



**St. Joseph's, Warndon &  
Holy Redeemer, Pershore**  
**Parish Newsletter - 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**  
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**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	People of our Parishes.
	5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Joe Thomas' Intention. By Swapna George.
Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Thanksgiving Mass
	11:00 am	St. Joseph	Joe Thomas' Intention. By Swapna George.

Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Jan Lukaszewski's Intentions.
Tue. 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9:00 am	St. Joseph	Holy Mass
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass

Thur. 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Private Mass		
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Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb..	9:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration.
	10:00 am		Holy Mass
	5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Adoration.
	6:15 pm		Kuttiyamma Mathai. R.I.P. [A] Divine Mercy Chaplet

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



10 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
	5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Holy Mass
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
	11:00 am	St. Joseph	Holy Mass

<b>TODAY'S MASS (B)</b>	Order of Mass	Profession of Faith	Preface	Eucharistic Prayer	Communion Rite
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT 134	7	11 / 12	68	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**

## PARISH NOTICES

**Thank You:** I am now back from my “Winter Break” and I would like to thank all the Priests, Eucharistic Ministers and “helpers” who keep the parishes running during my absence. Fr. Amal

**Baptism:** This Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> February) Margot Ann McKever will be baptised immediately after the 11 am Mass at St. Josephs.

**Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> - World Day of the Sick:** is observed universally. On this day, people around the world take time to pray for the sick and for those who work to alleviate the sufferings of the sick.



The message of Pope Francis for the 32<sup>nd</sup> World Day of the Sick, has the theme “*It is not good that man should be alone*” (cf. Gen 2:18) . “Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships”. In it, he speaks of Isolation and loneliness. “Our lives, reflecting in the image of the Trinity, are meant to attain fulfilment through a network of relationships, friendships and love, both given and received. We were created to be together, not alone. Precisely because this project of communion is so deeply rooted in the human heart, we see the experience of abandonment and solitude as something frightening, painful and even inhuman. This is all the more the case at times of vulnerability, uncertainty and insecurity, caused often by the onset of a serious illness”. Visit [Message of His Holiness Pope Francis](#) for the full text of his message.

**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.

**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.

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## The Season Of Lent

**Ashes for Ash Wednesday.** Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 14<sup>th</sup>. I would like to prepare the ashes in the traditional way by burning the palm crosses given out at last year’s Palm Sunday mass. Therefore, I ask parishioners to please return their palm crosses, which will be burned to make the ashes for use on Ash Wednesday. Thank you. Fr Amal

**Holy Week & the Sacred Triduum 28th—30th March:** Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) are still a long way off but now is the time to put the dates in your diary and organize your work and holiday schedules so that you can get to each of the main services:

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

**Next Weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for “Life”.** Life empowers women facing unexpected pregnancy, gives them a safe space in which to make pregnancy decisions, and helps them make the transition into early motherhood. In fact, Life helped 2,012 women in the last 18 months in the Archdiocese of Birmingham area alone – not to mention the tens of thousands of women they helped nationally, too.

**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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### The Word this Week

This world, as we know, is a fragile and fallible place, in which we encounter hunger, disease, sickness and death. Jesus proclaims, by his actions of healing, that there is another world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems. Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow him.

### Year of Prayer:

Archbishop Bernard Longley is inviting everyone to join in this year's Year of Prayer ahead of the Jubilee Year 2025. In a short video, recorded at Archbishop's House, His Grace introduces the Year of Prayer and invites all to pray the 'Our Father' with him.

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To see the video visit: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>.

### 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.**

*"Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow."*

- **St. Augustine**

### 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](mailto:Sg.holyredeemer.pershore@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*