



*St. Joseph's, Warndon &
Holy Redeemer, Pershore*
Parish Newsletter - 27th April 2024



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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



	27 th Apr.	Sat. 4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	People of our Parishes
		Vigil 6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Bernard & Catherine Hendrie. R.I.P. [A]
	28 th Apr.	Sun. 9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Fr John Bosco. R.I.P.
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	George. R.I.P. [A] By Jose
Mon. 29 th Apr.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Nathan & Katie Gowdy's Wedding Anniversary.	
	11:00 am		Funeral Service for Thomas Anthony Gilchrist	
Tue. 30 th Apr.	9:00 am	St. Joseph	Megan Gowdy's Birthday	
Wed. 1 st May Feast of St Joseph	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Thanksgiving Mass	
	2:00 pm	St Joseph	May Procession to School Garden.	
	6:00 pm		Thanksgiving Mass	
Thur. 2 nd May	6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Confirmation Mass	
Fri. 3 rd May	9:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration	
	10:00 am		Thanksgiving Mass for Ann Lane by B Jones	
	5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Adoration	
	6:15 pm		Thanksgiving Mass for Lee Price by A Gowdy Divine Mercy Chaplet	

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



	4 th May	Sat. 4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Thanksgiving Mass
		Vigil 6:00 pm	St. Joseph	People of our Parishes
	5 th May	Sun. 9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Sarah Cullen. R.I.P. by Julia Louise
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Dennis Kenny R.I.P. by Julia Louise

TODAY'S MASS (B)	Order of Mass	Profession of Faith	Preface	Eucharistic Prayer	Communion Rite
5 th Sunday of Easter 268	7	11/12	74 - 75	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

5th Sunday of Easter: Jesus, The Way, The Truth, The Life:

As plants grow in the Spring sunshine consider how the stem and its leaves are inter-connected – one cannot thrive without the other. Today Jesus uses the plant metaphor as he teaches that He is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.



The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us.

In today's world Jesus invites us, as his disciples, to relate to Him in prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well.

May the Month of Mary:

The month of May is the month which is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pray to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

Perhaps you can, in your homes, make a special shrine for Mary and offer prayers there during May. Perhaps offer the rosary once a day at the shrine for the problems facing the world and the Church.

May Procession at St Joseph: On Wednesday 1st May at 2.00 pm, in order to honour Our Mother Mary, we will be holding a procession at St Joseph's from the school hall to the Marian Garden. I would like to invite all of you to join and honour our Mother Mary. **[Please bring your Rosary]**

What You Said: The feedback from the various groups at the Parish meeting has been typed up and is now available at the back of church. Please pick up a copy if you wish. Thank you to all those who offered to serve on the Parish Council. There is an envelope addressed to each of you. Please collect from the back.

Grateful Thanks: the celebrations last Saturday (20th April) and Thursday (25th April) of 1st Communion at St Joseph, and Confirmation at Holy Redeemer, Pershore, & St Joseph, Warndon went on very well. I would like to thank everyone involved especially, Bishop Rt. Rev David Evens, Deacon Keven, all school teachers, staffs, parents, altar servers, flower arrangers, cleaners and all the children. May God bless you all.

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Confirmation: Some of our children from St Joseph's, Warndon are going to be confirmed by our area bishop Rt. Rev. David Evans at St. Joseph's at a special confirmation Mass on Thursday 2nd May at 6 pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

1st Holy Communion: Some of our St Joseph's, Warndon children are going to receive 1st Holy Communion on Saturday 27th April at 11.00 Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota is now available. If you cannot manage the date allocated to you, please arrange for someone to cover, but make sure that you change the details on the sheet at the back of church.

New Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church. Please take your box. If you would like to donate this way, please see Fr Amal.

New Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese: I wish to inform you, that by the Holy See, on Thursday 25th April, Mgr. Timothy Menezes and Canon Richard Walker have been appointed, by the Holy Father, as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese. I know that you will join me in assuring them both of our prayers as they prepare to take up their new responsibilities for the pastoral care of our clergy and people.

Missio Red Boxes: From **Missio Red Boxes** we raised £1186.32 in 2023. If you, would like to have a red box to support Missio, please contact Sue Allen 01386 561246 (Holy Redeemer) or Fr Amal (St Joseph's). There are some copies of the quarterly magazine at the back of church - please help yourself.

The Loop System: If you have a hearing aid with a "T" button, you can access the church loop system by switching this on. The system is working. However please note that newer hearing aids, including new NHS hearing aids, do not have this facility. If you can't find a "T" button on your hearing aid, then the loop function may not be available on it.

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 cans of meat, potatoes, cooking sauces and pasta. 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 back provided it is at least three months "in date". Thank you for your support.

Condolences: We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:



Thomas Anthony Gilchrist who passed away last week. His Funeral Service will take place at 11.00am on Monday 29th April at Holy Redeemer's Church, Pershore.



Michael Lee who passed away 19th April 2024. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 11.30am at Holy Redeemer's Church, Pershore.

Please keep them in your prayers. 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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The Word this Week

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him through the sacrament of Baptism. Today two of the three readings emphasise the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him

Spiritual Matters

In today’s Gospel we learn the importance of having the Lord in the centre of our lives, to flourish and grow in His love. We are very fortunate to have constant nourishment from the Lord through His Word, the Sacraments, prayer, the intercession of the saints, and through the wonderful power and peace of the Holy Spirit. These precious gifts enable us to have a constant and permanent conversation with the Lord and, as we go about our daily activities, He is with us at every turn. Without Jesus we are mere human beings, with human failings and human weaknesses, but when we put Jesus at the very core of our being He transforms us into loving and powerful disciples of God; and He will always enable us to best serve other people. So today let us pray for a deeper connection with the Lord and make a new commitment to love and follow Him forever.

(Louise Bowen)

For Your Prayers:

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

“What happens in Baptism? We become united forever with Jesus, to be born again to a new life.” - **POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI**

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.*