




*St. Joseph's, Warndon & Holy Redeemer, Pershore*  
*Parish Newsletter - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024*



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**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**



	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. May Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Thanksgiving Mass
		6:00 pm	St. Joseph	People of our Parishes
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sun. May	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


Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup> May.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	No Mass
Tue. 7 <sup>th</sup> May.	9:00 am	St. Joseph	Victoria's Intentions.
Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup> May.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Sheila Harding. R.I.P. [A]

***FEAST OF THE ASCENSION - Today's Mass 273***

Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00 pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass
Thur. 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Holy Redeemer	Jessi Embling. R.I.P.
Fri. 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration
	10:00 am		Elizabeth Stanyer R.I.P.
	5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Adoration
	6:15 pm		Holy Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**



	11 <sup>th</sup> Sat. May Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Bernadette Jones's Intention.
		6:00 pm	St. Joseph	People of our Parishes
	12 <sup>th</sup> Sun. May	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
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 270	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

### **6th Sunday of Easter: “If any one love me, he will keep my word”.**

In today’s Acclamation [*John 14:23*] and Gospel readings [*John 15:9-17*], Jesus speaks of reciprocated love when he commands his disciples to follow his commandments to show their love for him and in return the Father will love them. *“If any one love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and will make our abode with him.”*

In family life, we have many opportunities to show love in action. Each time we postpone a task to tend to the needs of another, we show ourselves to be on the path to following the example of love shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes the sacrifices we are called upon to make for others are small. But these small choices to love and to serve others prepare us for the larger choices and sacrifices that we may be called upon to make. If we are people who have practiced showing our love for others with generosity, we will also be people who are willing to lay down our lives for those we love.

**The Ascension of the Lord:** **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May** is the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord** and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. On this day we see Jesus enthroned as Lord and ruler of all [*Ephesians 1:17-23*]. In our liturgical life, this feast marks a transition between the resurrection of Christ at Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is an opportune time for us to reflect on our own commissioning as disciples of Jesus.

**Grateful Thanks:** the celebrations last Saturday (27<sup>th</sup> April) and Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> of May) of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at St Joseph, and Confirmation at Holy Redeemer, Pershore, & St Joseph, Warndon again went off very well thanks once again to everyone involved especially, Bishop Rt. Rev David Evens, Deacon Keven, all school teachers, staff, parents, the choir, altar servers, flower arrangers, cleaners and all the children. May God bless you all.

**Grand Celebration:** We will have a grand celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> May [This Sunday] with the Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children after St Joseph’s Sunday Mass at school hall. You are all most welcome to enjoy the celebration.

**Baptism:** **Leonard Cotet** is to be Baptised on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at St Joseph, Warndon. We welcome him to our Parish Community. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Children's Liturgy:** During Sunday Mass at Holy Redeemer the Children’s Liturgy is well established but more volunteers would be most welcome. Training and support will be offered, if required. All Volunteers will require DBS checks in accordance with Diocese guidelines.

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**Safeguarding Training for Parish Volunteers:** Do you know your responsibilities for Safeguarding in our parish? Training is available for everyone who has a voluntary role in our parish. The training is online and it is completely free. All volunteers are asked to undertake this important training as soon as possible. Please see the poster on the church notice board for details of how to sign up.

**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.

**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.

**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:



**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.

**Next week 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Communications, World Communications Day** encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

**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

Our Gospel today is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus' life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

### Spiritual Matters

This weekend's mass is particularly beautiful, for it teaches us, arguably, the most valuable message of Jesus - Love. The love of God for us, and with the importance for us to give His love to other people. Yes, God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son to be sacrificed; and, because Jesus suffered and died, we are now free to experience His Divine love and joy. The love of the Lord is so amazing, we really need to share it with everyone we meet. Of course, it is relatively easy to love folk that love us back, but it can be much more challenging if we dislike them! Then we need Jesus' help to find the grace to be kind. So, let us thank the Lord for His awesome love today and then pray that we will always be shining, loving and tolerant disciples.

**(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.**

*"We Christians are called to go out of ourselves to bring the mercy and tenderness of God to all".*

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**Pope Francis**

### 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.*