

Dear Parishioners,

Please find attached the [Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Advent](#).

Synodal Pathway Questionnaire: The Synod 2021-2023 invites us to engage more deeply with our journey in faith. Please read the attached [Questionnaire Cover](#), then print off and complete the attached (very brief) [Questionnaire](#) and return it to St Joseph's (there will be a box in the Narthex). There will also be hard copies of the cover page and questionnaire available after Mass throughout Advent. We would be very grateful if parishioners could return their completed questionnaires by January 1st 2023.

You are invited to sign up for daily Advent emails which we hope will help you to understand, to pray into, and reflect on the Synod that Pope Francis has called us to participate in. Sign up [here](#)

Each daily email from 12-26 December will be made up of a short excerpt on the Synod, followed by questions and prayers to encourage you to listen to the Holy Spirit's voice in your life and in the life of the Church. Each reflection should take no more than 5 minutes, but we suggest that you have a pen and paper handy to make notes on your thoughts and prayers for each day.

Please remember to book for Christmas Masses by 19th December. 79 parishioners have booked thus far and been sent confirmation emails. (If you have not received confirmation, please contact the parish office.) There is still excellent availability at all three Masses: 4pm Christmas Eve, 9pm (carols from 8:30pm) Christmas Eve and 10am on Christmas Day. You will find information and booking forms on the parish website <https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/> Hard copies of all forms are available at the back of church before and after Masses.

Please keep the Parish Office up-to-date with changes in personal circumstances. We are enormously grateful to all our parishioners who make offertory donations on a regular basis whether in person at mass each week or by standing order. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. The funds that we receive back from HMRC under the Gift Aid Scheme each year are a further substantial benefit to the parish. In order to help us to keep our records up to date and ensure that our claim is correct next April, please can you let the Parish Office know if there have been any changes in your circumstances in the last year such as a change of address and also if your tax-payer status has changed. If in doubt about your tax status, please contact me on ga.stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk. Many thanks, Mary Marsh – Gift Aid Co-ordinator

If you are looking for a good book to put on your Christmas list, I can thoroughly recommend Naomi Klein's *On Fire: The Burning Case for a Green New Deal*. Each chapter is a stand-alone piece which allows the reader to dip in and out. St Joseph's Book Group will next meet on Thursday, 13th January 2023 after 7pm Mass to discuss Chapter 4: Capitalism vs The Climate. "There is simply no way to square a belief system that vilifies collective action and venerates total market freedom with a problem that demands collective action on an unprecedented scale and a dramatic reining in of the market forces that created and are deepening the crisis." This is inspiring stuff! Come join us!

Don't miss the lovely photo of St Joseph's School members at Confirmation last Thursday in the School Newsletter: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-josephs-catholic-malvern/UploadedDocument/e77c8731-53a1-430e-a218-9b0f752b8c33/newsletter-friday-26th-november.pdf>

There is an article about Blessed Carlo Acutis in the Advent issue of the Sower: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine> You may collect a FREE copy from the Narthex at St Joseph's.

St Joseph's CAFOD Harvest appeal raised £490 and CAFOD has sent this message: "Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their heads and I can

make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy.” Thank you for your support which enables hundreds of women like Garmah remain in their homes during times of struggle. Other examples of our work can be found in our World Gift catalogues or website <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> Have a wonderful Christmas.”

And finally, if you are interested in acquiring a [standing freezer](#), [comfy recliner-type chairs](#), a [loveseat](#) or a guest bed which folds up into a wall cupboard in time for the arrival of holiday guests, then please contact the parish office on stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk and we will put you in touch with the vendor. You will find pictures of the first three items attached. They are all ****FREE**** to a good home.

Brightest blessings,

Sam

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If you need to send a message to the Parish Office, please email us directly at stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk

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