



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### REFLECTION

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*Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8,17 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12*

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims. The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today's First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father. He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit, endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham, renewed in God's oath to David, will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever. In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in today's second reading. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham. Now, God will raise up children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit. This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

#### Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	3	Memorial of St Francis Xavier <i>(Migrants Day)</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Sat	3	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Janet Williams & Family (Viv Fox)
Sun	4	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YOUTH-LED MASS)</b>	10.00 am	<b>Holy Mass Livestreamed</b>	Pro Populo
Mon	5	<b>Funeral of John Griffiths</b>	12 noon	Holy Mass	
Tue	6	Advent Feria	7.45 am	Holy Mass	John Griffiths (Fr Naz)
	6	<b>Funeral Service of James Stephen Daly</b>	12.00 noon	Service	
Wed	7	Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor		Private Mass	Salome Wahu Muhuta (Wellbeing)
Thu	8	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10 am – 6.45 pm	In Church	
Thu	8	<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BI Virgin Mary</b>	7.00 pm	Holy Mass Livestreamed	Fr John Gildae + (Fr Naz)
Fri	9	Advent Feria	9.15 am	Whole School Mass	<b>ADVENT SCHOOL RECONCILIATION</b>
Sat	10	Advent Feria		Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Irish Family (John Irish)
Sat	10	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Intention of Alicia Walker (Sam Craig)
Sun	11	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	10.00am	Holy Mass Livestreamed	Pro Populo <b>(F.H.Communion Family Mass)</b>

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER IS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

**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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmt_ttow)

**Fr Naz hears confession** in the Aldwin Room 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 Wameford, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. Amen*

This week there will be a **Second Collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.**

**100+ Club November Draw** Congratulations to the winners who are:

1st prize £90 – Chris and Liz Burger;

2nd prize £45 – Helen Normington;

3rd prize £45 – James Walsh;

4th prize £22.50 – Richard Thurlow;

5th prize £22.50 – David Rank

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to 100+ Club. We are grateful for your continued support. The next draw will take place in December. 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](mailto: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. Hopefully, when we reached more than 100+ numbers, we will be able to increase to prizes!

**Sunday 4th December at 10 am** there is a special Mass focussed on young people & families. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** This will be followed by a quiz in church and a bring-and-share lunch in the McEnnis Room..

**PAC MEETING:** Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm

**GOSPEL SHARE:** on Fridays, at 7.30 pm in the McEnnis Room or join by zoom. Everyone is welcome.

**RECENT DEAD:** Hildegard McCrindell whose funeral will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11 am

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulation to Sarah & Rob Moore for their Wedding Anniversary this Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.

The **Thursday Group** will be celebrating their Xmas lunch on **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 12 midday for 12.30 pm at The Worcester Golf Club.

#### **ONE WORLD GROUP - End of Year Appeal**

The One World Group will be appealing for funds on the Fourth Sunday in Advent (17/18 December). Collection envelopes will be distributed then, for collection after Christmas. Over the last year, the One World Group has distributed over £2000 to Parish projects, and the funds desperately need replenishing so that we can continue to support our partners in Bolivia, India, Africa and here in Malvern

**Anne Lewis will be on annual leave for a couple weeks from 25<sup>th</sup> November.** Telephone messages and emails to the parish will be checked by Fr Naz and you may email Fr Naz directly on [fr.nazarius.mgungwe@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.nazarius.mgungwe@rcaob.org.uk) for requests or notices. Thank you.

#### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

##### **NATIVITY SHOW, 2<sup>ND</sup> EPISODE IN THE MCENNIS ROOM** (30 minutes)

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

**INTERNATIONAL CAROL SERVICE** at Great Malvern Priory on 6.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

##### **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

There will be no Advent Reconciliation Service at St Joseph's as these services are organized at the cluster level as follows:

**3.00pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park, Hanley Swan, WR8 0EA.**

**7.00 pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at The Most Holy Trinity, New St., Ledbury, HR8 2EE.**

In preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's nativity let us go to one of these services. Those who cannot make it to either of these please utilize the weekly Saturday Confession time from 10.30 am to 11.00 am or by appointment with Fr Naz.

##### **LAST CALL FOR THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY:**

If you have not yet signed up for the Parish Christmas Lunch, please do so this weekend as we need to start doing the shopping. A big thank you to some Parishioners who have already contributed some money and food items. If you would like to do this, please contact the Parish Office or Michael Townson ([m.townson1@btinternet.com](mailto:m.townson1@btinternet.com) or 01684 892740)

##### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Family Mass:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 pm

**Midnight Mass:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at Midnight preceded by carols from 11.30 pm.

**Christmas Day Mass:**  
Sunday December at 10 am