



Parish of Saint Joseph

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Kevin Douglas. They can be contacted at: sg.stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

First Sunday in Advent - Year B 2nd – 3rd December 2023 Parish Mass Book Page 82 ADVENT REFLECTION

This weekend we begin a time of joyful anticipation as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. In the weeks leading up to Christ's birth, Christians around the world pray, repent, and reflect on God's goodness and promises. Even in the most challenging times, we are reminded of God's steadfast love for all creation. Jesus' birth is a time of hope. As the world faces multiple crises of violence, injustice, and brokenness, only God's redemptive love can truly bring peace and healing. Apart from the outbreaks of violence and conflict, last year also saw extreme weather patterns, and inflation around the world. The have impeded access to nutritious food for groups already disproportionately impacted by hunger in many parts of the world. Advent is grounded in the hope that Christ's arrival brings and is inspired by God's redemptive promises of restoration. But we also find strength in the knowledge that the Lord so loved the world that the Lord blessed us with a saviour, the Prince of Peace. As we reflect on the coming of Christ — Immanuel, God with us, the one who brings hope, peace, joy, and love to our broken world let us pray for the end of conflicts in our world.

Masses, Services & Intentions

Sat	2	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Sat	2	EVE OF FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Private Intention
Sun	3	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Migrants Day)	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Tom & Family Special Intention (Tom Jennymon)
Mon	4	Advent Feria	11.30am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Intention of Stephen and Family
Tue	5	Feast of St Birinus, Bishop	7.45am	Holy Mass	Roberta Wharton † (Vicky Alfonso)
Wed	6	Advent Feria		Private Mass	
Thur	7	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thur	7	Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	7.00pm	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	
Fri	8	SOLEMENITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED MARY	9.15am	Holy Mass	Whole School Mass
Fri	8	SOLEMENITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED MARY	12 noon	Holy Mass	Special Intention - Blessed Matt Talbot (T. Ingles)
Fri	8	SOLEMENITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED MARY	7.00pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sat	9	Advent Feria	10.00am	Holy Mass with the Youth	World Refugees (Helen Connelly)
Sat	9	EVE OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Wellbeing: C Oliver (Craig Family)
Sun	10	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00am	Holy Mass <i>Live streamed</i>	Michael Scott † (Vicky McCulloch)



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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 November: For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father: as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.**

❖ **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 i

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.**

Recently Died: Maria Cappellina - Funeral Service on Monday 11th December at 11am

HOLY JOE'S CAFÉ in the McEnnis Room for Soup, Monday, 4th December at 12noon – Everyone invited.

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS DINNER ON CHRISTMAS DAY:

We are now starting to count the number of those who want to join the Parish for Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day. If you would like to be part of the celebrations, please fill in your details on one of the slips provided in the narthex and put it in the sealed container. Some Parishioners who will not be able to join in the lunch have been asked whether they might contribute to the festivities. If you would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office at email stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk or telephone 01684574250

Second Collection next week: for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

Foodbank shortages again – if anyone would like to donate – usual items required please jars and tins, washing powder, washing up liquid, soap, and deodorant. Drop off points are at Waitrose, Morrisons, Lidl at Malvern Link, Co Op at Upton, Warner's Upton, Sainsbury's Malvern Vale. Thank you.

Carol Service: 17th December at 4.00 pm. This year we shall be joined by the Ukrainian Children of the Community.

The Thursday Group will not be meeting this coming Thursday December 7th because we are having our Christmas lunch at the Worcestershire Golf Club on December 14th at 12.0 for 12.30pm.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Sunday, 10th December: St Wulstan's at 4.00 pm
Friday, 15th December: St Joseph's Malvern, at 7.00 pm
Sunday, 17th December: Our Lady & St Alphonsus at 3.00 pm

Handmade Christmas Gift Tags for Christian Aid. There is a shoebox at the back of church (on the table) containing packs of handmade Christmas gift tags. Each pack contains 8 tags made from old Christmas cards. Most packs are mixed with some religious and festive scenes unless otherwise labelled. Packs are £1 and the money is for Christian Aid's Christmas appeal. Jenny and Win Crawford

Order of Malta PILGRIMAGE to LOURDES May 3rd - 9th 2024 Would you like to come to Lourdes as an assisted pilgrim with The British Association of the Order of Malta? We have some spaces available, and a warm welcome awaits. We offer a joyful pilgrimage spiritually and socially, sharing the essence of Lourdes: daily prayer and Mass, the Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament processions, the Stations of the Cross, the baths, and, too, the cafes and happy downtime. You will be cared for by our volunteers, carefully guided by our qualified medical team. Hospital-style rooms in the accommodation is in shared, single-sex Accueil (where our sick and cared for pilgrims stay). - Departure and return from Stansted. Cost: £500 pp (financial assistance available in appropriate cases). To find out more please contact Duncan McKechnie, Secretary to the Accueil Pilgrims, Email: hospitalpilgrims.secretary@orderofmalta.org.uk Mobile: 07990 594441

Christmas Cards for Sale – to support St Wulstan's at Little Malvern – Cards cost £5.00 per pack of ten.

100+ Club November 2023 Draw

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners who are:

1st prize £100 – Pauline Smith;
2nd prize £50 – Vicky Alfonso;
3rd prize £50 – Mary Marsh;
4th prize £25 – John Eckersley;
5th prize £25 – Cristina Alcantara

Thank you for your support, everyone!

We have received many application forms; however, some standing orders have not been set up yet.

Please if you could help to double-check this and set it up with your bank account, it would be greatly appreciated. Sundrella



EVENTS

5th December -Tuesday RCIA FHC 5pm-6.30pm

Lyttelton Well

Quiz Night - Saturday 9th December 2023

This quiz will be Christmas themed and in keeping with the Christmas spirit, you are encouraged to come in seasonal attire, e.g. Headwear, jewellery, jumper etc. The Main Hall door will be open from 6.45pm. The quiz will get going at about 7.30 once we have helped people arriving in ones and twos to join or form teams. The cost is £2.50 plus any donation for teas, coffees, biscuits etc. All proceeds are used to support The Well Counselling Service.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - Happy 28th Wedding Anniversary to Sarah and Rob Moore for Monday 4th December 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS MASSES

23RD DEC SATURDAY EVE MASS

St Joseph's - Malvern 6.00 pm
Our Lady & St Alphonsus Blackmore 4.00 pm
St Wulstan's 5.00 pm

24th DEC 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St Joseph's – Malvern: **No Mass**
St Joseph's Upton 10.00 am
St Wulstan's – 10.30 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

St Joseph's Malvern 4.00 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT

Our Lady & St Alphonsus Blackmore – Nativity of the Lord 9.00pm preceded by Carols from 8.30 pm
St Wulstan's 10.00 pm
St Joseph's - Malvern 10.00 pm preceded by Carols at 9.30 pm

25th DEC CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

St Joseph's - Malvern 10.00 am
St Wulstan's 10.00 am
St Joseph's - Upton 10.00 am



SAVE THE DATE: Invitation to Young People – Thursday 7th December 7.00pm – 8.30pm Prepare and set up Nativity Scene – Saturday 9th December 6.00pm Mass followed by Pizza, fun and Games Ends at 9.00pm – Venue: St Joseph's Catholic Church – RSVP – Suzie Wolff 07939511177