



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.

Second Sunday in Advent - Year B

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John the Baptist prepares the way for the Messiah: Mark 1:1-8

In the Sunday Gospel we see the declaration that Jesus is the Son of God. We also see John the Baptist introduced as the designated navigator given the task to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. On our part what do we need to do to prepare the way for the Lord in our lives? We can start by clearing out any obstacles or distractions that may hinder our relationship with Him. We can also continuously point others to Jesus and spread the good news of salvation. Furthermore, John is preaching a message of repentance in the wilderness. He urged people to confess their sins and be baptized as a symbol of their repentance. This shows the importance of acknowledging and turning away from our sins before we can truly receive the Lord. Repentance involves recognizing and removing the sinful pieces in our lives so we can be fully restored. Are there any hidden or unconfessed sins in our lives? Let us not delay in confessing and turning away from them. As we prepare for the coming of the Lord with a penitential service this Friday, 15th December may we do so with a repentant heart, seeking His forgiveness and grace.

Day	Date	Details of the Day	Time	Mass/Service	Intention
Sat	9	ADVENT FERIA	10.00 am	Holy Mass	World Refugees (Helen Connelly)
Sat	9	Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Liturgy	1.30pm	Liturgy	
Sat	9	EVE OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Wellbeing: C Oliver (Craig Family)
Sun	10	SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Michael Scott † (Vicky McCullock)
Mon	11	Funeral Service of Maria Cappellina	11.00am	Service	
Tue	12	ADVENT FERIA	7.45am	Holy Mass	Tom & Family Special Intention
Wed	13	Memorial St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr		Private Mass	
Thur	14	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thur	14	Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Josephine Whiston † - 1st ann. (Maggie Griffiths)
Fri	15	ADVENT FERIA	9.15am	Holy Mass	Pauline Alston † (Deacon Sean's Aunt)
Sat	16	ADVENT FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass with the Youth	Pro populo
Sat	16	EVE OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Well-being: Chuck W walker (Craig Family)
Sun	17	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Pat Pettit † (Requested in will)
Sun	17	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE	4.00pm	Christmas Carol Service	

HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed on some days via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rparish.malvernuk> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_tto

❖ Pope's Intention for December: For the Pope: For persons with disabilities

❖ 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.

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, 11th December at 12noon – Everyone invited.

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS DINNER ON CHRISTMAS DAY:

LAST DAY FOR CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL. 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 this 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.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

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

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

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

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

Parish Magazine The magazine is out this weekend. Be sure to get your copy.

EVENTS

11th December – Monday – Confirmation Group -Session VII 5pm – 6pm

12th December -Tuesday RCIA:Mary Mother of Christ and Mother of Church.

16th December – Saturday - Ukrainian Children's Choir 1.30pm

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.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS MASSES

23RD DEC SATURDAY EVE MASS

Our Lady & St Alphonsus Blackmore 4.00pm

St Wulstan's 5.00pm

St Joseph's - Malvern 6.00pm

24th DEC 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St Joseph's – Malvern: No Mass

St Joseph's Upton 10.00am

St Wulstan's – 10.30am

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

St Joseph's Malvern 4.00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT

Our Lady & St Alphonsus Blackmore – Nativity of the Lord 9.00pm preceded by Carols from 8.30pm

St Wulstan's 10pm

St Joseph's - Malvern 10pm preceded by Carols at 9.30pm

25th DEC CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

St Joseph's - Malvern 10.00am

St Wulstan's 10.00am

St Joseph's - Upton 10.00am



MARY MEALS: Double The Love

Donations made until 22 January 2024 will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, meaning we can reach more hungry children with life-changing meals! It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. And this winter, a donation of £19.15 will feed two children. <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/double-the-love?>

We had a collection for Noah's Camp in June this year. Unfortunately, Noah's Camp did not run this year and will not be running in future. They did not accept our money. The Finance Committee has decided to send the £254 to the CAFOD Israeli - Palestine Emergency Appeal. Thank you, Chris Park - Parish Treasurer.

Pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo Depart Birmingham airport Sunday 14th April 2024 13:45 –Return Friday 19th April 2024. All entertainment, excursions, and guided tours. Single Supplement - £200.00 (Limited Availability) Contact: Patricia Tel: 01268 762 278 Mob: 07740 175 557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com