

Dear Parishioners,

Please find attached the [Bulletin for the First Sunday of Advent](#). The Bulletin offers lots of different ways to prepare for the Nativity of the Lord during Advent: Bible study, retreats, St Joseph's Carol Service and services of reconciliation. Please enjoy the read and feel free to forward to anyone you feel may benefit.

The Parish Office is now taking bookings for Christmas Masses. Part of learning to live with COVID means taking steps to keep everyone as safe from infection as possible. Therefore, we are capping numbers for each of our three Christmas Masses at 150. Please read the attached information sheet and complete the attached booking form. Hard copies of the booking form will be available in the McEnnis Room after Masses. Booking forms should be returned by email, post or hand to the Parish Office by Friday 19th December. We look forward to receiving your form.

A fantastic way to make the most of Advent would be to have a good look at the Family Activity Pages for Advent**. There are some great ideas for how to make the season special. Please visit

<https://www.stjosephsmalvern.org/j/images/Documents/Advent-2021-Family-Activities.pdf>

St Joseph's Crib Appeal during Advent and Christmas will be in support of Mary's Meals. From November to January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! Your kindness and generosity will bring joy to more than two million children around the world – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. For more information, please visit

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

There will be a concert on Saturday 11th December at 7:30pm presented by the Poolbrook String Orchestra at Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church in aid of Wychumvi School in Tanzania. All funds raised will be used to feed pupils who would otherwise go hungry. Entry is FREE and there will be a retiring collection. Please see the [poster attached](#).

Make sure to have a look at what is going on at **St Joseph's School**. Lucy Richardson has been working with Beech Class (Year 6) to create Ephemeral Art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Ephemeral Art is temporary and only lasts as long as the environment allows. What the children produced is absolutely beautiful: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-josephs-catholic-malvern/UploadedDocument/33f381c0-708a-44fb-9429-63835427db62/newsletter-friday-19th-november.pdf>

Brightest blessings,

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