



Parish of Saint Joseph

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Year C

1st – 2nd January 2022

REFLECTION

“In the beginning was the Word...” The evangelist John connected his gospel with Genesis chapter 1 – in the beginning. The “Word” as mentioned in the first verse is identified with the Greek word logos which refers to Jesus Christ Himself. He was with God in the beginning and He is God. Together with the Holy Spirit, they form the Trinity. In Him and through Him, everything was created including life. Thus, when Jesus claimed that He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6), He is telling us that without Him, we cannot live a single second. On the other hand, the word witness refers to John the Baptist. He was born to testify to the light which means he was not the light. The light is Jesus Himself – the one who will banish away darkness which means darkness will never overcome the light. That is why Jesus is our hope because in Him and through Him, we shall overcome the forces of darkness. Jesus therefore is our only source of life and light yet many people, His own creature, do not accept Him as such. When we commit sin, we are in a way rejecting his offer of life and light. When we consciously choose to reject Him, we are in fact choosing to live in darkness. Yet His love for us remains.

Masses, Services & Intentions

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| Sat | 1 | Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God | 12.00 noon | Livestreamed | Stan Williams † (Mary Williams) |
| Sun | 2 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY | 10.00am | Livestreamed | People of The Parish` |
| Mon | 3 | Christmas Feria | 12.00 noon | Livestreamed | Stephen Try † (Janet Lupino) |
| Tue | 4 | Christmas Feria | 9.15am | Not Livestreamed | Jim Tierney † (Colette Phelps) |
| Wed | 5 | Christmas Feria | | Private Mass | |
| Thur | 6 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 10:00am to 6:45pm | In Church | |
| Thur | 6 | SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | 7.00pm | Livestreamed | Sylvia Walker – Healing (Craig Family) |
| Fri | 7 | Christmas Feria | 9.15am | Not Livestreamed | |
| Sat | 8 | Christmas Feria | 10.00am | Livestreamed | People of the Parish |
| Sat | 8 | FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | 6.00pm | Not Livestreamed | Chris & Martin Burger – Recent Birthdays (Fr Naz) |
| Sun | 9 | FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | 10.00am | Livestreamed | Monica- Breast Cancer Surgery |

The next PAC meeting is on Sunday 9th January at 7pm in the McEnnis Room.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm mPDRxzmT ttow> 1127 6987 Passcode: 433646

The sanctuary and some front row seats are shown on camera but the rest of the church is not on camera.

Family Activity Pages for Advent are now available on St Joseph's website:

https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/images/Documents/Advent_2021_Family_Activities.pdf.

Family Activity Pages for the 12 Days of Christmas

are now available on the St Joseph's website:

<https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/images/Documents/Christmas-2021-Family-Activities.pdf>

Thank you to those of you who have completed a **Synodal Pathway Questionnaire**. We have produced an **interim report** based on this first group of responses and look forward to hearing from more parishioners. Copies of the questionnaire are available on the parish website or from the back of church. Completed questionnaires may be left in the bright green box at the door to church.

Our Stewards here at St Joseph's have been doing a wonderful service for us all since the start of the pandemic. However, they remain few in number and would very much **appreciate some additional help**. Would you be willing EITHER, to join them on a rota basis, OR, offer to stay for a short time after weekend mass to help with the cleaning of chairs? Please contact Chris Burger on 01886832729 or the Parish Office on stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk.

GOSPEL SHARE on Fridays at 7.30pm.

To join the Zoom Meeting click on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98111276987?pwd=SlZrYSs1ai9FVH YrbU5OcHYyYW9vQT09>

Meeting ID: 981 1127 6987 Passcode: 433646

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St

Joseph's parish: *Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Arthur & Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Anne-Marie Elder, Margaret Coleman and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. Amen*

New rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

have been sent out via email. There are a few printed copies available in the Narthex if you have not received your copy. Thank you all for your ministry.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January.

The Sunday Unity Service will be held at Malvern Evangelical Church on **23rd January, 4pm**. Daily prayers will be held on Zoom during the week from 18th-25th January except 23rd. Volunteers are needed to lead the prayers each day at a time yet to be agreed, but possibly early evening.

Next Week there will be a Second Collection for Pax Christi.

Ecumenical Pilgrimage – Worcester Cathedral 27

January 2022 7.00pm – 9.00pm

This is also Holocaust Memorial Day

The timetable for the evening will be announced nearer the day when it is clear which areas of the Cathedral are accessible in the light of the damage to the Cathedral caused by the partial roof collapse.

We will walk to a number of stations and at each station will sing, read scripture, reflect and pray. We will finish up in the crypt for night prayer, reflections, (including holocaust on this Holocaust Memorial Day) and concluding thought. All to finish by 9.00pm.

Please let Jim Quinn know if you would like to come and to assist in catering at j.quinn789@btinternet.com or by phone at 01299 851021 or by text to 07960 218925.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Barry Alfred Wright †, Stephen Try †, Dee Armstrong † and Kathleen Velarde †

A BIG THANK YOU AND NEW YEAR BEST WISHES FROM FR NAZ

May I take this opportunity to thank the people of the parish for the many Christmas cards and best wishes I received from the people of the parish. I am also grateful for donations of all sorts and for the generous Christmas Offerings for the priest of your parish. I pray that in the Synodal Pathway the people of St Joseph's will be renewed in ways that enable them to walk together in the New Year ahead. New Year's Day for us Catholics is the feast of Mary the Mother of God. My hope is that as Mary walked along with Jesus enabling him to perform his first miracle we too shall look around and become enablers of what others are capable of doing as well as they are capable of becoming in the coming year. With mutual help we all can grow and develop to become the person God wants us to be. This hope applies to the young and the less young, nobody is excluded. As people who walk together, we will become a community who witness to the presence of Jesus himself in each one and among us as a community.

A Big Welcome to the parish to Rev. Steven

Fleming, a deacon at Oscott, who will be on placement in our parish for three weeks. Rev. Steven will be delighted to engage with the people and various groups in the parish. Please make yourselves known to him.

The Vocations Prayer Calendar for 2021-2022 has the following days of prayer for our seminarians:

Jithin Titto 5th of each month
Dave Bench 7th of each month
Steven Fleming 9th of each month.

Please pray for them and all studying for the priesthood. Vocations Calendar cards are available in the narthex if you would like to take one.