. Anyone interested to learn more about the Catholic faith is welcome. If you would like to find out more, without any obligation, please speak to either Fr Naz or Carol Ann Harnett as soon as possible.

