



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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The Benefits of Spiritual Pruning

Jesus says something quite comforting when he says he is the vine, and we are the branches. But then, he quickly suggests that God is like a gardener who prunes us so that we will bear more fruit. That doesn't sound fully nice considering that pruning is a violent action. Pruning involves taking a knife, a clipper, or a saw to a plant, sometimes cutting it down without killing it, so that the plant may grow to greater splendour. This is an uncomfortable analogy because pruning is painful. The benefit here of course is to get rid of dead or diseased branches and so promote the health of the entire plant. A gardener may prune a plant just to improve that plant's appearance. But again, pruning can help protect the wellbeing of other plants or even people, if there is a safety or property concern. The whole point of pruning is that objectively speaking, God sure seems to allow evil. There is nothing fun about being pruned but there comes a time when we will be grateful for the skilful hands of the master Gardener!

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	27	EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Roberta Wharton † (Vicky Alfonso)
Sat	27	EVE OF FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm	Holy Mass – Live streamed	Joan O'Donovan: Well-being (Tony & Chris Hoyle)
Sun	28	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am	Holy Mass – Live streamed	David & Ray Buxton † (Kath Buxton)
Mon	29	FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE	12noon	Holy Mass	Intention of Barbara Heitzan (Vicky Alfonso)
Tue	30	EASTER FERIA	7.45am		People of the Parish (Johnson Association)
Wed	1 May	JOSEPH THE WORKER		Private Mass	
Thur	2	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am-6.45pm	In Church	
Thur	2	MEMORIAL OF ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	7.00pm	Holy Mass – Live streamed	World Refugees (Helen Connelly)
Fri	3	FEAST OF SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES	9.15am		Veronica Ferguson † (Carol Ann)
Fri	3	MASS AT DALVINGTON CARE HOME	3.00pm		
Sat	4	FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	10.00am	Holy Mass	Karen Webster - (wellbeing) Fran & Max Mainini)
Sat	4	EVE OF SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm	Holy Mass – Live streamed	Alec & Patricia Eastwood † (Lindsay & David Lucas)
Sun	5	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am	Holy Mass – Live streamed	Intentions of Kath, Liz & Edd (Mrs K Hogan)

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 May:** For the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formations, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

❖ **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, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Anne-Marie Elder, Margaret Coleman, Jessica, Christine Smith and Elizabeth Docker. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. **Amen.**

RECENT DEAD: Irma Bevan: Funeral Service at Worcester Crematorium on Tuesday 7th May at 3.15pm

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK -
Warwick Matthews, Veronica Ferguson

Important Notice from Nazzarena - Parish Administrator - I will be away from the office from Tuesday 30th April until returning on Tuesday, 28th May. It is my 60th Birthday in June so I am off celebrating in the month of May with my family in Spain. I will look forward to seeing you all upon my return. Kind Regards Nazzarena 😊

Events

30th April – Tuesday – RCIA – 7pm-8.30pm

Malvern Hills Food Bank – Please remember the needs of the Food Bank – the items we are looking for in particular are as follows – Tea bags, coffee, tins of carrots and tins of custard and tins of fruit, UHT milk, surface cleaners and dry rice. 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.

WORK EXPERIENCE Apply today: Work Experience opportunity for young adults with the SVP and CAFOD - The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from Sunday 7th July to Saturday 13th July in London. Candidates must be aged between 20-30 years old and have a passion for social justice.

Malvern Well-Dressing Festival - Friday May 3rd to Monday May 13th. Wells, Springs and Fountains will be decorated with the theme of TREES. Well-dressing blessings Friday May 3rd 6.30pm St. James Churchyard and Saturday 4th May 4.00pm at Malvhina, Belle Vue Island. Churches are invited to remember our dependence on water and to give thanks in their services during that time.

Annual Parish Meeting & Election of new PAC members
Our APM will be held in the McEnnis Room at 4pm, Sunday 2nd June. Reports will be presented from Fr Naz, the Parish Finance Committee and the PAC Chair. Please do come and hear about how various parish groups help Fr Naz and contribute to making St Joseph's a thriving parish. If you have agenda items for the APM or questions for the PAC and Fr Naz, please get in touch with the parish office or Edd (Chair, PAC). We do need several new PAC Members so if you would like to join the PAC please watch out for nomination forms from next weekend.

The Thursday Group will be meeting at **LayLock's garden Centre** at 2.00pm on **Thursday May 2nd**. If anyone needs a lift, please contact Di Walsh Tel. No. 01684 491309. Please remember to bring your menu & cash (£20) for the June lunch with you.

Please be aware that on **Thursday 2nd May** the McEnnis Room will be used as a **Polling Station** from 7am to 10pm.

100+ Club APRIL 2024 Draw

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners who are:

1st prize £100 – Anne Lewis;

2nd prize £50 – Fr Nazarius;

3rd prize £50 – Andrew Griffin;

4th prize £25 – Bridget Bache;

5th prize £25 - John Taylor

This month, we have 107 numbers in the draw! Thank you so much for your contribution.

If you would like to contribute and get a chance to WIN, please get in touch with Sundrella (sundrellakirby@gmail.com). If you wish to HELP OUT with the draw, please feel free to contact Sundrella too!

CAFOD -URGENT SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL 2024

Families in Sudan are facing extreme hunger. 25 million people need urgent help. Please pray and give. Every gift is so needed. cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal or call 0808 58 588 85 £22 provides medicine and hygiene kits - £100 funds two emergency food packages.

IMPERSONATED EMAIL - Please be warned about the impersonated email address circulating in the parish community where someone posing as Fr Naz is asking for £500 for a seminarian of his who is going through cancer treatment. Fr Naz does not have a seminarian of his and the email does not originate from him. The Diocesan head of IT has identified the true sender and has assured us that the suspicious email addresses along with domain have been blocked at the diocesan server level to protect members of our Archdiocese. Father Naz's rcaob account is safe to use and correspond with. Fr Naz will always use his rcaob email address to communicate within Archdiocese and Parish community. Any suspicious or fraudulent communications must directly be communicated to the parish office and then we would forward it to the diocesan IT Department for further investigation. If anyone has received such communication, please protect your email account by changing the password.

TWO AUXILLIARY BISHOPS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - Congratulations to Mgr Timothy Menezes and Canon Richard Walker who have been appointed by the Holy Father as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese. Let us join in praying for them as they prepare to take up their new responsibilities for the pastoral care of the people of the diocese.

JOSEPH THE WORKER: 1ST MAY - This week will see the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. Let us pray to God, remembering the model of Joseph. God, give us work so that we may share our talents with others and know the dignity and satisfaction that you give us through our efforts. Give us patience while you open doors and wisdom to see your will. Keep our families in your care and provide for all our needs. Never let stress diminish our love for each other nor our work as part of your healing ministry. In your name we pray. Amen.

SHRINE AND BASILICA OF OUR LADY, WALSINGHAM The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham has an online feature as part of its website encouraging people to come to the Shrine as part of the Jubilee Year 2025: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/come-to-walsingham-for-the-jubilee-year2025/> and on their homepage: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/shrine-home/>