

**ST ETHELBERT'S CHURCH, LEOMINSTER  
& ST JOSEPH'S, BROMYARD**

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**9th August 2020: 19th Sunday of the year**

In the Gospel this weekend we hear how the disciples find themselves in a difficult situation. They are in a small boat on the Sea of Galilee fighting against a severe storm. They have every reason to be anxious, worried and afraid. But they are not alone. Out of the darkness comes the person of Jesus walking on the water towards them. Initially, this makes them even more frightened. They think it was a ghost. But Jesus, knowing how they feel, encourages them with the great phrase from scripture, 'Do not be afraid'.

I am sure that each of us experience 'stormy moments' which disrupt our lives or even cause us to be anxious and afraid. At times like this we can be a bit like Elijah in today's first reading asking ourselves, where is God in the turbulence of our life? But, as with Elijah, so with us. God does not speak in extraordinary ways, in storms and earthquakes and fire. We find God when we quietly listen and look beneath the surface of our lives. It is there that we find Jesus inviting us to keep our gaze on him, to listen to him and not be afraid of the difficulties raging around us.

So the readings today are calling us to not lose sight of the Lord's presence in our lives and, when we do experience the difficulties that life places before us, to turn to him in quiet prayer asking that we may hear that still small voice of calm, who assures us of his presence, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!"

**Services during the week**

Sun 9 Aug	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year	<b>Mass 9.00am Leominster</b> <b>Mass 5.30pm Leominster</b>	People of the Parish Private Intention
Mon 10 Aug	St Lawrence	<b>Mass 9.00am Leominster</b>	Margaret Williams
Tue 11 Aug	St Clare	Private Mass	
Wed 12 Aug		Private Mass	
Thur 13 Aug		<b>No Private Prayer at Bromyard</b> Private Mass	
Fri 14 Aug	St Maximilian Kolbe	<b>Mass 9.00am Leominster</b>	Deceased members of the Parry Family
Sat 15 Aug		Private Mass	
Sun 16 Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>Mass 9.00am Leominster</b> <b>Mass 11.00am Bromyard</b> <b>Mass 5.30pm Leominster</b>	People of the Parish Ann Perry

### **St Ethelbert's Leominster**

At present, there will be Public Masses at St Ethelbert's at 9.00am and 5.30pm on Sundays and at 9.00am on Monday and Friday. The number of people that can be accommodated at the Masses is limited and face coverings are essential in order to comply with government regulations. To book a place at one of the Sunday Masses, please contact Fr Paul preferably by email [leominster@rcadc.org](mailto:leominster@rcadc.org) or by phone.

### **St Joseph's, Bromyard**

The good news is that we have had permission to open St Joseph's for public worship. Beginning next Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a public Mass at St Joseph's at 11.00am. In order to comply with government legislation we can only accommodate a relatively small number of people at any one Mass; therefore, I would ask that those wishing to attend to contact me, preferably by email [leominster@rcadc.org](mailto:leominster@rcadc.org) or phone if you do not have email. If more than the permitted number apply, I will let you know that we have already reached capacity.

Those attending will be required to wear face covering throughout the Mass and the ministries of altar service, reader and Eucharistic ministry will be suspended for the time being. Also, in order to maintain a social distance of 1 metre plus in the church, places where people can sit will be clearly marked and those attending will be directed to their places beginning at the front of the church. At the end of Mass people will be asked to leave the church row by row beginning at the back of the church.

Hopefully, I will be able to celebrate other Masses at St. Joseph's in the future, but this will depend on the number of stewards and cleaners available.

**In order to prepare the church for communal worship the church will not be open for private prayer this coming Thursday.**

### **Confessions**

At present it is still not possible to hear confessions in the usual way however if you wish to go to confession, please contact the presbytery and I will make suitable arrangements.

### **RIP**

Please remember in your prayers Miss Pam Binyon - owner of "Food For All" Christian Bookshop in Bromyard - who died on August 3rd. Pam was a parishioner of St. Peter's, Bromyard and a tireless worker for Christian Unity in the town.



**'I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him.'**

**(Responsorial Psalm Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time)**