



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



Parish Newsletter - 24th February 2024
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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



	Sat. 24 th Feb. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Peter. R.I.P.[A]
		5.30pm	St. Joseph	Stations of the Cross
		6:00 pm		Peter. R.I.P. [A]
Sun. 25 th Feb.		9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	People of our Parishes
		10:30 am	St. Joseph	Stations of the Cross
		11:00 am		Thanksgiving Mass by Gincy
Mon. 26 th Feb.		10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	No Mass
		1:30 pm		Requiem Mass for John Louis Allison R.I.P.
Tue. 27 th Feb.		9:00 am	St. Joseph	Rose Gorman. R.I.P. [A] By Anne Gowdy
Wed. 28 th Feb.		10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Peter. R.I.P.
Thur. 29 th Feb.		Private Mass		
Fri. 1 st Mar.		9:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration
		10:00 am		Thanks giving Mass God's Love & Mercy
		5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Stations of the Cross
		6:15 pm		Peter. R.I.P. Divine Mercy Chaplet

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



	Sat. 2 nd Mar. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Giacomo Petta. R.I.P. [A] By Josie Green.
		5.30pm	St. Joseph	Stations of the Cross
		6:00 pm		Rev Fr Maria Nathan. R.I.P.
Sun. 3 rd Mar.		9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	People of Our Parishes.
		10:30 am	St. Joseph	Stations of the Cross
		11:00 am		Jasmine Pemberton's Intention.

TODAY'S MASS (B)	Order of Mass	Profession of Faith	Preface	Eucharistic Prayer	Communion Rite
2 nd Sunday of Lent 155	7	11 / 12	72	24	56

Confessions - Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph's: Confessions are being heard before Holy Mass on Fridays and Saturdays.

Holy Communion can be brought to the Sick and Housebound on the First Friday of the month. Please contact Fr Amal or Deacon Kevin.

A Prayer For Those Affected By Conflict: God of refuge, the rock in whom we trust, watch over our sisters and brothers in areas suffering conflict and war. Bring comfort to those who grieve, shelter to those who are homeless, and sustenance to those who hunger and thirst.
God of mercy, open our hearts to your grace, so that we are filled with compassion and a generosity of spirit, and inspire us to take action. Spirit of love, pour out your peace like a healing balm, which brings hope in place of despair. Amen

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PARISH NOTICES

The Season of Lent – 2nd Sunday.

There are some words we hear a lot of during the season of Lent. ‘Repent’ is one such word. It’s the word used on Ash Wednesday, when ash crosses are marked on our foreheads. And it’s the word Jesus cried out when he began preaching. “The time has come,” He says in Mark’s Gospel. “Repent!” (Adapted from Mark 1:15, NJB)

What do we think of when we hear the word ‘repent’? To be sorry, to regret, to make amends? These descriptions don’t fully explain what Jesus meant. To help us understand, it’s important to know that Mark’s Gospel was originally written in Greek. The Greek word Mark used for repent is “metanoia” which means to ‘change how you think’ or ‘change your attitude’.

But Jesus doesn’t say it to us as a threat or warning, rather as an invitation. Jesus encourages us, particularly in Lent, to look for ways we can change the thinking that brings us and others unhappiness—the kind of thinking that lead us to make bad choices; or that impacts on our physical and mental wellbeing.

What kind of thinking might Jesus be encouraging people to change? Perhaps low self-worth, jealousy, prejudice, self-centredness, greed, fear? Jesus understood that sometimes the way someone thought about themselves was caused by painful experiences that were beyond their control. Throughout his ministry, Jesus showed us how we must be patient and compassionate with such individuals and find ways to help them change for the better.

Lent Walk with Me booklets & Calendars are available at the back of church.

Sign up now - Day of Reflection for Lent: Will take place on **Monday, March 18th**. This year it’s a day at Holland House in Cropthorne. 10.00am - 4pm. Booking is essential as we have to let the house know how many of us there will so there is a form at the back of church to sign up. The cost for the day will be £20. (If this cost is difficult for you have a word or you need transport have a word with Christine).

Lent Lunches: On **Thursdays until 14th March** at the **Baptist Church**. at 12.30pm onwards. (Donations for The School of Joy)

Churches Together Lent Course: Five sessions taking place on a Thursday, with one session in the afternoon, and a repeat of the same in the evening. The afternoon session takes place at the **Baptist Church** 2-4pm following the lent lunch, and the evening sessions will take place at **Saint Andrews Centre**, 7 to 8:30 pm. The 2nd session is on Thursday February 29th. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

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Offertory Envelopes: We are about to order the 2024/2025 envelopes. Any parishioners wishing to use them for their weekly offerings to the church, please see Fr. Amal. If you would like to change from the envelopes to monthly standing order, please advise us and we can set up the standing order. Both methods allow the Parish to reclaim 25% tax paid on your contributions.

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from **10th-18th March 2024** at **St Joseph's Church** in Maidenhead.

See poster or Visit: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena for details.

Pershore Food Bank is short of the following items: The food bank continues to look for donations of all types of non-perishable foodstuffs, especially basic canned goods. Please, if you're clearing out a food cupboard and find those tins and packets of food you know you'll never use, it's all very welcome at the food bank provided it is "in date". Cleaning products and toiletries are always useful - except for dental products as there are plenty of these in stock. Thank you for your support.

This week Voluntary Collection for CAFOD. The CAFOD **Lenten Fast Day** was on Friday 23rd February. Please return your CAFOD envelopes (and complete the Gift Aid declaration if you are a taxpayer) on this week's voluntary collection.

Next Week 2nd Collection for Cathedral Maintenance.



Condolences: We offer our condolences to the family and friends of **John Louis Allison** who passed away last week. His Requiem Mass will take place at **1.30pm on Monday 26th February at Holy Redeemer's Church**, Pershore. Please keep them in your prayers.

Newsletter Items: To help the production of our newsletter can you please try to ensure that any items are sent to me by **5pm on the Thursday prior to publication?** Thank you.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY Thur. 28th March.	6:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	8:00 am	St Joseph	
GOOD FRIDAY Fri. 29 th March.	12:00 noon	St Joseph	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	3:00 am	Holy Redeemer	
EASTER VIGIL Sat. 30 th March.	4:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Easter Vigil
	6:30 pm	St. Joseph	
EASTER SUNDAY Sun. 31 st March.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Easter Sunday Mass
	11:00 am	St. Joseph	

The Word this Week

Today we hear of another Covenant. God promises Abraham descendants like “the stars of heaven”, and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son; but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God’s right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration.

Spiritual Matters

The mass this week demonstrates love so profound, it involves the ultimate sacrifice. Abraham offers God the life of his only son and, in doing so, proves his utter devotion. God is so pleased with his offering; He promises Abraham his descendants will be as plentiful as the stars in the night sky. God also sacrificed His only Son, and it is almost impossible to comprehend that He allowed Jesus to suffer and die for the sake of humankind. Yes, Jesus, the pure and perfect Saviour, was sacrificed because we are loved so much; He wanted to purchase our forgiveness and facilitate our place in Heaven. We could never earn this Divine gift, as we are merely weak people, but the Lord made and loves us just as we are! So today, as we hear of Jesus’ transfiguration, let us thank God for His awesome love, and pray that we shall love and serve Him forever.

For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Chas Bryer, Mark Baker, Alan Smith, Stephen Hales, Susan Vial, Peter O’Shea, Lynda Horne, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, Ann Milnes, 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.

“Lent is about a relationship, the most important one, with God and our neighbour.”

FR. JOHN LOMBARDI

Parish Safeguarding

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative are **Rev. M Kevin Gowdy - 01905 731639, Mr. Sinoj Sebastian 07882 754832 & Ann Marie Wallbank 01684 294040.** She can also be contacted at: Sg.holyredeemer.pershore@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*