



Parish of Saint Joseph

Malvern Worcestershire

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

25th – 26th February 2023

REFLECTION

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Psalms 51

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

There is a drama unfolding between First Reading and Gospel. It is a drama between the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus. By the First Adam's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign overall. By the obedience of the Second Adam, grace abounded, and life came to reign for all. The first Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away. Still, we sin after the pattern of the transgression of the first Adam. Like Adam, we let sin in the door when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation. But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master. As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart. As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence.

Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	25	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Mass	
Sat	25	First Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Alison Calnan † (Jean Rogers)
Sun	26	First Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Stewart & Jenny Anderson † (Jean Rogers)
Mon	27	Lent Feria	11.30am	Holy Mass Live streamed	James Balgarne † BOD (Sheila Sheringham)
Tue	28	Lent Feria	7.45am	Holy Mass	Mrs. Jeannette Robson † (Janet and Michael Lupino)
Wed	01	Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales		Private Mass	
Thu	02	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm		In Church
Thu	02	Feast of St Chad, Bishop	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Holy Souls
Fri	03	Lent Feria Women's World Day of Prayer	9.15am	Holy Mass	Jim O'Donnell † (Liam & Madeleine Close)
Fri	03	Stations of the Cross	7.00m		
Sat	04	Lent Feria	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sat	04	Second Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Sylvia Walker † (Craig Family)
Sun	05	Second Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Stephen Rogers † (Jean Rogers)

The Pope's Intention for March is for Victims of Abuse

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



@CatholicMalvern



St Joseph's Catholic Parish, Malvern UK

Fr Naz hears confession in the Confessional 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**

GOSPEL SHARE: on Friday, at 7.30pm in the McEnnis Room. Everyone is welcome.

Reception & Funeral of Canon Garret (Garry) Byrne
Reception of the Body and Mass at St Joseph's Church, Quinney's Lane, Bidford-on-Avon, B50 4JL on Monday 27th February at 6.30pm.

Funeral Mass will be at Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, Westhill Road, Coventry, CV6 2AA on Tuesday, 28th February 2023 at 12 noon. Archbishop Bernard Longley presiding. Burial at Bidford-on-Avon

Parish Magazine copy day next **Sunday, 26 February**
Copy to Margaret Rank merank@btinternet.com or leave in an envelope in the narthex.

Please keep the children of the First Holy Communion programme in your prayers as they celebrate their First Reconciliation at 10am on Saturday 4th March.

100+ Club February 2023 Draw Congratulations to the winners who are: 1st prize £90 – Chris Park; 2nd prize £45 – Bridget Bache; 3rd prize £45 – Gemma Lawrence; 4th prize £22.50 – Malcom Garner; 5th prize £22.50 – Liz & Chris Burger. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to 100+ Club. We are grateful for your continued support. The next draw will take place in March. 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. When we reach more than 100+ numbers, we will be able to increase to prizes!

World Day of Prayer 2023 - 'Praying with Taiwan'

Friday 3 March 2.00pm at the Methodist Church, Somers Park Avenue, WR14 1SE (with Malvern Community Choir) & **7.30pm** at Malvern Link URC, Worcester Road, WR14 1SS. All are welcome and refreshments will be served at the end of each service.

This week there is a Second Collection for our own parish defibrillator which will cost about £1200. Next weekend there is a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

NEW TO THE PARISH or CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS? If you would like to register with St Joseph's Parish, or you have changed address or contact details since you registered please complete a Parishioner Details Form which may be found in the Narthex. They may be also requested by contacting the Parish Office. You may request to be removed from the register at any time. Thank You.

LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S

CLUSTER LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St Joseph's, Malvern: Friday 24th March at 7pm
St Wulstan's Little Malvern: Sunday 26th March at 4pm

ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN HOLY JOE'S POP-UP CAFE is open again on Mondays at 12 noon in Lent for delicious soup and stimulating conversation. A chance to get together with fellow-parishioners and staff from our School Donations are welcomed. Any surpluses will go to support the work of the Parish One World Group

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

The next PAC meeting is on Sunday 5th March in the Aldwyn Room. Please send items for the agenda to Edd Hogan or to the parish office.

The Thursday Group will meet at 2.00pm on Thursday March 2nd in the McEnnis room for a meeting with Age UK. Their Cambus will be parked in the carpark for us to visit. There will also be a "Bring & Buy" sale after tea & cakes.

YOUTH MASS SUNDAY 12 MARCH We will be celebrating our young people (and the young at heart!) with a special Mass on a watery theme at this mass. EVERYONE is welcome. After Mass there will be a Bake Sale for CAFOD in the McEnnis Room. Please drop cakes off in the McEnnis Room before Mass on the day

ST WULSTAN'S LENT Film / Discussion Group is holding a parish Lenten Film / Discussion Group meeting in the conference room at The Malvern Hills Hotel, WR13 6DW this coming Sunday afternoon, 26th February from 4-6pm. Come and enjoy a couple of hours of fellowship, including tea or coffee, with us. We hope to watch a Lent-themed film and share our thoughts afterwards. There will be a modest charge to cover the cost, of £4. Everyone is invited and welcome. Also Sundays 12th and 26th March. Any enquiries to Charlotte via carvers@bidderscroft.com or at St Wulstan's on Sunday morning.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER, MALVERN March 19th to 25th Would you like the opportunity to deepen your relationship with God, with the personal help of a Prayer Guide? Members of the Worcester Diocesan Network of Spiritual Directors, who have done this in Malvern for the last 4 years, can offer you 45 minutes each day from Monday to Friday. The week starts on the Sunday (19th) & ends with a group meeting of the participants & prayer guides at 6 Cowleigh Road (Gospel Hall) where you could meet your guide & arrange times and locations etc. As it is Lent, a theme has been chosen, "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Isaiah 53). However, as the week is about your personal faith journey, you will be free to follow on from the Isaiah quotation or not. For more information, see the leaflets in the narthex or contact Rev Sylvia Coke Woods on 07533917150 or sylvia.cokewoods@gmail.com OR Jane Long on 01684 566101 or email, janerlong@icloud.com. by March 1st if possible.

Live Simply Low Energy Sundays. We often make a conscious effort to keep Sundays quiet to rest but do we let our devices and ultimately the planet do the same? Try swapping your current activities for lower energy alternatives. For example, you could swap watching TV for reading books and going shopping for going for walks or spending time outside.