



# St. Joseph's, Warndon & Holy Redeemer, Pershore

## Parish Newsletter - 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. - 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.



### 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.



	Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Vigil Mass	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Michael & Manonmani. R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	St Joseph	People of our Parishes
	Sun. 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Grace & Bernard Hares. R.I.P.
		11:00 am	St Joseph	Thanks giving Mass by Chinna Phillip [Ahana]

It's often the case that the values of the Gospel contradict the values of the World sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. It's this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought among the pagans he will give his very life, and so become the first of all.

### 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.



	Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct. Vigil Mass	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		6:00 pm	St Joseph	Holy Mass
	Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		11:30 am	St Joseph	Holy Mass

In all of Jesus' miracles there is always a message, almost a parable, behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us. Today, on the simplest level, we see Jesus' love and care, offering the gift of sight to Bartimaeus. But that is not the whole meaning of this story, as Jesus appears as a fulfilment of the prophecy of a new and perfect Kingdom.

### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS [Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Johnson Association]



	Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Vigil Mass	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		6:00 pm	St Joseph	Holy Mass
	Sun. 31st Oct.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		11:30 am	St Joseph	Holy Mass

What does it take to be a saint? Today's reading of the Beatitudes shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit. These are domestic and homely things, to be practised and perfected with those closest to us. Today's feast, as well as celebrating the memory of many whose name we do not know, prompts us to see holiness as within our grasp.

### 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. [This week 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Johnson Association]



	Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Vigil Mass	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		6:00 pm	St Joseph	Holy Mass
	Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		11:30 am	St Joseph	Holy Mass



"God does not have favourites", Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place - so the story in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. This is the challenge to us in our turn!

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**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**



	<b>Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Redeemer</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>St Joseph</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
	<b>Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Holy Redeemer</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
		<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>St Joseph</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>

As always at this time of year, we begin to contemplate the end of the world. Such contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: Then “he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds.” This gathering of God’s children together will be a truly wonderful event.

**WEEKDAY EUCHARISTIC SERVICES**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Holy Redeemer</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service 18, 25 Oct., 1, 8, and 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Redeemer</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service 20, 27 Oct., 3, 10, and 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>
<b>Friday.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Holy Redeemer</b>	<b>Adoration.</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>		<b>Eucharistic Service 22, 29 Oct., 5, 12, and 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>Adoration.</b>
	<b>6.30 pm</b>		<b>Eucharistic Service 22, 29 Oct., 5, &amp; 12.</b>
			<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>

*“The Church’s mission is to spread hope “contagiously” among all peoples.” - Benedict XVI*

**Confessions - Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph’s:** Confessions, during the restrictions, are now being heard by appointment only so please telephone **Fr. Amal (01905 454352)** if you wish to receive the sacrament.

**Act of Spiritual Communion:** 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.

**Celebration of the Mass – Revised Safety Guidance**

- It is reaffirmed that **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.**
- Given there is **no Sunday obligation**, we ask you to consider attending **Mass on a weekday.**
- For “track and trace” purposes (on a voluntary basis) a **contact phone number** will be kept, for a period of 21 days, for people who come to Mass.
- Although the **1 metre plus social distancing rule** has been rescinded, we would ask you to refrain from gathering in groups within the Church.
- The “**one way**” system in the church is being maintained.
- **The wearing of a face covering** is still advised for people attending church services.
- **Hand Sanitizer** will be provided on the entry and exit of the church.
- Members of the congregation should not exchange **the sign of peace.**

**Bishops’ Conference Guidance on Entering Stage Four, July 19:** see **Stage 4 Guidance**

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# PARISH NOTICES

**Useful Links:** the following links are to On-line mass, prayer and other resources.

<a href="#"><u>Celebration of Mass, (Live Streams)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Parishes With Live Streams</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Universalis "Todays" Mass Readings</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Mass Readings for "Today"</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Embrace the Holy Spirit</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Embrace the Holy Spirit</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Women in Scripture</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Women in Scripture</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>The God Who Speaks: Echoes of God</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Echoes of God</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>The Domestic Church:</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Domestic Church Resources.</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Prayers in a Time of Illness:</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Liturgy Office Prayer in Time of Illness</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>CAFOD Children's Liturgy:</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>CAFOD</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Holy Redeemer Primary School</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Holy Redeemer School</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>St. Joseph's Primary School Website</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>St Joseph's School</u></a>

## Daily Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

**Change of Mass time - From 24<sup>th</sup> October onwards Sunday Masses at St Joseph will be celebrated at 11.30am**

**Holiday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> November:** On Monday I will be taking my long delayed holiday to India. If you wish the emergency services of a priest during my absence, please contact Fr. Prabakar, at St George, Worcester. During my absence, on weekdays, Eucharistic services will be held at the normal times. Weekend mass will be taken by a visiting priest and I'm sure you will extend to them your usual warm welcome.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October is World Mission Sunday [APF]:**

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world on this day! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)



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**Food Bank (Pershore):** The Bank needs tinned foods, biscuits, soups, treats, coffee, and instant mash potato. There is a box at the back of church for donations.

**200 Club – St. Joseph’s:** The 200 Club at St. Joseph is now open to new members. If you wish to participate, please take a form from the back of the church.

**St Joseph’s School Hall:** The school hall is available for lettings – please contact [APrice@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:APrice@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk) or [finance@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:finance@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk) for details.

**Newsletters:** We are grateful to those who print off newsletters and deliver them to those not on the internet. Please consider doing this if you know a parishioner in this situation.

**Spiritual Matters**

In Sunday’s Gospel Jesus teaches us to serve one another. We can sometimes be guilty of trying to out-do our brothers and sisters, and we may occasionally think that we are ‘better’ than them. Jesus very clearly tells us that this is completely wrong, and explains that He, the Lord, is humanity’s perfect servant. Indeed, He proved this by suffering and dying upon the cross; thereby earning our forgiveness. When we really think that Jesus, the Christ who reigns in Heaven, made Himself so humble that He even washed the disciples’ feet, it is amazing; and yet it’s absolutely true! We are unique individuals, but Jesus loves us all exactly the same and He wants us to love, value and respect each other. So, let us ask Jesus to help us always see the good in people and be His warm and compassionate disciples forever. **(Louise Bowen)**

**For Your Prayers:**

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Susan Vial, Peter Oshea, Lynda Horne, Elena Petta, Mary Jenkins, Hannah Bratt, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, Helen Abbott, Richard Milnes, Hazel Tester and Siobhan Stillwell.** We also remember their carers and the sacrifices they humbly offer.

We pray to the merciful Heart of Jesus for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries occur this week. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine.....**

**If you would like someone to be prayed for by the parish, please complete a privacy consent form.**

**Thank You to Our Volunteers:** Without their support, we would be unable to open our churches for Masses. Their help is really appreciated. Please keep them all in your prayers.

**Volunteers at Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph’s**

Sat.	H.R. 4 pm	Christine Dodd,	Pat Haines,	Jane Morgan	Anne Halliday
	S. J. 6 pm	David Vas	Sharon Vas	Martin Fletcher	
Sun.	H.R. 9 am	Christine Dodd	Bernard O’Keefe	Sheila Oldman	Jenny Masser
	S.J. 11 am	Boby Kappen	Biju Joseph	Mandie	Ann Gowdy.
Mon.	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	
Wed.	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	Bernard Oldman
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