



ST. JOSEPH has two dedicated days on the liturgical calendar. The first **March 19**, is the **Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The second is May 1, Joseph, the Worker.

Pope John Paul II once said "Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God".

There is very little about the life of Joseph in Scripture but still, we know that he was the chaste husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus, a carpenter and a man who was not wealthy. We also know that he came from the royal lineage of King David.

We can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public ministry.

Joseph is the patron of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying and social justice.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/feast-of-st-joseph-the-worker-471>

ESSENTIAL PARISH INFORMATION:

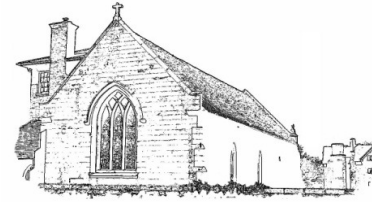
EMERGENCY EXIT: This is via the sacristy and through the house

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**Times of Holy Mass and Intentions
(YEAR B Readings)**

Sunday 18 March

8.30 am -
10.30 am -

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

For the people of the Parish
The Catenians, Mass for Vocations

Monday 19 March

8.30 am -

**Solemnity of St Joseph,
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Tuesday 20 March

8.30 am -
11.00 am -

Lent Feria

Private Intention
Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership, Past Headteacher Section. Parishioners are most welcome to attend this Mass.

Wednesday 21 March

8.30 am -
9.00 am -

Lent Feria

Holy Souls
#Discussion Group in The Stable

Thursday 22 March

11.30 am -

Lent Feria

Private Intention

Friday 23 March

11.30 am -

Lent Feria

Maria Oakes R.I.P. and deceased members of the Pakes & Taylor families

Followed by Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament until 2.00 pm

Saturday 24 March

10.00 am -

Lent Feria

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Sunday 25 March

8.30 am -
10.30 am -

Palm Sunday

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

For the people of the Parish
Maria Costanzo R.I.P.

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)

Prayers for Sick:

Trudy Woodall, Anthony Mitchell, Veronica Mitchell, Philip Edwards, Julia Comber, Anne Hiron, Kathleen Clarke, Maureen Ribbins, Anthony Francis-Floris, James Arbuthnott, Susannah Michaels, William Tweddell Jnr, Mo Trow, Jan Sewell, Oliver Ronan, Bernard Millard, Jean Buckley, Paul Hoban.

Jean's funeral and Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 3 April at 1.30 pm.** At 4.00pm on Monday 2 April her body will be received in church to rest overnight.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 18 March Eddie Picardo, Bridget Robson
Elizabeth Mountford, Carla Tucker
Sunday 25 March Greg Kelly, Paul Walmsley
Joan McKay, Annick Harvey

Readers:

Sunday 18 March Biddy Goodyear
Joan McKay
Sunday 25 March Liz Cornish
The Brown Family

Church Cleaners:

Friday 23 March Helen Burn, Stella Painter & Judith Smith

Money Counters:

For the 18 March collection: Mrs B Goodyear & Mrs M Walmsley

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 11 March

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£ 253.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 230.00
Loose cash	£ 244.98

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 cup of coffee and an exchange of ideas!



"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."
Matt 18:20

The first meeting of our **BOOK GROUP**, is on **Monday 19 March** at 9.30 am in the stable.



HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP Get in touch with your creative side! New members will be given a warm welcome by existing members of the Harvington Craft Group who meet regularly to learn and to practise a range of arts and craft skills.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 20 March** at 7.00pm in the Stable.

Ruth Whittle invites us all to join her in a **GOOD FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE WALK** starting at Rushock in the churchyard at 12.30. There will be prayers, hymns and times of reflection during the walk and a brief time of prayer in St. Mary's on arrival. Everyone is welcome, but you need to be able to climb the odd stile and wear firm boots. Lifts back to Rushock can be arranged after the Good Friday service. Please bring a hot cross bun or sandwich to share for lunch. This is a day of abstinence, so it's really about the sharing and can be very simple.



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND invite you to a Fashion Show on Sunday **15th April** at **3.00pm** at M & Co Stourport on Severn, Lombard Street.



It will give you the opportunity of seeing clothing available modelled by friends and family who will be known to you. Tickets at £5.00 will be on sale after Mass from Gail and Stephen Brown. Tel 01562 753422.

We are once more recruiting members for the annual **100 CLUB** which will commence on 1 May 2018. The '100 Club' raises funds for the church and provides a little fun at the same time as members have the chance to win a prize of £25, £10 and £5 each month. Membership remains at £12 per year and application forms are available from the table in the porch.



If possible please return the form together with your remittance (payable to St Mary's, Harvington) as soon as possible. Please take extra forms in case you know someone else who would like to join.

Deanery Services of Penance all at 7.30pm:

Monday, 19 March - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

Tuesday 20 March - St Ambrose, Kidderminster

Thursday 22 March - The Sacred Heart, Droitwich

* Please note the change to the previously published list; the Service on Wednesday 21 March at Bromsgrove has been cancelled.



GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Please take your named box from the tray in the porch.