



**St. Joseph's, Warndon &
Holy Redeemer, Pershore**
Parish Newsletter - 17th May 2025
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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sat. 17 th May Vigil	H.R.	4:00 pm	First Holy Communion Mass [People of our Parishes]
	S.J.	6:00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass. Private Intention
Sun. 18 th May	H.R.	9:00 am	David Fallon. R.I.P. by Mrs Fallon
	S.J.	11:00 am	M. Peter. R.I.P.

Mon. 19 th May	H.R.	10:00 am	Thanks giving Mass – Jan Lukaszewski
Tue. 20 th May	S.J.	9:00 am	Rev. Fr. Jayaraj. R.I.P.
Wed. 21 st May	H.R.	10:00 am	Bernard Hares. R.I.P. [A] Bob Hares
	S.J.	6:00 pm	Confirmation Mass
Thur. 22 nd May	Private Mass		
Fri. 23 rd May	H.R.	9:30 am	Adoration.
		10:00 am	A Peter. R.I.P.
	S.J.	5:45 pm	Adoration.
		6:15 pm	Princy & Jobi Thomas Wedding Anniversary . Divine Mercy Chaplet

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sat. 24 th May Vigil	H.R.	4:00 pm	Holy Mass
	S.J.	6:00 pm	Danial a Roch. R.I.P.
Sun. 25 th May	H.R.	9:00 am	Private Intention.
	S.J.	11:00 am	People of our Parishes

1st Reading | Acts 14:21-27 | **2nd Reading** | Revelation 21:1-5 | **Gospel** | John 13:31-33, 34-35

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.

Jubilee Prayer: Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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PARISH NOTICES



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"



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5th Sunday of Easter: "Love one another as I have loved you":

Today's gospel takes us back to holy week and events that led up to the crucifixion and captures Jesus' message about love and glorification. As Judas leaves to betray him, Jesus speaks of his coming glory, a reference to his sacrifice and resurrection. He then gives his disciples a new commandment: to "Love one another as I have loved you". This love is meant to be selfless, transformative, and a defining trait of his followers. Through this love, the world will recognise them as disciples of Christ. His words challenge us to embody a love that reflects his sacrifice, ensuring that his presence continues even after his departure.

Pope Leo XIV: - The big day - the papal inauguration! In St. Peter's Square, on **Sunday May 18th**, Leo XIV will be formally installed as supreme pontiff, pontifex maximus, and the Bishop of Rome. A formal mass will take place at 9am BST, marking the beginning of the new pontificate.



Let us pray for our new Holy Father.

Summer Break: I will be taking a "Summer Break" from the end of May so, if you have any urgent church business, please contact me before then. Fr. Amal.

1st Holy Communion Mass will be Celebrated at Holy Redeemer on Saturday 17th May at 4.00pm. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Confirmation Children's Parents meeting will take place immediate after the Sunday Mass [18/05/2025]

Confirmation Mass [St Joseph]: Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday 21st May at 6.00pm Mass by Rt. Rev David Evans. Please keep them in your prayers.

Registration form for those not at a Catholic school: A form is now available for 1st Reconciliation and Holy Communion for children not attending a catholic school.

Help wanted [Holy Redeemer]: If anyone can help to tidy and maintain a small section of the church garden borders, please see Bob Hares or telephone him on 01386 555438.

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Parish Social Events [Holy Redeemer] You are invited to the first of our parish social events since the formation of the parish council. A Strawberry Tea will be held on **Saturday June 14th** at 5pm in the church grounds, weather permitting. It's free! (donations welcome). More details soon but book the date for this event in your diary now.

Welcome: A huge welcome to Agata who has joined our children's liturgy group! She will be helping Claire mainly during Saturday's Masses. Thank you for joining us.

Children's Liturgy: This weekend, the young people will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday. In light of this there will be no children's liturgy on either Saturday or Sunday. Grace's [Children's Liturgy Organiser] daughter, Isabella, will also be making her first Holy Communion so please keep them all in your prayers.

Pershore Food Bank: Wanted now for Pershore Food Bank basic non-perishable foodstuffs to keep stocks up. Tinned goods, pasta and other staples such as cereals, long-life milk and condiments, toiletries (excluding dental) and cleaning products will be welcomed. Donations can be left at the back of church. Thank you for your continuing support.

Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: As Catholic Worcester, we will be going on a pilgrimage to our National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on **Saturday 12th July**. Please book your seat, £25 per person, We leave at 7am and plan to return by 8pm.

Encounter Morning:- St Joseph's Church, 125 Newtown Rd, Malvern WR14 1PF: Saturday 17th May, 9.30am - 1pm. You are warmly invited to a time of reflection & fellowship, led by Cursillo. Through talks and discussion, discover how Cursillo can help you and your parish deepen, renew and share our Catholic faith. Join us on Saturday 17th May from 9.30am – 1pm. Light refreshments as well as lunch will be provided. To let us know you are coming, please email Paul in the Office for Mission: paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk or call 0121 321 5148

Baptism: Max Emilian is to be Baptised 17th May 2025 at St Joseph. We welcome him to our Parish Community. Please keep him in your prayers.



Condolences: We offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Lucy Orchard** who passed away last Tuesday [13/05/25]. Her Requiem Mass will take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 29th May at Holy Redeemer's Church, Pershore. Please keep them in your prayers.

Newsletter Items: To help the production of our newsletter can you 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

As we are getting closer to the Ascension the readings this Sunday begin to move us along, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, “love one another”, is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost. It is the risen Lord’s parting gift to his Church.

Spiritual Matters

In today’s Gospel Jesus instructs the disciples to love one another. Sometimes, it is easy to love our families and friends, or those we admire; however, it is not so easy to love people that we dislike. The world is full of different people, some of whom we find straightforward to love, but Jesus does not give us the simple option; He expects us to love everyone! So how can we do this? How can we love people that really don’t appeal to us? Well fortunately one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is love, and the Spirit gives us the power to put aside personal preferences make the decision to love. Loving folk is a liberating experience. It makes us feel so much better being kind, rather than carrying around anger and resentment. Let us ask the Spirit to fill our hearts with love today and pray we will be Jesus’ loving disciples forever. (Louise Bowen)

For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Jim Coward, Deacon Paul O’Conner, Maureen Womack, Chris Kelly, Claire Lording, Mark Baker, 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.

“A person's rightful due is to be treated as an object of love, not as an object for use.” — **Pope John Paul II**

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 at Holy Redeemer is **Ann Marie Wallbank 01684 294040**. She can also be contacted at: Sg.holyredeemer.pershore@rcaob.org.uk. At St. Joseph’s the Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Jobi Thomas** -sg.stjoseph.worcester@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.