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26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Year A

30th Sept – 1st Oct 2023

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Ezekiel 18:25-28: People in Ezekiel's time strongly blamed the Lord for their situation in exile. As a way forward Ezekiel invites them to take personal responsibility for 'sin' and to do what was right and just. Q: *Is there an attitude of 'blame' in your life rather than taking personal 'responsibility'? Blame leads to death. Personal responsibility leads to life.*

Philippians 2:1-11: St Paul invites disciples to have the one essential attitude that will maintain unity: humility. This entails giving up an attitude of competition, of having special rights or power. Q: *Can you think of a situation in which being 'humble' would have saved a meeting, an argument or relationship? How could you become 'humbler'?*

Matthew 21:28-32 Two sons in the Gospel give responses that hurt the father as he asks them to go and work in the vineyard. No-one here is perfect. The in-thing for Jewish people was to show 'honour'. The son who said '**Yes, sir**' was honourable in front of the Father but it was soon revealed that it was an empty and meaningless honour. Honour is shown ultimately in real obedience. Q: *What will it mean for you to 'walk the talk' in obedience this week? Consider writing it down*

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	30	Memorial of St Jerome	10.00am	Holy Mass	
Sat	30	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Jim Brooks RIP (Sue Whitteron)
Sun	01	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Rita Corvigan RIP (Margaret Chetwood)
Mon	02	Holy Guardian Angels	12 noon	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Bernadette & Clive: 30 th Wedding Anniversary
Tue	03	Feria in Ordinary Times	7.45 am	Holy Mass	Well-being of those on the Parish Sick list
Wed	04	St Francis of Assisi		Private Mass	
Thu	05	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thu	05	Feria in Ordinary Times	7.00 pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Irene & Peter Thompson RIP & Family (Frances Hunt)
Fri	06	Feria in Ordinary Times	9.15am	Holy Mass IN SCHOOL	Harvest Festival
Sat	07	Our Lady of the Rosary	11.00am 12.15pm	Mass at St Wulstan ROSARY at Belmont Abbey followed by Mass	
Sat	07	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass	Brian Davis RIP (Irene Davis)
Sun	08	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Prisons Week</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Frankie Theakston & Chris Michalak - recently married (Janet Lupino)

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 Intention for October: For the Synod.** *We pray for the Church that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries 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



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St Joseph's Catholic Parish, Malvern UK

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

RECENT DEAD

Terry Warneford: Funeral on 3rd October at 3pm in the United Reformed Church, Malvern Link.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

: **Sam & Maria Plant**, Sunday, 1st October 58th ann.

: **Bernadette & Clive Eakin**: Monday, 2nd October 30th ann.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast

Tabletop Sale in the McEnnis Room

After 6pm Mass on Saturday 30th September & 10am Mass on Sunday 1st October. Following our unpacking after our recent house move, we have a few items too good to throw away but which would be good to recycle. A tabletop sale seemed the solution. All proceeds will go the Maintenance of the Parish. Anything remaining will go to charity shops after the sale. We plan a table of books for sale and in addition 3 individual tables with items priced at £1, £3, and £5 only! There will be no sale of clothes. Please come along to see if anything takes your fancy and help to boost the parish maintenance funds. You are welcome to bring along items for sale for the same cause but please contact me first on 07962 918456. Please do not leave any items in the narthex for this at any time. Thank you. *Anne Lewis*

INVITE FROM THE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY: The Community is happy to invite the people of the parish to their holiday-Sunday, October 1st at 3:30 p.m. in church. They will celebrate **'Defender of Ukraine Day.'** It is the day of the Cossacks and the day of the Holy Mother of God. After the wonderful performance of the children, they invite you all to taste Ukrainian cuisine in the McEnnis room. They will prepare dumplings, borscht, as well as sweets and the Ukrainian drink kvass. **"We are happy to invite you to our holiday.xxxxx"**

THE RADCAMARATHON

On Sunday 8th October 2023, Alexander Craig will be attempting the most gruelling challenge: running more than 220 laps around the Radcliffe Camera in Oxford city centre and will not stop running until he has completed a marathon to raise money for Wychumvi, a charity which provides a hot meal for every child at Gofu Juu School in Tanzania every school day. If you would like to help Alex towards his £400 goal, please go to: <https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/NqY5N> Donations of any shape or size are most welcome.

Season of Creation 1 September - 4 October

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. This Year's theme is **"Let Justice and Peace Flow"**

OCTOBER ROSARY MONTH: Please join in the rosary 30 minutes before the Saturday Evening and the Sunday Morning Masses. After the dismissal of each Mass in October, we say the 'Lourdes Prayer' to Our lady.

SIGN UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX: For those who would like to lead rosaries in October and for Prayer partners for the confirmandis

Defibrillator training. Malvern Heartstart are willing to run 90 mins. training sessions here at St Joseph's from the beginning of Nov for groups up to 12. If you are interested please can you email Chris Park, parkct@btinternet.com. Please state if you can attend Mornings, Afternoons or Evenings.

A Corporal Work of Mercy: Visit the prisoner.

God calls each of us in different ways to serve Him and our neighbour. As prisons week starts on 8th October, you are invited to join a live Zoom meeting online to hear the testimony of how a lay prison chaplain became involved in prison ministry and evangelisation. Those over the age of 18 are welcome and there will be time for Q&A and prayer. These hour-long informal talks will happen this month of October and will contain the same content: Tuesday 10th at 20:00, Wednesday 11th at 20:00, Friday 13th at 12:30. For the Zoom link, please email claz.gomez@justice.gov.uk with your preferred day of attendance, and roughly where you are located. You'll be emailed back with the link.

EVENTS

MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER at 5.00 pm **CONFIRMATION**

SESSION 2: I believe in Jesus Christ

TEUSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER at 7.00pm **RCIA:** The Work of the Holy Spirit

FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER at 3.00pm: Mass at Dalvington/The Oaks Care Home

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER at 2.0 pm **Thursday Group** will be meeting on in the McEnnis room when **Father Naz** will be talking to us about his life in Malawi. Parish members are most welcome to come along & join us.

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER at 12 noon: Guild of **St Stephen annual Mass** of thanksgiving will take place at St Chad's Cathedral. All Altar Servers are welcome to attend.

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER at 12.15 pm **ROSARY** at Belmont Abbey followed by Mass. Bring a picnic.

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER at 3.00pm UGCC (Ukrainian Greek Catholic) Liturgy

MONDAY, 9TH OCTOBER at 6.00pm: Parish Finance Meeting

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER at 7.30 pm: **CTM Meeting** in the Lytton Well Hall. It will be devoted to 'Prayer'. All churches and associated organisations please help contribute to creating a prayer space. Please bring your prayer requests and simple prayer station information or activity to the hall at 7 pm.

SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER at the 4pm Canon Brian McGinley will induct Fr Naz at Our Lady and St Alphonsus Church as Parish Priest of Upton and Blackmore churches.

CERTIFICATE OF LONG SERVICE

On Sunday, 15th October the Christian Aid Representative for West Midlands, Batanai Padya, will be coming to give a certificate of outstanding service to Margaret Allen who has served as Parish Representative for Aid at St Joseph's for the past 25 years. The West Midland Representative will also thank the people of the parish for their outstanding support to the Christian Aid Appeals and confirm and welcome Marie-France Hicks and Win Crawford as parish representatives

Year of Prayer 2024

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. It starts this Advent. There is a particular focus on the Our Father, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.