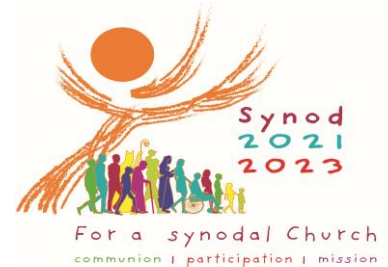


# Parish of Saint Joseph

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

*Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*

### REFLECTION

'Rejoice! This child of mine was lost, and is found!' On this midway Sunday through Lent, we celebrate with hope and joy before we enter the darker times of Holy Week. Today we particularly rejoice in the reconciliation and forgiveness of sins bought for us by Jesus's suffering and death. In the First Reading, the Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land. They rejoice that God has brought them to a place where the fruit of the earth feeds them. St Paul speaks of the 'new creation' made possible by Christ's suffering and death. Because of this, we ourselves are called to share the good news of forgiveness with others. The Gospel relates the story of the return of the prodigal son. We witness the total and utter forgiveness the father bestows on his selfish and wayward son. Just as the father forgives his son, we too will be forgiven, if we express sorrow for actions and inactions that take us away from God. As we celebrate the joy of knowing that we are totally loved and forgiven, in these final weeks of Lent we ask for the grace to see ourselves as God sees us, and to see others just as God sees them too.

### Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	26	Lent Feria	10.00am	Livestreamed	Zina Cumming † (Janet Williams)
Sat	26	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Not Livestreamed	Luke Fabros Private Intention (S Craig)
Sun	27	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Livestreamed	People of the Parish
Mon	28	Lent Feria	12.00 noon	Livestreamed	Audrey Hall † (Dave & pat Taylor)
Tue	29	Lent Feria	9.15am	Not Livestreamed	John Cullen † (Fr Naz)
Wed	30	Lent Feria		Private Mass	
Thu	31	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am-6:45pm	In Church	
Thu	31	Benediction	6:45pm	In Church	
Thu	31	Lent Feria	7.00pm	Livestreamed	Holly Robson † (Janet Lupino)
Fri	01	Lent Feria	9.15am	Not Livestreamed	School Mass (Beech & Sycamore Classes –Years 4, 5 & 6 - Penitential Service)
Fri	01	Stations of The Cross - Led by the Confirmation Group	7.00pm	Not Livestreamed	
Sat	02	Lent Feria	10.00am	Livestreamed	Thorn Family (Pauline Kirton)
Sat	02	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Not Livestreamed	Stephen Rogers † (Jean S Rogers)
Sun	03	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Livestreamed	Zina Cumming † Anniversary of Death (Janet Williams)



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**HOLY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S** is livestreamed via YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmTttow> 1127 6987 Passcode: 433646  
The sanctuary and some front row seats are shown on camera but the rest of the church is not on camera.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY PAGES FOR LENT**  
<https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/images/Documents/Lent-2022-Family-Activities.pdf>  
**MARCH SAINTS AND FESTIVALS ACTIVITY SHEET**  
<https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/images/Documents/Saints-March-2022-Family-Activities.pdf>

#### LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S

**Exposition** If you would like intentions prayed for on Thursdays during Exposition, please put them in the box in front of the altar. Paper & pencil are available in the narthex.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place at 7pm every Friday during Lent.

**School children, parents and teachers** wishing to light a candle during Exposition for displaced children in Ukraine are welcome to do so on Thursdays after school during Lent.

**Stations of the Cross Exhibition** St Joseph's will once again display your work in church depicting Jesus' last hours as he journeys from Jerusalem to the Cross. There are 15 stations (including the Resurrection), and we would love to receive a wide range of images, reflections, poems, prayers etc. from members of the parish. Entries welcome now!

**There is soup for lunch after Monday Masses** during Lent at Holy Joe's Pop-Up Café (McEnnis room) **except for 4<sup>th</sup> April as it will be Frank Partington's funeral that day.**

#### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

You are invited to go to these as they are for our parish too.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 4.00pm at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm at The Most Holy Trinity Ledbury.**

#### 100+ CLUB DRAW FOR MARCH - WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> prize £90 – Bridget Bache

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £45 – Vivienne Fox

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £45 – Collette Phelps

4<sup>th</sup> prize £22.50 – Malcolm Garner

5<sup>th</sup> prize £22.50 – Frances Mainini

Congratulations to the winners. Proceeds from this club go towards parish maintenance. If you would like to join the club please contact the parish office.

**GUILD OF ST STEPHEN MEDAL** Fionna Shony will receive the guild medal this week. Her dedication to serving at the altar makes her eligible to receive this medal. It is also a commitment on her part that she will continue to serve regularly and as well as possible.

**COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED** Would you like to help? We would like to operate a 5 week rota system, with 2 parishioners in each team, so teams only have to count the collections approximately 10 times during the year. Full training will be given. **So far we have had only 3 responses.** If you are able to assist with this important task, please contact Fr Naz, Chris Park or the Parish Office on 01684 574250.

**THE FLOWER GROUP** would like more helpers please. The new rota starts from Easter. Previous experience is helpful but not essential. Training will be provided. You just have to love flowers.

Please contact Anne Garner on 01684 310503 or [anne.restharrow@outlook.com](mailto:anne.restharrow@outlook.com)

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR  
CAFOD UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL**

#### PAC MEETING

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the McEnnis Room

#### CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH

**DATE CHANGED!!** ONE WORLD GROUP SPECIAL EVENT - WAR AND PEACE AND PIZZA on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** in the McEnnis Room. An evening for young people (14 - 30 years old) looking at issues of war and peace in the world today - and eating pizza together. - What are the causes of conflict? How can peace be established and maintained? Save the date & do tell your friends.

**RENEW CAFOD Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 11am to 5pm.** An in-person event for young Catholics aged 18 to 30 at CAFOD's head office in central London. St Joseph's One World Group are happy to cover the costs for two young people from our Parish to attend. If you are interested, contact Michael Townson on [m.townson1@btinternet.com](mailto:m.townson1@btinternet.com) or Parish Office.

**CHARITY COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE** Ann from Amici Dog Rescue has sent an update about the arrival of the final destination of the boxes of items the parish donated: They have arrived in Romania where some will stay for refugees and the rest will be going into Ukraine.

**THE THURSDAY GROUP** will meet at 2pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April in the McEnnis Room & are having a Tea and See event looking at photographs of the parish from years ago. Everyone is welcome.

**The Parish Magazine** We hope to re-start the magazine sometime after Easter & wish to recruit 2 or 3 more people to join the team. Relative newcomers to the parish would be especially welcome, though if you've been here for decades don't let that stop you. You won't necessarily be expected to write articles yourself, though willingness to do so occasionally would be good. We'd just need you to come to planning meetings, preferably with some good ideas, and to be prepared to ask people for contributions. There's also a collating session when we try to ensure the pages go out in the right order. We have a lot of fun in the process so do please think about joining us. Contact Margaret Rank [merank@btinternet.com](mailto:merank@btinternet.com) 01684 563784

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** In the coming week, 3 couples in the parish are celebrating their anniversaries. 2 of our couples got married on the same day 63 years ago: **Peter & Rose Stewart – 63 years & Dave & Pat Taylor;** and also

**Dee and Martin Burger are celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary**

**Congratulations to all of them!** If you would like your wedding anniversary to be remembered in the parish, please fill in the form for Anniversaries in the narthex.

**We send our Congratulations and prayers to Seminarian Jithin Tito** who received the Lectorate recently at Oscott College on his journey to the priesthood.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of Fr. Laurence Crowe & Frank Partington OBE who died recently.** Frank's OBE was for services to the Fire Brigade Service. His funeral will be at 11am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish:** Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Arthur & Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, 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**