



The Catholic Parishes of St. Joseph, St. George and Our Lady Queen of Peace

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THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH

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Second Sunday of Lent Sunday Cycle A 1st March 2026 – Psalter Week 2



Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For disarmament and peace
Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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“Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour”.
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DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (or Event Description)	FEAST DAYS
SAT 28 th Feb	St J (Warndon)	10.30 am	Nuptial Mass of Valentine & Gladys	
	St G	11 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & No Confessions	
Vigil Mass	St G	12.30 pm	Thanksgiving - 60th Birthday	Second Sunday of Lent
Vigil Mass	OLQP	6 pm	Rest of the soul of Kay Healy	
	St G	8.45 am	John Pill RIP	
	OLQP	9 am	Daniel Healy – Birthday Mass	
SUN 1 st Mar	St J (Warndon)	10.30 am	Thanksgiving Birthday Intention - Abby & Merriel	Second Sunday of Lent
	St G	11 am	Prayers for the souls of Mrs Celestina Hassan & Cecilia Igwe	
	OLQP	12.15 pm	Polish Mass	
	St G	5 pm	Sung Vespers	
	St J (Warndon)	5.30 pm	Pro Populo	
MON 2 nd Mar	St G	10 am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Olubukola, Shey & Pearl	Feast of St.Chad, Bishop
TUE 3 rd Mar	OLQP	9.15 am	Nigel Dawes RIP	Lent Feria
	St G	10 am	Rev Fred Warriner RIP	
	St G	7.30 pm	Growing in Holiness (The Joy of Forgiveness)	
WED 4 th Mar	St G School	9.05	Lord Guthrie RIP	Lent Feria
	OLQP	9.20 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	
	OLQP	10 am	Rest of the soul of Janice Dodd (Recently Deceased)	
	St G	11.00am-11.45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
	St G	12 noon	The intentions of Patrick Healy & Family	
THU 5 th Mar	St J (Warndon)	9.00 am	Mrs Shirley Kennedy RIP	Lent Feria
	St G	10 am	Ken Barber 90th Birthday Thanksgiving	
FRI 6 th Mar	St G	12 noon	Pat O'Connor Birthday Thanksgiving Followed by Lenten Soups in the Parish Centre	Lent Feria
	St. J (Warndon)	5.30 pm	Stations of the Cross	
	St G	6 pm	Stations of the Cross	
	St J (Warndon)	6.15 pm	Bernadette Boylan RIP followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet	
	OLQP	7 pm	Stations of the Cross	
SAT 7 th Mar	St G	9 am	Raphael & William Followed by First Confessions	Memorial of Our Lady (First Saturday)
	St G	11 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Vigil Mass	St G	12.30 pm	James Power RIP (Anniv.) & Giovanna De Franco (3rd Anniv.)	Third Sunday of Lent
Vigil Mass	OLQP	6 pm	Philip James Keeley RIP	
	St G	8.45 am	Emily Witherick RIP	
	OLQP	9 am	Janice Dodd RIP (Recently Deceased)	
SUN 8 th Mar	St J (Warndon)	10.30 am	Joanne Walsh RIP	Third Sunday of Lent
	St G	11 am	Rev.Fr Aloysius All Priests and Pope Leo	
	OLQP	12.15 pm	Polish Mass	
	St J (Warndon)	5.30 pm	Pro Populo	

The Rosary is prayed from 9.30am before the 10am Weekday Masses at St. George's.
Tea and Coffee at St. George's and Our Lady's after the Sunday Morning Masses



PLEASE PRAY FOR: The Sick and Housebound of the three parishes. We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes.

Our Lady, Health of the sick, Pray for them ☩

Welcome to the family of Christ. ☩

The Recently Baptised:

The Recently Deceased: Joan Coombs – 10am 16th March at OLQP

Janice Dodd – Requiem Mass 11.30 am 24th March at OLQP

May they rest in peace ☩

Clergy Anniversaries incl: Bishop Kevin Dunn – Twelfth Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle, Canons Peter Taylor, Anthony Allport, Revs Douglas Carter, John Pinkman, Robert Wright, Terence Luxon

May they rest in peace ☩

Parish Anniversaries incl: Rose McGloin, Hannah Baker, Rita Zacchi, Mary Ballett, Arturo Pettinicchio, Patricia Woodward, Garry Woods, Chibinobim Obiora, Rita Millicheap

May they rest in peace ☩

Second Sunday of Lent

First reading

The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.

Genesis 12:1-4a

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord

Ps 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R5b

Second reading

God calls and enlightens us.

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel

'His face shone like the sun.'

Matthew 17:1-9

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

THE ORDER OF MASS

Priest In the name of the Father....
People **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

People: **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God**

Gloria

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,
People: **and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

After the first and second readings

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**



The Gospel Acclamation is:

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father

Before the Gospel reading

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to.....
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel reading

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith

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People: **I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

People: **Lord, hear our prayer**

People: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Priest Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.**

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Everyone: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: ONE OF THESE:

- A **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**
- B **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**
- C **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.**

Doxology and Great Amen

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

People **Amen**

Priest At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father, who art in heaven,....**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,

People: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Rite of Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And with your spirit.**

Deacon or Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of Peace

To each other: Peace be with you

Breaking of Bread / Lamb of God

People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him.....

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Concluding Rites

Blessing - Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit**

Dismissal - Deacon or Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended
People: **Thanks be to God**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lectio Divina (Zoom meeting)	Mondays from 7.00pm to 7.40pm - Meeting ID: 91915833192 - Passcode: 6ukZCd
Knights of St. Columba	7.30pm for 8pm Start - Wed 4/3
Catholic Worcester Youth Group	St George's Parish Centre TBC
University Students Meeting	St George's Parish Centre on Sunday 22 nd March at 6pm.
Sung Vespers	First Sunday of each month at 5pm at St George's Church. Next Sung Vespers 1 st March 2026

****EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ST GEORGE'S PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS****

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PARISH GIVING –

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will no longer be making use of numbered envelopes from the new TAX YEAR. If you are a GIFT AIDER who has been using envelopes then please consider making a Standing Order or GIFT AIDING payments through the DONA system.

Ideally please arrange a regular payment by **Monthly Standing Order** through your bank (easily done using mobile phone, telephone or internet banking) to:

Account Name R.C. Archdiocese of Birmingham Parish of St George Worcester
Acc 07099460 Sort Code 55-81-36

Account Name R.C. Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace Worcester RCA of Birmingham
Acc 06477135 Sort Code 55-81-57

Account Name RCAB Parish of St Joseph, Warndon, Worcester
Acc 07010745 Sort Code 55-81-36

A paper Standing Order Form can be made available if you prefer.

Or use the DONA Machines at the back of church or the DONA QR Codes on the front of this Newsletter.

Sun 22/2/26	Standing Orders	Offertry Collection	Second Collection - ProLife	Dona Digital Collection Plate 1st + 2nd	Total	Mass Attendance
St. G	£ 370	£ 649	£	£ 462 + £ 47	£1528	618
OLQP	£ 122	£ 255	£	£ 25 + £	£ 402	173
St. J	£ 80	£ 111	£	-	£ 191	140
2nd Collection this weekend Sat & Sun 28/2+1/3 – CAFOD Lenten Fast - Please <u>only</u> use a CAFOD envelope if you are GIFT AIDING your donation						931

GROWING IN HOLINESS

Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd March - 7.30pm at St. George's Church

Theme for the reflections: **"THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS"**

All welcome

A JOURNEY IN FAITH – RCIA

"Enquiry is a time of discovery"

You are welcome to join me on Thursday evening's at 7pm in our Parish Centre - The next session is on Thursday, **5th March at 7pm**

LITTLE SAINTS - OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE RC CHURCH

Children's Liturgy as part of the 9am Sunday Mass on the following dates: - 8/3, 22/3, 29/3. If you are interested in supporting the leader and can help support once a month, please contact Gemma on 07584 308 173.

Children's Liturgy at St. George's -

This Sunday(1/3) at the 8.45 Mass & every Sunday in Term Time.

BAPTISM Courses in 2026 – 10 am St. George's Parish Centre

If you want to arrange a baptism in one of our three Churches, then please come along for about two hours on one of the following dates:

Saturdays - 21st March; 16th May; 12th September; 14th November

We will be able to discuss the importance of this Sacrament as well as fill out the necessary application form and arrange/confirm the date.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP: Next meeting is on **Monday 16th March at 7pm** at OLQP Hall. All welcome

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION – BELMONT ABBEY: Saturday, 7th March 2026. Welcome and coffee from 10 am and the talk start at 10.30am. Belmont Abbey, Ruckhall Lane, Hereford HR2 9RZ. Please contact Andrew Grant for further information. andrewgrant2026@btinternet.com or 07976 982742

Exploring 'Dilexi Te: On Love for the Poor'.

We're hosting 5 sessions on 'Dilexi Te' using a parish-based resource written by Fleur Dorrell. If you'd like to join us to explore how Pope Leo's first Apostolic Exhortation could inspire our parish, please email Fleur: fleur.dorrell@cbcew.org.uk

St George's Parish Centre on: **7pm – 8.30pm: on the following Wednesday evenings 18th March; 15th and 29th April; 20th and 27th May.** (Sessions will be guided by Fleur Dorrell, David McLoughlin and Paul Brohan)

£3 - SATURDAY ALL DAY CAR PARKING at St. George's Car Park (WR1 1UT)

World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service 1.45pm Friday 6th March
St.John-in-Bedwardine Church, WR2 5BS. Contact Pat Fenner at OLQP for more information.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

from 25th to 29th May 2026

£760 + single room supplement & luggage extra

Still time to book - Deposit by 20th March



Medjugorje Pilgrimage

from 21st to 25th September 2026

£480 + single room supplement & luggage extra

Still time to book – Deposit by 28th March

Booking forms for both pilgrimages available from the back of St.George's Church or scan the QR codes

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH: Every Friday during Lent, the Midday Mass is followed by a Soup Lunch in the Parish Centre at St George's. All funds and donations raised is to support the Bathula Care Trust & Friends of the Holy Land charities. Please contact Marion Fisher for further information

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent as follows:

St. Joseph's at 5.30pm, **St. George's** at 6.00pm & **OLQP** at 7.00pm.

I encourage every family to actively participate.

24 HOURS OF ADORATION AND WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S: On Friday 20th to Saturday 21st March

LENTEN RETREAT - On three consecutive evenings

at 7pm in St George's Church: On Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March 2026

MOTHERING SUNDAY: On Sunday 15th March, Meg is organising a Concert and Tea to celebrate the **feast of St Patrick** from 3pm to 5 pm. All are welcome. All funds raised will go towards St George's Renovation.

OLQP: There will also be a **St Patricks Tea Party Sing-along and Dance Display** on Sunday 22nd March at 2.30pm in the OLQP School Hall – keep an eye out for Posters. Free entrance but fundraising towards the repairs of the church and hall. Keep an eye out for posters.

Bereavement Café – Planned for the First Tuesday each month in the Parish Centre. If you'd like to help contact Mary on 01905 27626

Father Joseph Narikuzhi RIP – Retired priest of the Archdiocese died on Saturday 21st February 2026. He served here at St George's Parish as assistant between 2011 and 2015. Funeral arrangements will follow later. May his noble soul rest in peace.

Win a Chocolate Easter Chick in the Annual Lenten Quiz – Quiz Sheets £1 available from Mary after the weekend Masses. Proceeds to the SVP

ARCHBISHOP BERNARD TO VISIT CATHOLIC WORCESTER

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: To mark the occasion His Grace will celebrate Holy Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 20th May. During Mass some of our young people will be receiving the sacrament of confirmation. I appeal to parishioners to volunteer to organise refreshments/buffet supper. Deacon Kevin will coordinate.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE: His Grace will be with us to mark the occasion by celebrating a "Thanksgiving Mass" on Sunday 14th June at 9.00 am, followed by refreshment/brunch.

The National Men's Pro-life Conference: Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info or to book your place go to: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: The next social gathering will be on Sunday 22nd March at 6pm in St George's Parish Centre. Please let me know if you will be attending, so that accordingly I shall prepare supper to eat together. Email me: canonjohn.baththula@rcaob.org.uk.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: I am looking for more volunteers to help with Youth Ministry. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with me.