




St. Joseph's, Warndon & Holy Redeemer, Pershore Parish Newsletter - 12th September




24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



	Sat. 12 th Sept. Vigil	4.00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Ms Madge Price RIP
	Sunday 13 th Sept.	9.00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		11.00 am	St Joseph	People of our Parishes
Monday 14 th Sept.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass	
Tuesday 15 th Sept.	10.00 am	St. Joseph	Holy Mass	
	1.15 pm	St Joseph	School Mass. [School only]	
Wednesday 16 th Sept.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass	
Thursday 17 th Sept.	No Mass Today			
Friday 18 th Sept.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass	
	7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Holy Mass	

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



	Sat. 19 th Sept. Vigil	4.00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Catherine [Connie] Powdres. R.I.P.
	Sunday 20 th Sept.	6.00 pm	St. Joseph	People of our Parishes
		9.00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
	11.00 am	St. Joseph	Holy Mass	

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.

Re-Opening of Churches - Celebration of the Mass – Safety Guidance

- It is reaffirmed that **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.**
- **A limited number of people can attend a service** (30 at St. Joseph's and 50 at Holy Redeemer).
- **A contact phone number** will be kept, for a period of 21 days, for people who come to Mass.
- The **toilet facilities** will be closed at all locations
- Given there is **no Sunday obligation**, we ask you to consider attending **Mass on a weekday**.
- Churches are opened based upon the **1 metre plus social distancing rule**.
- **All people attending church services are now legally required to wear a face covering.**
- The use of **Hand Sanitizer** when entering and leaving the Church must be observed.
- Any **“one way” system** in force in churches must be observed.
- Strict observance to the **seating arrangements** is in force as monitored by the “stewards”.
- All people must always observe at **least 1 metre separation**.
- Members of the congregation should not exchange **the sign of peace**.

The latest information can be accessed at: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

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PARISH NOTICES

Additional Mass Times: On Sunday 30th August, at St Joseph's the number attempting to attend the 11.00 am mass **exceeded the safe allowable number**. As a consequence, I intend, as of **next Saturday the 19th September**, to say an extra mass at St Joseph's at **6pm on the Saturday evening**. Given there is still no Sunday obligation, we ask you to alternatively consider attending Mass on a weekday, so as to avoid the potential embarrassment of us having to turn people away should our allowable numbers again be exceeded.

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

Celebration of Mass, (Live Streams)	birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-with-live-streams/
Universalis Sunday Mass Reading	universalis.com/europe.england.birmingham/20200719/mass.htm
Universalis "Todays" Mass Readings	universalis.com/europe.england.birmingham/mass.htm
The Domestic Church:	birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/category/domestic-church-resources
Prayers in a Time of Illness:	liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/Prayer-Flu.pdf
CAFOD Children's Liturgy:	attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403
St Matthew's Gospel Course:	sacredhearthenley.co.uk/page/?title=The+God+who+Speaks.&pid=25
Holy Redeemer Primary School	holyredeemerschoolpershore.org/
St. Joseph's Primary School Website	stjosephsworcester.co.uk/
COVID-19 Crisis Counselling Support Service	https://www.acc-uk.org/news/hidden-holding-pages/covid-19-crisis-counselling-support-service.html

Picture meditation on the Gospel – as part of the Scripture initiative, 'The God Who Speaks', join Fr Dries van den Akker S.J as he meditates on this week's gospel via a picture. This week's, and previous weeks, available at : www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion: There will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness. In such cases it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal. In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

Act of Perfect Contrition: Through this act you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, **on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.**

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins". Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.

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.

Four Priests and Two Bishops to be Ordained in Autumn: Four new priests (Alex Taylor, Clive Dytor, Benedict Skipper and Sean Gough) are due to be ordained at St Chad's Cathedral this September, with two new bishops (Bishops Elect David Evans and Stephen Wright) ordained the following month.
<http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/four-priests-and-two-bishops-to-be-ordained-in-autumn>

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First Scrutiny of Catechumens – Holy Redeemer: At the 4 pm mass this **Saturday, 12th September** the First Scrutiny of our Catechumens, Auriol, Kathy and Lynda, will take place in preparation for them being received into church on **Saturday 10th October**. Please keep them in your prayers.

The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated and are reinforced by rites of self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. The scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life

Financial Support by Standing Order: I would like to thank all those parishioners who have transferred their weekly giving from cash to standing orders. Email: parish@holyredeemerpershore.org.uk or stjosephswarndon@yahoo.co.uk or phone the office with your name and address if you wish to transfer.

Church Notice Boards – Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph’s: New Notice Boards have been installed at both our churches over the last 12 months at a cost of: **Holy Redeemer £840 & St. Joseph’s £600.**

This week we received a donation of **£ 200.00 for St Joseph** on behalf of **Kate Botterworth and her mother Kathleen**. We thank them. May God bless them.

If any Parishioners would like to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Notice Board" with your name and amount or contact Fr. Amal (**01905 454352**).

Shrub clearance: Help needed (Holy Redeemer); We need some help to clear the shrubs surrounding part of the Wulstan Hall. This is so that the contractors can erect scaffolding to start renovation work on the exterior. If you can please come along on October 3rd at 10.30am to lend a hand. It's mainly chopping down greenery and putting stuff in a skip. Bring gloves and any tools you may have.

Memorial Roses: (Holy Redeemer) The roses donated in memory of loved ones and planted at the front of the church, have put on a good show this summer. We would like to plant up the area on the other side of the steps too. If you would like to donate a rose (£20) please see Christine.

The Food Bank (Holy Redeemer) - Thank you: The Pershore Food Bank would like to thank everyone who has continued to make donations to the food bank during the lockdown. Currently we are in need of the following items: tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned pasta in sauce, tinned cold meats (eg corned beef, spam, etc.), tinned hot meats (eg mince, stews and curries, etc.) You can make donations of food at ASDA or, if it is easier to make your donation in terms of money, this will be used to buy essential supplies. Cheques payable to Pershore Foodbank can be posted to Pershore Foodbank, c/o The Abbey Office, 11 Broad Street, Pershore, WR10 1BB. Thank you for your support.

Knitting for the Needy Group: In view of the current restrictions and social distancing guidelines, reluctantly it has been decided not to hold any meetings of the 'Knitting for the Needy Group' until the new year. Thank you to those who have recently donated knitted items. These are now in transit with The People in Motion Charity for the Refugees and Syria."

Father Hudson’s Care (2nd Collection / Donations): On the weekend, **26-27 September**, a second collection will be taken for Father Hudson’s Care. Please Call **01675 434000** if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

St Joseph’s School Hall Booking: The hall at St. Joseph’s School is now available for booking. Please contact aprice@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk for details and Covid requirements.



Condolences: We offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Mrs. Marion Sanders** who passed away last week. Mrs Sanders was deputy headmistress at St Joseph’s Warndon and was very involved in our church and parish until health issues caused her to become house bound for the past 3 to 4 years. The Funeral Service will take place at **Worcester Crematorium on Friday 18th September at 2.30pm**. Please keep them all in your prayers

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The Word this Week

Jesus tells a dramatic story in today's Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? When Jesus says that we must forgive 'seventy-seven' times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He does not just say this, however: even when they nailed him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: "Father, forgive them..." As his disciples, we must do likewise.

Spiritual Matters

Sunday's readings tell us to forgive one another. Jesus states that our forgiveness should be limitless, just as God's forgiveness is. Unfortunately, we all struggle with this because we are merely people, and we can sometimes experience intolerance and sinful pride. These human weaknesses can lead to anger and resentment in our hearts and make us feel horrible. Contentment and joy can easily replace these, when we pray for Jesus' help as He will give us the grace to make our peace. We also need to ask for the Holy Spirit's gifts of love, patience, and wisdom. Indeed, Divine Intervention is the only way we can fully forgive folk we believe have wronged us. So, let us ask for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit today, and pray that Jesus will not only teach us how to forgive but also guide and influence world leaders too. (Louise Bowen)

For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Lynda Horne Doug Smith, Elena Petta, Mary Waring, Mary Jenkins, Hannah Bratt, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, Helen Abbott, Richard Milnes, John Allison, Sandra Bryer, 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.

"Don't forget this, the Lord never gets tired of forgiving, it is we that get tired of asking forgiveness."
- **Pope Francis**

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: During the current restricted services, the Reader and Eucharistic Ministers rotas are suspended. These duties will be carried out by Christine Dodd [Holy Redeemer] and Deacon Kevin [St Joseph].

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

Sat. 12/09	H.R. 4 pm	Christine Dodd,	Pat Haines,	Jane Morgan	Anne Halliday
Sun 13/09	H.R. 9 am	Christine Dodd,	Bernard O'Keefe	Sheila Oldman	Jenny Masser
	S.J. 11 am	Biju Joseph,	Martin Fletcher	Mandie	Boby Kappen
Mon. 14/09	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd,	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	
Tu. 15/09	S.J. 10 am	Ann Gowdy,	Biju Joseph,	Ray Butler	
Wed. 16/09	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd,	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	Bernard Oldman
Fri. 18/09	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd,	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	Bernard Oldman
	S.J. 7 pm	David Vas,	Sharon Vas,	Biju Joseph,	Deacon Kevin Gowdy
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	S.J. 6 pm	David Vas,	Sharon Vas,	Mic Etheridge	Martin Fletcher
Sun 20/09	H.R. 9 am	Christine Dodd,	Bernard O'Keefe	Sheila Oldman	Jenny Masser
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