



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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## Second Sunday of Lent – Year B

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**Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10** Our Lenten season with the account of Satan testing Jesus in the wilderness last Sunday. This Sunday, we continue with another tale of testing where we hear how God tested Abraham. He told Abraham to build an altar and to offer up his “beloved son,” Isaac, as a sacrifice on a mountain. There is a difference between Satan tempting us and God testing us. Satan tempts us to sin to separate us from our relationship with God and to destroy us while God tests us not strengthen our faith. In the Gospel, God calls Jesus His “beloved Son” on the mountain of the Transfiguration. In much same way Isaac was Abraham’s “beloved son”. The difference is that God spared Abraham’s beloved son, but He did not spare His “beloved Son,” who died as a sacrifice on the altar of the Cross for the sins of humanity. Abraham’s story of testing and faith in offering his beloved son Isaac on an altar foreshadows how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His beloved Son from the altar of the Cross. Jesus died for all the beloved sons and daughters in the human family as a sign of God’s love for the world.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Fri	23	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7.00pm	To be led by Gospel Share Group	
Sat	24	LENT FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intention of Felix Stephen (Lizzy Philip)
Sat	24	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL) RITE OF SENDING	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pro-Populo
Sun	25	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	10.00am	Celebration of Word and Communion – Live Streamed	
Mon	26	LENT FERIA	11.30am	Celebration of Word and Communion - Lived streamed	
Tue	27	LENT FERIA	7.45am	Holy Mass	Stephen Matthew ☩ (Abhilash & Anumol)
Wed	28	LENT FERIA		Private Mass	
Thur	29	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SARMENT	10.00am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thur	29	LENT FERIA	7.00pm	Holy Mass – Live Streamed	Maureen & George Ward ☩ (Helen Connelly)
Fri	01	FEAST OF ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES	9.15am	Holy Mass	World Refugees (Helen Connelly)
Fri	01	FEAST OF ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES	3.00pm	Mass at Dalvington Care Home	
Fri	01	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7.00pm	To be led by Isabel Vanspruce for LIFE	
Sat	02	FEAST OF ST CHAD, BISHOP	10.00am	Holy Mass	Intention of Felix Stephen (Lizzy Philip)
Sat	02	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)	6.00pm	Holy Mass	John Eckersley (Fran & Max Mainini)
Sun	03	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT First Scrutinies: Presentation of the Our Father	10.00am	Holy Mass Live Streamed	Zina Cumming ☩ (Vicky Alfonso)

**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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYZ7CmmPDRxzmT_tto)

❖ **Pope's Prayer Intention for March:** For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

❖ **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.**

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**This weekend: CAFOD Lent Fast this Sunday.**

**Next weekend: Cathedral Maintenance.**

**EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION:** Children are invited to create a miniature Easter Garden in a tray or on a plate (maximum length, 40 cm). There will be a prize each for the best entry from key stage 1, key stage 2 and up to year 11. We are looking for a scene that may include an empty tomb, miniature plants, etc. Entries to be submitted from 10.30 am on Good Friday until 11.am on Easter Saturday, and must have the child's name and year group on a label, parent/carer contact details on the back.

**ST WULSTAN'S PARISH INVITES US** to join and participate in their second exploring the Holy Father's invitation to become better stewards of our planet in his open letter 'Laudato Si', as we watch the Film "The Letter". • The second session 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.

#### **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

**SESSION ON THE YEAR OF PRAYER:** Our shared Malvern, Upton & Blackmore Park Lent & Easter programme, Reflecting and Praying on the 'Our Father' will be at St Joseph's Upton this Wednesday 28/02 at beginning with a bit of fellowship at 6.30pm followed by a 15-minute input on: "**Who Art in Heaven**" by Roger Watson and a discussion/sharing on "**Fathers and the Our Father**" and concluding with 15 minutes of prayer – ending at 7.45pm. Next week's session 28/02 will be Our Lady and St Alphonsus and will focus on: "**Hallowed be Thy Name**" – full schedule for the 9 weeks is in the Narthex. A big thank you to Christian Dowe for a very reflective opening session on the "Our Father".

**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.

#### **Events**

**27<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday – RCIA 7.00-8.30**

**15 March – Friday: PAC Meeting 7.45pm,** in person or via Zoom.

**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. "

**NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN MASS TIMES:** Following the Mass time survey we had to change the Sunday Mass Times: Fr Naz is very grateful for the responses he received concerning the timing of Masses on Sundays that might allow one priest to serve both St Joseph's, Upton and St Joseph's, Malvern. He is particularly thankful for the understanding that has been shown of his predicament: to serve both parishes he must allow enough time to offer the Mass with proper reverence in both localities and also allow time for him to meet with parishioners after the Masses and to travel between the two. The Sunday Mass times will, therefore, change on the 7th April, that is the Sunday after Easter, to 9am at Upton and 11am at Malvern; and will follow that pattern thereafter. These times will inevitably cause a degree of inconvenience but are the times most people opted for. Fr Naz trusts that with tolerance and goodwill we shall adapt to the change. Thank you.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ROTAS** are available in the narthex. Please have a look and register where you can be of help in terms of readings, washing of the feet, stewarding and Eucharistic ministry

**World Day of Prayer.** Friday 1st March Services:

2pm at Christ Church, Avenue Road WR14 3AY with choir from Malvern St James and at 7.30pm at the Friends Meeting House, Orchard Road WR14 3DA and at 7.30pm at St. James Church, Callow End WR4 2TA.

The service this year has been prepared by Christian women of Palestine. Do come and support Palestinian Christians.

**There will be a Guest speaker Mark Melliush at**

St. Andrews Church, Poolbrook

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 6-7.30pm

(Diocesan Mission Enabler in Hereford Diocese)

Speaking on 'Pursuing the Presence'

An evening of worship, teaching, and ministry.

All Welcome.

**BIG LENTEN WALK FOR CAFOD 200 Kilometres in 40**

**Days-** I am challenging myself to do this during Lent to raise money to give to CAFOD to help the fight against global poverty. My dog Pepper will also be walking with me. If you would like to sponsor me, please sign up on the sheet I will put on the table in the narthex. Thank you, Win Crawford,

**Malvern Hills Foodbank Shortages** – the items we are looking for in particular are as follows – Jars of coffee, Ketchup, tins of custard, tins of fruit, tinned tomatoes and tins of potatoes, deodorants for men and women, surface cleaner and nappies size 5,6,7 and 8. Drop off points are Waitrose, Morrisons, Lidl Malvern Link, Co-op Malvern Link, Co-op Upton, Warner's Upton, Sainsbury's Malvern Vale, One Stop Shops (Pickersleigh Road, Barnards Green and Poolbrook), Greenlink Organic Foods and Just So Barnards Green which are regularly emptied and any donations of food can be left in one of these. Thank you.