



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.

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"REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL"

Lent is a time for personal reflection on where we stand in accepting the Gospel challenges in thought, word, and deed. It is also a time to assess our relationships with our family, friends, working colleagues and other people we meet, especially those of our parish. It is time to examine whether we can give any positive contribution to other people's lives. Let us also convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity in some of the following areas. A) Participating in the Mass each day or at least a few days in the week. B) Setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer. C) Reading some Scripture, alone or better still, with others. D) Setting aside some money that we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society. E) Abstaining from smoking or alcohol. F) Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays. G) Visiting the sick and those in nursing homes and doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	17	SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am	Holy Mass	David Jones † (Anne & Paul Lewis)
Sat	17	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (VIGIL) RITE OF SENDING	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Eakin Family Special Intention (Bernadette)
Sun	18	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	10.00am		Pat Pettit (Requested in Will)
Mon	19	LENT FERIA	11.30am	Holy Mass Lived streamed	Mass to the Holy Spirit (Rosary Group)
Tue	20	LENT FERIA	7.45am	Holy Mass	Sue Cumming (Vicki Alfonso)
Wed	21	LENT FERIA		Private Mass	
Thur	22	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thur	22	FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE	7.00pm	(Celebration of the Word of Communion) Live streamed	
Fri	23	LENT FERIA	9.15am	Whole School Mass in Church (Ash Wednesday Focus)	
Fri	23	PRAYER SERVICE AT WATERSIDE CARE HOME	11.00am		
Fri	23	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7.00pm		
Sat	24	LENT FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intention of Felix Stephen (Lizzy Philip)
Sat	24	EVE OF SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT RITE OF SENDING	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pro-Populo
Sun	25	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00am	Celebration of Word and Communion – Live streamed	

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 Prayer Intention for February:** For the terminally ill. We pray that these families receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

❖ **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.**

This weekend there is a collection for OWG.
Next weekend there will a Second Collection for CAFOD.

ST WULSTAN'S PARISH INVITES US to join and participate in two Saturday sessions in their Parish room after the 11am Mass (11.45am) on 17th February and 2nd March which we will explore our Holy Father's invitation to become better stewards of our planet. • Session 1 will look at Pope Francis' open letter 'Laudato Si', as we watch the Film "The Letter". • Session 2 will unpack the detail in that letter and discern how we can respond, with Martin Davis who will give us a guided talk through Laudato Si'. The sessions should finish by 1.30pm with a soup and cheese lunch provided.

SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS PANEL MEMBERS

Would you be interested in volunteering to be a member of a school admission appeals panel? The Governors of Catholic schools are responsible for convening appeals hearings if requested by a parent or carer who is refused admission to their school. The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service recruits and trains individuals to sit on appeals for Catholic schools within the Diocese and is currently inviting applications from individuals who would like to volunteer for this service. If this is a role that you think you might be interested in considering, application forms and further information can be obtained from: Mrs Rebecca Tonks Admissions and Governance Adviser Diocesan Education Service Coventry Road Coleshill B46 3EA Tel: 01675 464755 ext 110 Mob: 07443 404188 Email: r.tonks@bdes.org.uk

RITE OF ELECTION: Please pray for Jack William Hill, Peter Hardman, Isabella Hardley and Sofia Hardy candidates for baptism and Reception into our church this Easter and beyond. These will be presented to the Archbishop this Sunday, 18th February at St Chad's Cathedral at 3.00 pm. Prior to the Rite of Election we shall have a Rite of sending at the 6.00pm Mass.

World Day of Prayer. Friday 1st March Services: 2pm at Christ Church, Avenue Road WR14 3AY with choir from Malvern St James and 7.30pm at the Friends Meeting House, Orchard Road WR14 3DA. The service this year has been prepared by Christian Women of Palestine. Do come and support Palestinian Christians.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN MASS TIMES: Following the Mass time survey we had both in Malvern and Upton before Christmas most people opted for the Sunday morning Masses at St Joseph's Malvern to be at 11am while at St Joseph's Upton to be at 9.00am. Please be notified that from Sunday, 7th April, which is the Second Sunday of Easter these options will be operational. We regret any inconvenience this may cause to some people.

LENT CLUSTER PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Sunday 10th March at 4.00pm at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern
Sunday 17th March at 4.00pm at St Joseph's, Malvern

INVITATION TO THE YEAR OF PRAYER SESSIONS. Fr Naz would like to invite all parishioners of St Joseph-Malvern, St Joseph's-Upton and Our Lady and St Alphonsus in Blackmore to come together for exciting weekly meetings reflecting on the "Our Father" every Wednesday of Lent beginning with 21st February and ending with 17th April which is in the Third week of Easter. There is a total of 9 sessions on the Our Father. The venues for these sessions will be by rotation between the three churches. This means that each church will host three sessions. This will be a great opportunity for the people of the three churches to connect with each other. Each Session will start at 6.30pm with a light Pizza meal sharing for 30 minutes (Upton says they will offer something special). At 7pm someone will give a 15-minute input followed by a 15-minute discussion/sharing and another 15-minute prayer to all finish at 7.45pm. Please take the programme home and do attend all sessions or as many as you can.

Events

20th February 7pm to 8.30pm - RCIA

DAY OF RECOLLECTION – BELMONT ABBEY, Ruckhall Lane, Hereford HR2 9RZ, Saturday, 9th March 2024. Organised by Andrew Grant on behalf of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta. The programme begins from 10am with tea /Coffee and runs through till 15.30 with a lunch break in between. Cost £40.00 per person including lunch. RSVP and cheque payments to: Andrew Grant, Bransford Manor, Chapel Lane, Bransford, WR6 5JG. BACS PAYMENT DETAILS: Sort Code: 60-95-34 A/C: 74257804. The Menu choices are on the reply form in the Narthex.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024:

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518. or website www.med-irishcentre.com or Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Parish Magazine – Copy Day for the next edition is Sunday 25 February. All contributions very welcome. Please send to Margaret Rank merank@btinternet.com or leave in an envelope in the narthex.

Parish Lenten Soup Café to support our One World Group will be up and running on Mondays during Lent beginning on Monday 19th February in the McEnnis Room, from 12 noon following the 11.30am Mass. Do come and meet others for these very sociable lunches where will be a choice of soups and bread, followed by tea and coffee. There is no set charge for the lunch, but donations are welcome and will go towards the cost of providing the soup and supporting the One World Group projects. We look forward to sharing our Lent with you. "