



Parish of Saint Joseph

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, Year A 31st December 2022 - 1st January 2023

REFLECTION

Numbers 6: 22-27

Psalm 66

Galatians 4:4—7

Luke 2: 16-21

On the first day of the civic year, the Church invites us to celebrate Mary – Mother of God. In his letter to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul describes this great mystery by reminding us that God sent his son to be born of a woman; this is Paul's description of the mystery of the Incarnation. In the gospel reading, we see the shepherds who visit Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus, and repeat what they had been told by the angels: *'a saviour has been to you!'* It is difficult to understand how God could disguise himself so well under the image of a created human being. Mary held her new-born child, pondered on what this child would turn out to be and treasured in her heart all that was said about him. Understandably, the early Church too struggled to understand who Jesus really was. Amidst many controversies, at the Council of Ephesus in the year 431, the Church finally came to understand that Jesus was truly God and equally truly human and that his mother deserved to be called *'Mother of God.'*

Masses, Service & Intentions

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| Sat | 31 | Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord | 11.00am | HOLY MASS AT ST WULSTAN'S | |
| Sat | 31 | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God | 6.00pm | Holy Mass | Patricia Harvey † (Fr Naz) |
| Sun | 01 | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God | 10.00am | Holy Mass Live streamed | Roger Eckersley † (Fran Mainini) |
| Mon | 02 | St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen | 12.00 noon | Holy Mass Live streamed | Health and well-being of the Bader Family (Craig Family) |
| Tue | 03 | Christmas Feria | 7.45am | Holy Mass | Hildegard McCrendell † (Sam Craig) |
| Wed | 04 | Christmas Feria | | Private Mass | |
| Thu | 05 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 10am – 6.45pm | | In Church |
| Thu | 05 | Christmas Feria | 7.00 pm | Holy Mass Live streamed | Fr John Gildea † (Viv Fox) |
| Fri | 06 | Solemnity of the Epiphany | 9.15am | WHOLE SCHOOL MASS | |
| Fri | 06 | Solemnity of the Epiphany | 12.00 noon | Holy Mass | Helen Osborne - wellbeing (Ruth & Des) |
| Fri | 06 | Solemnity of the Epiphany | 7.00pm | Holy Mass | Maureen Wiggall † (Edd Hogan) |
| Sat | 07 | Christmas Feria | 10.00am | Holy Mass | Bernard and Winifred Ball † (Janet Lupino) |
| Sat | 07 | Feast of the Baptism of the Lord | 6.00pm | Holy Mass | Roger Eckersley † (Fran Mainini) |
| Sun | 08 | Feast of the Baptism of the Lord | 10.00am | Holy Mass Live streamed | Stephen Rogers † |

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2023 IS FOR EDUCATORS

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

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 Warnford, 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 7.30 pm in the McEnnis Room. Everyone is welcome.

CRIB DONATIONS this year will go to the Malvern Foodbank.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS AND CARDS
A big thank you to all the people of the parish and those who joined us for Christmas Masses for the generous Christmas Offerings in support of Fr Naz the Parish Priest. Fr Naz would also like to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and donations over this festive period.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH
A total of seventeen people attended the parish Christmas meal and some of these would have been so lonely at Christmas. As a parish, this is something we should consider supporting every Christmas. Fr Naz is grateful to all those who contributed cash donations and food and drink for the Parish Meal.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
18th to 25th January 2023
Churches Together in Malvern will be meeting for zoom prayers on each of the days of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity beginning from 7.00 pm to last 15 to 20 minutes. The day allotted to St Joseph's is Monday, 23rd January. You will be able to join the prayers through the following link:
<https://zoom.us/j/92642599837?pwd=dm5yckxqdFdkZlhrcytCTFpZbGhkZz09>
Meeting ID: 926 4259 9837 Passcode: 503666

CTIM UNITY SERVICE: You are all invited to a Churches Together in Malvern to a Unity Service to take place on 22nd January 2023 at Malvern Baptist Church at 4pm.

MARY'S MEALS
Give until 31st January 2023 and your donation will be doubled by a group of generous supporters up to £1.5 Million – meaning then we can reach even more hungry children with life changing school meals. Donate online marymeals.org.uk/donate. By phone 08006981212. Bank transfer: The Royal Bank of Scotland, Account name: Mary's Meals, Acc. No. 00609134, SC 83-26-24

A CHAIN OF THANK YOUS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
✦ those who set and decorated the crib and the lovely Christmas Tree
✦ the church cleaners and florists for the magnificent displays
✦ the readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and the stewards
✦ the few altar servers that rendered a hand in serving at the Christmas Masses

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD
CAFOD has sent a letter thanking the parish for our generous donation of £1052.10 which we raised for the Family Fast Day,

More hosts sought across the Archdiocese of Birmingham to support Ukrainian guests.
As the crisis in Ukraine continues our efforts to support those who have fled their homeland remains steadfast and so we're issuing a fresh appeal for hosts. Our existing hosts generously offered a period of six months accommodation to Ukrainian guests - and in some cases that will soon be coming to an end as not all hosts are in a position to continue hosting. Some families arrived during June, July and August and so are fast approaching the end of that six-month period and may be looking for new hosts from January or February 2023 onwards. They are not looking to move because of a breakdown between host and guest, but because the six-month accommodation offer has been fulfilled. Therefore we are asking other hosts to step forward and offer a second period of support from early in 2023. If you are able to host an individual/family please email Liudmyla Sadova, Ukrainian Refugees' Support Coordinator, at liudmylasadova@fatherhudsons.org.uk or ring Father Hudson's Care on 01675 434000, Monday - Friday, 8.30am – 5pm. Alternatively, if you wish to offer accommodation to an individual or family who has not yet arrived from Ukraine, but is trying to flee, our national association, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has set up a new scheme together with the St John of God's Hospitaller Services (SJOG), email homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk

UKRAINIAN WINTER APPEAL
Please find attached to this newsletter a letter from the Ukrainian Eparch, Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, outlining the details of how we can all contribute to the launched Winter Appeal for Ukraine. The letter is also available via the parish website. Kindly contribute even the little you can, so that the target proposed by Bishop Kenneth for the Eparchy will be reached through the assistance of all the parishioners of St Joseph.