



Parish of Saint Joseph

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Kevin Douglas. They can be contacted at: sg.stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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Acts 4:8-12 Psalm – 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29 1John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

WHY THE GOOD SHEPHERD CELEBRATION?

Jesus claims that he is the “good shepherd” who knows, leads, defends, and lays down his life for the sheep. The Father has given Christ the power and command to lay down his life for the flock. Though the imagery of the good shepherd is old, the message is topical and relevant to us here and now. Jesus Christ as a good shepherd gave his life for his sheep, knew them personally and take utmost care of them passionately. He does these without hidden motives or personal interests like the hired man. The readings of today illustrate to us the leadership role of the good shepherd to his flock of sheep. They do not only elaborate on the good roles of the shepherd but also the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. Celebrating the good shepherd invites and challenges our role as shepherd or sheep in the sheepfold of Christ. The shepherding challenges call on us to examine one important question: Are we true shepherds who care, guide, love and sacrifice our time, talent, and self for the sake of others?

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	20	EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intentions of Liz Burger (Mary Carroll)
Sat	20	EVE OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations	6.00pm	Holy Mass – Live streamed	Jim & Dorothy Whitteron † (Sue Whitteron)
Sun	21	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations	11.00am	Holy Mass – Live streamed	Pro Populo
Mon	22	EASTER FERIA	12noon	Holy Mass	Intention of Felix Stephen (Lizzy Philip)
Tue	23	SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND	7.45am	NO MASS	
Wed	24	EASTER FERIA		Private Mass	Benefactors of Johnson Association
Thur	25	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am-6.45pm	In Church	
Thur	25	FEAST OF ST MARK, EVANGELIST	7.00pm	Holy Mass – Live streamed	Prisoners
Fri	26	EASTER FERIA	9.15am	Sycamore Class (Years 3&4) Mass	Special Intention (Mary Wolfe)
Fri	26	Prayer Service at Waterside Care Home	11.00am		
Sat	27	EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Roberta Wharton † (Vicky Alfonso)
Sat	27	EVE OF FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm	Holy Mass – Live streamed	Joan O'Donovan: Well-being (Tony & Chris Hoyle)
Sun	28	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am	Holy Mass – Live streamed	David & Ray Buxton † (Kath Buxton)

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed on some days via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk> or

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYZ7CmmPDRxzmT_tto

❖ **Pope's Prayer Intention for April:** For the role of Women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

❖ **Fr Naz hears confession** in the Confessional from 10:30am until 11 am on Saturdays or by appointment.

❖ **GOSPEL SHARE GROUP** meets every Friday in the McEnnis Room at 7.30 pm for one hour. Please come and join in.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish: Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Anne-Marie Elder, Margaret Coleman, Jessica, Christine Smith and Elizabeth Docker. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. **Amen.**

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK –
Dorothy Brooks, Barbara Lucas

This Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

Events

23rd April – Tuesday – RCIA – 7pm-8.30pm

REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

A big thank you to all who were involved in some way in the weekly reflections unpacking the Lord's Prayer which were hosted in turn between St Joseph's-Malvern, St Joseph's-Upton and Our Lady and St Alphonsus-Blackmore Park. These sessions started at the beginning of Lent and run through to the Third Week of Easter. A steady group ranging from 25 to 30 people attended these reflections. Sessions started with a light shared meal prepared by the hosting church Community. Big thanks to all who contributed to these meals, some of whom were not even part of the sessions. A vote of thanks to all those who came forward to lead these reflections and there was an enriching sharing of reflections. In view of similar future gatherings, kindly complete a feedback sheet attached to this newsletter. Margaret Allan will collect responses from St Joseph's – Malvern and Deacon Sean Duffey will collect responses from Upton and Blackmore Park.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE – An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4th May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass to register by Sunday 21st April 2024

The Parish has used the £480 Crib money to buy 60 vented Chest Seal Packs for First Aid supplies for Ukraine. They are Emergency trauma Dressings. We bought them on Tuesday, and they are going to Ukraine on Friday! If Parishioners wish to make further contributions to buy more kits, please put donations in an envelope or use the card machine or pay by BACs. They cost £8 each. Thank you, Chris Park Parish Treasurer.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH, POOLBROOK

Sunday 21st April - 6pm Service - All Welcome
Guest Speaker is Helen Azer from Heartcryforchange and is a national and international speaker. Heartcry for change's vision: 'At Heartcry for Change we seek to facilitate this desire by encouraging the Church to connect with their community and bring a practical message of hope. For more information visit <https://heartcryforchange.com/>

Lyttelton Well – Are looking for a Cleaner. This is a 2 hour a day role from Monday to Saturday, to clean our offices, rooms, cafe, and counselling suite. There is a remuneration for this post which would be discussed with anyone interested. Please, if you know anybody within your congregations or social circles who is looking for work, please ask them to call the office on 01684 573 702.

Malvern Hills Food Bank – Please remember the needs of the Food Bank – the items we are looking for in particular are as follows – Tea bags, coffee, tins of carrots and tins of custard and tins of fruit, UHT milk, surface cleaners and dry rice. Drop off points are Waitrose, Morrisons, Lidl Malvern Link, Co-op Malvern Link, Co-op Upton, Warner's Upton, Sainsbury's Malvern Vale, One Stop Shops (Pickersleigh Road, Barnards Green and Poolbrook), Greenlink Organic Foods and Just So Barnards Green which are regularly emptied, and any donations of food can be left in one of these. Thank you.

WORK EXPERIENCE Apply today: Work Experience opportunity for young adults with the SVP and CAFOD - The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from Sunday 7th July to Saturday 13th July in London. Candidates must be aged between 20-30 years old and have a passion for social justice.

AFRICAN MASS Date for the diary: African Mass to celebrate Pentecost. The Newman Cluster will be hosting an African Mass on Sunday 19th May to celebrate Pentecost. All are welcome. The cluster is made up of the churches: Christ the King, Kingstanding, Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and St Margaret Mary, Perry Common. The Mass will be concelebrated by Fathers The-Quang Ngyuen, Simon Ellis and Leonard Cox, and Monsignor Daniel McHugh, the Ethnic Chaplaincy co-ordinator for the Archdiocese. The liturgy and music will be drawn from the African communities represented in the Newman Cluster, and African dress is also encouraged.

Malvern Well-Dressing Festival - Friday May 3rd to Monday May 13th. Wells, Springs and Fountains will be decorated with the theme of TREES. Well-dressing blessings Friday May 3rd 6.30pm St. James Churchyard and Saturday 4th May 4.00pm at Malvhina, Belle Vue Island. Churches are invited to remember our dependence on water and to give thanks in their services during that time.

WIN & PEPPER'S BIG LENT WALK FOR CAFOD
Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored us on our walk or gave me donations. We walked 249 Kilometres (154 miles) during Lent. So far, I have raised £947, though I am hoping to make £1000 if I collect all the promises made. I am sending this to CAFOD by the beginning of May. My address is 11 Bronsil Drive WR14 1LR if you want to post it through. Pepper won't eat it if she is 'home alone'. Alternatively, ring me on M: 568585 and I will collect it from you. Win Crawford

SHRINE AND BASILICA OF OUR LADY, WALSINGHAM The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham has an online feature as part of its website encouraging people to come to the Shrine as part of the Jubilee Year 2025: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/come-to-walsingham-for-the-jubilee-year2025/> and on their homepage: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/shrine-home/>