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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A REFLECTION

10th to 11th December 2022

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Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10Psalm 146:6-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11

For most children, Christmas is a time of great anticipation: *What will Santa bring us? How will we spend our Christmas break?* Today's readings talk about anticipation, preparation, patience, and joy in a much more important context. In our reading from Isaiah the prophet speaks of the signs that will accompany the arrival of the Messiah — the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame will *"leap like a deer,"* and the mute will sing. The mission of Jesus in the Gospel perfectly fulfils these expectations: *"the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear and the dead are raised to life and the good news proclaimed to the poor."* When Jesus tells us to follow him, he is telling us to continue his mission, because his ministry becomes our ministry. In our world, many people are blind and deaf. Many people are too lame to go to church. A lot have died in their faith and due to poverty, people are denied the basic necessities of life. Jesus is calling us to carry on his mission in all these

Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	10	Advent Feria	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Irish Family (John Irish)
Sat	10	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	Intention of Alicia Walker (Sam Craig)
Sun	11	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00 am	Holy Mass <i>Livestreamed</i>	Pro Populo (F.H.Communion Family Mass
Mon	12	Advent Feria	11.30 am	Holy Mass <i>Livestreamed</i>	Gino Lupino RIP (Janet Lupino)
Tue	13	Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	7.45 am	Holy Mass	John Griffiths RIP (Liz & Chris Burger)
Wed	14	Memorial of St John of the Cross		Private Mass	Michael Cullen RIP
Thu	15	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10 am – 6.45 pm	In Church	
Thu	15	Advent Feria	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Livestreamed</i>	Private Intention (Jennymon Family)
Fri	16	Advent Feria	9.15 am	Whole School Mass in School	END OF TERM WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
Sat	17	Advent Feria <i>O Sapientia</i>		Holy Mass	Fr John Gildae RIP (Lynne Harper)
Sat	17	FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>O Sapientia</i>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sun	18	FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>O Adonai</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Livestreamed</i>	Deceased of the Carroll Family (Mary Carroll)

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER IS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

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

or

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_ttow

Fr Naz hears confession in the Aldwin Room from 10:30am until 11am on Saturdays or by appointment.

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, Terry Warneford, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. Amen*

100+ Club November Draw Congratulations to the winners who are:

1st prize £90 – Chris and Liz Burger;

2nd prize £45 – Helen Normington;

3rd prize £45 – James Walsh;

4th prize £22.50 – Richard Thurlow;

5th prize £22.50 – David Rank

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to 100+ Club. We are grateful for your continued support. The next draw will take place in December. For those who are not familiar, the 100+ Club provides essential funds for church maintenance.

So how does it work?

✦ Anyone who is interested may join by signing up with the parish office / contact Sundrella Kirby (sundrellakirby@gmail.com)

✦ Each number is £5. Once a person signs up, his/her name will be associated with a number. The more £5 contributions, the more numbers the person will have. ✦ Each month, there will be 1 draw with 5 winners. The winners' names will be published in the bulletin. ✦ Prizes vary according to the number of people in the club. Currently, the top prize is £90. Hopefully, when we reached more than 100+ numbers, we will be able to increase to prizes!

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH MAGAZINE

A big thank you to Margaret Rank for working so hard to produce the Advent Parish Magazine. Please find it in the porch at a donation of 50p to defray printing costs.

GOSPEL SHARE: on Fridays, at 7.30 pm in the McEnnis Room or join by zoom. Everyone is welcome.

RECENT DEAD: Hildegard McCrindell whose funeral will be Monday 19th December at 11 am

The Thursday Group will be celebrating their Xmas lunch on **Thursday, December 15th** at 12 midday for 12.30 pm at The Worcester Golf Club.

Lytelton Well Quiz Night - Saturday 10th December 2022. If you haven't been to one of their quizzes yet, why not give it a try? Teams of four will be competing for almost fabulous prizes and people arriving in ones and twos will be helped to join or form teams. The Lytelton Rooms will be open from 7 o'clock and the quiz will get going at about 7.30, once we have settled everyone into teams. The cost is £2.50 per head plus a contribution for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits etc.

ONE WORLD GROUP - End of Year Appeal

The One World Group will be appealing for funds on the Fourth Sunday in Advent (17/18 December). Collection envelopes will be distributed then, for collection after Christmas. Over the last year, the One World Group has distributed over £2000 to Parish projects, and the funds desperately need replenishing so that we can continue to support our partners in Bolivia, India, Africa and here in Malvern

Anne Lewis will be on annual leave for a couple weeks from 25th November. Telephone messages and emails to the parish will be checked by Fr Naz and you may email Fr Naz directly on fr.nazarius.mgungwe@rcaob.org.uk for requests or notices. Thank you

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

NATIVITY SHOW, 3RD EPISODE IN THE MCENNIS ROOM (30 minutes)

Sunday 11th December at 3.00 pm

Thursday 15th December at 7.30 pm

HOLY JOES CAFFE in the McEnnis Room will take place this Monday, 12th December at 12 noon. People of the parish and the teachers of our school are welcome

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

There will be no Advent Reconciliation Service at St Joseph's as these services are organized at the cluster level as follows:

3.00pm on Sunday 11th December at Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park, Hanley Swan, WR8 0EA.

7.00 pm on Friday 16th December at The Most Holy Trinity, New St., Ledbury, HR8 2EE.

In preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's nativity let us go to one of these services. Those who cannot make it to either of these please utilize the weekly Saturday Confession time from 10.30 am to 11.00 am or by appointment with Fr Naz.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY:

A big thank you to some Parishioners who have already contributed some money and food items. If you would like to do this, please contact the Parish Office or Michael Townson (m.townson1@btinternet.com or 01684 892740)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Family Mass: Saturday 24th December at 4.00 pm

Midnight Mass: Saturday 24th December at Midnight preceded by carols from 11.30 pm.

Christmas Day Mass:
Sunday December at 10 am