



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Year A**

**17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

## REFLECTION

**Isaiah 7: 10-14**

**Psalms 24:1-6**

**Romans 1:1-7**

**Matthew 1:18-24**

Fear and doubts must have crossed the minds of both Mary and Joseph but their faith and trust in God allowed them to go on depending on each other. Their full obedience in faith brought about the wholehearted acceptance of the plan of God even though they did not understand what it all meant. Often, we would like to know more before we commit ourselves to anything. Herein lies one of the truths that we need to ponder upon. Do we trust the Lord enough to not ask questions and to take that leap of Faith towards Him? Faith is not a leap into the dark but a leap into the secure arms of God our Loving Father. Mary and Joseph are truly our models for obedience in faith. Can we be like them to embrace all the difficulties, fear and obstacles that come before us? Can we give glory to our father who loves us and calls us? Let Mary, Joseph and the Holy Family be our models to live our lives worthy of Christ's divine love for us.

## Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	17	Advent Feria <i>O Sapientia</i>		Holy Mass	Fr John Gildae † (Lynne Harper)
Sat	17	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>O Sapientia</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sun	18	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>O Adonai</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Mass <i>Livestreamed</i>	Deceased of the Carroll Family (Mary Carroll)
Mon	19	<b>Funeral of HILDEGARD McCRINDELL</b>	11.00am	Funeral Service	
Tue	20	Advent Feria <i>O Clavis Davis</i>	7.45am	Holy Mass	George Barry Lupino jnr † (Janet Lupino)
Wed	21	Advent Feria		Private Mass	
Thu	22	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am – 6.4pm	In Church	
Thu	22	Advent Feria <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass <i>Livestreamed</i>	Patsy Harvey † (Liz & Chris Burger)
Fri	23	Advent Feria <i>O Emmanuel</i>	9.15am		Fr. John Gildae (Viv Fox)
Sat	24	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY</b> <b>FAMILY MASS</b>	4.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b>	John Griffiths † (Mary Williams)
Sat	24	<b>Carol service</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY</b> <b>MIDNIGHT MASS</b>	11.30pm 00.00am	Carol Service <b>Nativity Mass</b>	Sylvia Walker † (Craig Family)
Sun	25	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY</b> <b>DAY MASS</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Nativity Mass</b>	Pro Populo

**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/UCq9QGYz7Cm\\_mPDRxzmT\\_ttow](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm_mPDRxzmT_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 Warneford, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. Amen*

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

**1st prize £90 – Lynne Harper;**  
**2nd prize £45 – Barbara Mitchell;**  
**3rd prize £45 – Barbara Mitchell;**  
**4th prize £22.50 – Ed Hogan;**  
**5th prize £22.50 – John Taylor**

Thank you to everyone that has. We are grateful for your continued support. The next draw will take place in January. 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!

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

**RECENT DEAD:** Please pray for:  
**Pauline Skyrme:** Sue Stubbing's mum  
**Sylvia Walker:** Sam Craig's mum

**WEEKEND OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHER:** The Fourth Sunday of Advent is a time to pray for expectant mothers

**MARY'S MEALS:** Give until 31 January 2023 and your donation will be doubled by a group of generous supporters up to £1.5 Million – meaning then we can reach even more hungry children with life changing school meals.

Donate online [marymeals.org.uk/donate](http://marymeals.org.uk/donate). By phone 08006981212. Bank transfer: The Royal Bank of Scotland, Account name: Mary's Meals, Acc. No. 00609134, SC 83-26-24

**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

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH MAGAZINE**

A big thank you to Margaret Rank for working so hard to produce the Advent Parish Magazine. Please find it in the porch at a donation of 50p to defray printing costs.

**NATIVITY SHOW, 4<sup>TH</sup> EPISODE IN THE McENNIS ROOM** (30 minutes)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 pm  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30 pm

**Christmas Offerings** Envelopes are available in the Narthex for your Christmas offering for Parish Clergy.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY:**

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 Eve Family Mass**

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

Children are welcome to dress as Nativity characters



**Christmas Eve Midnight Mass**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at**

**Midnight preceded by carols from 11.30pm**



**Christmas Day Mass**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am**

