



Parish of Saint Joseph

Malvern

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

26th to 27th November 2022

REFLECTION

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122:1-98

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

Be watchful! Stay awake! Be prepared! Be ready! These are key instructions for us as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Why all these statements? It is because we can become so immersed in our daily activities that we forget about life after death. It means that we need to be prepared and stand ready for we do not know when the day will come when we will be called home. In the second reading, Paul reminds us that "**the time**" has come; you must wake up now, our salvation is even nearer. We are exhorted to be vigilant, to pray at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen and to stand with confidence when the time comes to meet our Lord. Let our concern not be with worldly affairs that distract us from remembering that there is a God. Let us live each day anticipating that whenever His call comes, we are ready. What is crucial is that we do not postpone our repentance and that are set to be ready for Him, spiritually and morally, when He comes.

Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	26	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish (Johnson Association)
Sat	26	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Harry Carney (McLaughlan)
Sun	27	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00am	Holy Mass Livestreamed	Peter Slanagan † (Mary Wolfe)
Mon	28	Advent Feria	11.30am	Holy Mass Livestreamed	Intention of Alicia Walker (Sam Craig)
Tue	29	Advent Feria	7.45am	Holy Mass	Fr John Gildae † (Mary Carroll)
Wed	30	St Andrew, the Apostle		Private Mass	
Thu	01	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am- 6.45pm	In Church	
Thu	01	St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr	7.00pm	Holy Mass Livestreamed	Kathleen Verarde † (Joan Smith)
Fri	02	Advent Feria	9.15am	Whole School Mass	
Sat	03	St Francis Xavier, Priest <i>Migrants' Day</i>		Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Sat	03	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Janet Williams & Family (Viv Fox)
Sun	04	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00am	Holy Mass Livestreamed	Pro Populo

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER IS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



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HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed via
YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk>
or
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYZ7CmmPDRxzmT_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 Warnford, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. Amen*

Sunday 4th December at 10am there is a special Mass focussed on young people & families. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. This will be followed by a quiz in church and a bring-and-share lunch in the McEnnis Room. Please contact Suzie Wolff on 07939511177 if you would like to have a role in the Mass or the puppet show.

GOSPEL SHARE: on Fridays, at 7.30pm in the McEnnis Room or join by zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98111276987?pwd=SlZrYSs1ai9FVHYrbU5OcHYyYW9vQT09> Meeting ID: 981 1127 6987, Passcode: 433646. Everyone is welcome.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: John Griffiths† whose funeral will be at 12 noon on Monday 5th December, James Stephen Daly whose funeral will be at 11am on Tuesday 6th December and Hildegard McCrindell whose funeral will be at 12 noon on Monday 19th December.

The Synod 2021-2023 The Diocesan response to the Synod has been completed and sent to the Catholic Bishops Conference which has also produced a National synthesis and reflection. They may be viewed on the Archdiocese website at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023>. If you would like a hard copy of any of the reports please contact the parish office.

100+ Club October Draw Congratulations to the winners who are: 1st prize £90 – John Eckersley; 2nd prize £45 – Barbara Mitchell; 3rd prize £45 – Janet Lupino; 4th prize £22.50 – Christopher Park; 5th prize £22.50 – John Taylor Thank you to everyone that has contributed to 100+ Club. We are grateful for your continued support. The next draw will take place in October. 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)

★ 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. When we reach more than 100+ numbers, we will be able to increase to prizes!

The Thursday Group will not be meeting on **Thursday December 1st** but will instead be celebrating our Xmas lunch on **Thursday December 15th** at 12 midday for 12.30pm at The Worcester Golf Club.

Anne Lewis will be on annual leave for a couple weeks from **25th November**. Telephone messages and emails to the parish will be checked by Fr Naz and you may email Fr Naz directly on fr.nazarius.mgungwe@rcaob.org.uk for requests or notices. Thank you.

Next week there will be a **Second Collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese**.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

ADVENT WALK WITH ME

Please take a copy from the Narthex. Contains daily reflections on the Advent journey to Christmas. A big help to prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord.

NATIVITY SHOW IN THE MCENNIS ROOM

(30 minutes)

Sunday 27th November at 3.00pm

Thursday 1st December at 7.30pm

HOLY JOE'S CAFÉ in the McEnnis Room will be open for soup on Monday, 28th November at 12 noon. People of the parish and Teachers of our school are welcome.

INTERNATIONAL CAROL SERVICE at Great Malvern Priory on 6.30pm on Tuesday 6th December.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

There will be no Advent Reconciliation Service at St Joseph's as these services are organized at the cluster level as follows:

3.00pm on Sunday 11th December at Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park, Hanley Swan, WR8 0EA.

7.00pm on Friday 16th December at The Most Holy Trinity, New St., Ledbury HR8 2EE.

In preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's nativity let us go to one of these services. Those who cannot make it to either of these please utilize the weekly Saturday Confession time from 10.30 am to 11.00 am or by appointment with Fr Naz.

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS DINNER ON

CHRISTMAS DAY We are now starting to count up the numbers of those who want to join in the Parish Christmas Dinner. 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 box. Some Parishioners who will not be able to join in the lunch have asked whether they might make a contribution to the festivities. If you would like to do this, please contact the Parish Office or Michael Townson (m.townson1@btinternet.com or 01684 892740)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Family Mass: Saturday 24th December at 4.00pm

Midnight Mass: Saturday 24th December at Midnight preceded by carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day Mass: Sunday December at 10am