



ST JOSEPH was descended from the great King David and is described in St Matthew's gospel as "a righteous man".

He was a carpenter and a man of faith, who did what God asked of him. When an angel told Joseph in a dream about the baby Mary was to have, although he was surprised, Joseph took Mary as his wife. Soon they had to travel to Bethlehem to be counted for a census. There the baby was born in a stable and Joseph took care of Mary and Baby

Jesus. Then, in another dream, an angel told Joseph of danger for the baby, so he left everything, to take Mary and Baby Jesus away to safety in Egypt. When it was safe to return, Joseph brought his family back to live in Nazareth, where Jesus grew up. Joseph also took his family to Jerusalem every year at Passover time, as God asked. Once, when his parents had lost the boy Jesus, Joseph searched for three days before finding Jesus, safe in the Temple at Jerusalem.

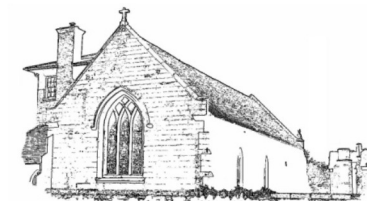
Joseph knew the wonder and the struggles of family life. He was a working man who worked hard as a carpenter, to support his family. He was a faithful husband and guardian to Mary, Jesus' mother and a fatherly example (foster father) to Jesus, teaching God's laws and the scriptures: helping his family to know and love God. *The Wednesday Word* can help us to do this too, as we regularly spend time sharing the Gospel together and growing in love, learning and understanding as a family – drawing closer to God.

Both Blessed Pope John XVIII and Pope Francis have included St Joseph in the central prayers of the Mass. The Church also celebrates two annual feast days for St Joseph: on March 19th (Patron Saint of Families) and on May 1st (Patron Saint of Workers). We thank God that St Joseph remained God's servant and is now a saint in Heaven ready for us to call upon in prayer. We can tell all our family needs to him, knowing he will bring them before God on our behalf.

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/home/st-joseph.htm>

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Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 17 March

8.30 am -
10.30 am -
5.00 pm -

There will be a second collection today, Sunday 17 March for Cafod Lent Fast Day

Second Sunday in Lent

*Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments
(Dementia Prayer Week)*

Pat Godwin R.I.P.

For the People of The Parish
Stations of The Cross

Monday 18 March

9.00 am -

Lent Feria (Dementia Prayer Week)

Ada Rosinski R.I.P.

Tuesday 19 March

11.00 am -

**Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of
The Blessed Virgin Mary (Dementia Prayer Week)**
Requiem Mass for Michael Millard R.I.P.

Wednesday 20 March

9.00 am -
9.30 am -

Lent Feria

Anthony Francis-Flores R.I.P.

Discussion Group (please see note below)

Thursday 21 March

11.30 am -

Lent Feria

Joe McLaughlin R.I.P.

Friday 22 March

1.00 pm -

Lent Feria

Requiem Mass for Vincent Glynn R.I.P.

Saturday 23 March

10.00 am -

Lent Feria

Maria Costanzo R.I.P.

Sunday 24 March

8.30 am -
10.30 am -
5.00 pm -

Third Sunday in Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

For the People of The Parish
Vocations to priesthood and diaconate on behalf of
Kidderminster and District Catenian Circle
Stations of The Cross



The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the **GROUP DISCUSSION** on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013), Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018)

Requiem Masses will be held at St Mary's this week.
Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Millard and Vincent Glynn.
May they Rest In Peace.

Prayers for the sick: Denis Conway, Kathleen Clark, Anthony Mitchell, Jeannie Morrison, Charles Paice, Michael Bird.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 17 March Eddie Picardo, Michael Jones
Annick Harvey, Joan McKay
Sunday 24 March Greg Kelly, Helen Raphael
John Charuk, Steve McWalter

Readers:

Sunday 17 March Pat Van Zyl
Tony Blackman
Sunday 24 March Geoff Summers
Terry Mulroy

Church Cleaners:

Friday 22 March Anne Quinn & Pauline Teare
Friday 29 March Teresa & Greg Oakley

Money Counters:

For the 17 March collection Mr J W Bradley
For the 24 March collection Mrs B Goodyear & Mrs M Walmsley

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 10 March
Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes £193.00
Loose cash £216.90

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448

- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000**.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Mr M Dawson

EMERGENCY EXIT: Via sacristy and through the house



The **FOOD BANK** in Kidderminster have expressed their sincere thanks to the parish for the generous and thoughtful items donated last week. In addition to food, toiletries and similar useful items parishioners donated £362.30 which will be put to good use in helping local families in real need.



The next meeting of **THE BOOK GROUP** will be in the stable at 9.30 on **Monday 5 April** to discuss *Camino Island* by John Grisham Everyone is welcome to join in the group, whether or not they have read the book.



The parish social committee invites you to attend an introduction to a series of family group **PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS** that are going to be run later in the Spring. The presentation will be in the stable on **Sunday 7 April** after **10.30 Mass**. Please see the posters in the church porch and stable for further details.



HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL extend an invitation to all families to attend a Hot Cross Bun Service on Wednesday 27 March at 7pm at the School. Join them for a hot cross bun & a cup of tea before pupils lead you through some Lenten activities to help you and your family to prepare spiritually for Easter. Suitable for accompanied children. RSVP online: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/hchs19hcb>

The School also warmly welcome parishioners aged 60+ to an Afternoon Tea, to be held on Wednesday 8 May (13:30-15:00). Come along and indulge your tastebuds whilst our B-Attituders (the Sixth Form branch of the SVP) give you the VIP treatment and entertain you for the afternoon. Please RSVP by 8/5/19: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/hchs19at>



Calling Christian Walkers ...

Celebrate Easter and the Lord's Resurrection by taking an **EMMAUS WALK** on **SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2019**

This sponsored walk, organised by The Friends of the Holy Land, is a walk to St Mary's Harvington starting at different places chosen as they are approximately an Emmaus distance away including Stourbridge, Stourport, Broms-grove, Cutnall Green and Kidderminster (these last two being a little shorter). **Registration and Sponsorship Forms are now available.** Please ask Gail and Stephen Brown (01562 753422 gailstephen@blueyonder.co.uk) or Anne and Jim Quinn (01299 851021 j.quinn789@btinternet.com)



The St Mary's Harvington Events Committee invite us all to join a **'BLUEBELL WALK'** on **TUESDAY 30 APRIL**. Leaving Harvington at 10.00am joining up with those who would rather start in Chaddelsy at 10.45am, arriving at Rowberry's Tea rooms 12.30/1.00pm approx. when others are welcome to join the walkers for refreshments.

Congratulations to the **100 CLUB WINNERS** for February 2019:
Mrs J Greenfield, Mr A Roberts, Mr B Kelly