



Parish of Saint Joseph

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Central theme: Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Besides coming into our world through birth, Jesus comes into our lives through His Church and its members, through its Sacraments (especially the Holy Eucharist), the Word of God, the worshipping community, and finally, in His Second Coming. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah waits and hopes for an ideal descendant of King David who, as the Messiah of God, will bring security, peace, and justice to God's people. Christians believe that Jeremiah's waiting and hoping were fulfilled in Jesus. In today's Gospel, Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany his *Second Coming* and encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant, and well-prepared: "When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads, because your redemption is at hand" (Lk 21:28). Jesus wants us to face the future with confidence in God's providence.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	30th	FEAST OF ST ANDREW, APOSTLE	10.00am	HOLY MASS	Rev Keith Enstone † (Johnson Association)
Sat	30th	EVE OF FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	6.00pm	HOLY MASS	Intention of George
Sun	1 st Dec	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	11.00am	HOLY MASS – Live streamed	World Refugees (Helen Connelly)
Mon	2nd	ADVENT FERIA	11.30am	Holy Mass Lived streamed	Intention of Carol Ann Harnett (Susan Van Ling)
Tue	3rd	MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS XAIVER, PRIEST	7.45am	Holy Mass	Teresa Nanthuru (Isabella Muyakha)
Tue	3rd	THE REFLECTIONS ON THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE TO MARY	7.00pm	Advent Reflection	
Wed	4th	ADVENT FERIA		Private Mass	
Thur	5th	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm		
Thur	5th	FEAST OF ST BIRINUS, BISHOP	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Betty Clark † (Jean Rogers)
Fri	6th	ADVENT FERIA	9.15am	School Advent Reconciliation Service	
Fri	6th	MASS AT DALVINGTON CARE HOME	3.00pm		
Sat	7th	MEMORIAL OF ST AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	10.00am		Deceased members of the Wise, Gough and Webster Families (Johnson Association)
Sat	7th	EVE OF SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Mike Harris †
Sun	8th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Family Mass for First Holy Communion Children and families.	11.00am	Holy Mass Lived streamed	Stan Chetwood † (Margaret Chetwood)
Sun	8th	PENITENTIAL SERVICE	5.00pm		



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/UCq9QGyZ7CmmPDRxzmTt>

❖ **Pope's Prayer Intention for December – For pilgrims of hope.** We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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

FUNERALS – Funeral for Margaret Grosvenor Monday 9th December at 11am. Funeral for Peter Armstrong Tuesday 17th December at 10.30am. Funeral for Anthony John Delvin Friday 20th December at 10am. Funeral for Father Tony Mitchell Friday 20th December at St George's. More details to follow. We pray for the repose of his soul and for his son Paul and the rest of his family.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATHS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of – Geoffrey Tigar, Josephine Whiston, Tony Crawford, Marian Longstaff, Mary Etherton and Dorothy Still.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – Congratulations to those celebrating this week: Sarah and Rob Moore.

Second Collection next Sunday 8th December for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

Tues 03/12 – St Joseph's, Malvern 6.15pm – light supper followed by the talk – **The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

INDUCTION OF FATHER THOMAS REGAN AT ST WULSTANS - LITTLE MALVERN: Thursday 12th December – 12 noon. All are welcome. The Abbot of Belmont will be Principal Celebrant. There will be tea and cake afterwards.

Christmas Crib Festival weekend 14-15 December.

Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you can:

1. Bring a crib to display
2. Help supervise the festival for an hour over the weekend
3. Your child(ren) would like to attend the workshop on Saturday 14th December.

Walk with me – A Journey through prayer for Advent – The booklets have arrived and are for sale in the narthex for £1.00 each. The Jubilee Advent Calendar sheet is free.

THE WELLSRING LEDBURY Saturday 14th December at 10. am till 4pm **QUIET DAY** Advent Silent Retreat 'Waiting for the King' Led by Rev Paul Hunt Price £31 includes coffee on arrival soup and roll lunch, afternoon coffee and cake. To book contact www.thewellspring.uk/events

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY EXHIBITION

A Christmas nativity exhibition at St Mary's church, Hanley Castle is open from Saturday November 30th until Sunday December 8th every day from 2pm until 5pm. In previous years, they have also offered light refreshments. It features 300 different nativities from 100 different countries in paper, felt, nuts, folded magazines, bullets and other materials. I have visited this and it is beautiful and fascinating. Win Crawford.

IN PREPARATION OF THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS, the Malvern Cluster of parishes warmly invites you to three reflections this Advent on **The Incarnation using the prayers of The Angelus as a framework.**

Hosted in turn at Malvern, Upton & Little Malvern, each Tuesday, beginning on 3rd December and ending on the 17th, we will gather from 6.15pm for light refreshments with a talk of 15 minutes at 7pm followed by a further 15 minutes of discussion/sharing and concluding with 15 minutes of prayer – ending at 7.45pm. **Tues 03/12 – St Joseph's, Malvern** – The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit, **Tues 10/12 – St Joseph's, Upton** – Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word and **Tues 17/12 – St Wulstan's, Little Malvern** – The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

HOLY JOE'S CAFÉ in the McEnnis Room for **Soup**, over Advent starting **Monday 2nd December at 12 noon** after early Mass at 11.30 am – Everyone invited. The following Mondays are 9th December and the 16th December.

ADVENT CLUSTER PENITENTIAL SERVICES – Sunday 8th December 5.00pm at St Joseph's, Malvern and Sunday 15th December 3.00pm at Our Blessed Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park.

MESSY VINTAGE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LINK TOP

Thursday 5th December - 2.00pm

A fun informal service to celebrate Christmas

ALL WELCOME Especially people living with Dementia or with Special Needs and their Carers.

CAFOD Collection for the Humanitarian Appeal raised £965.60 – Thank you to all that contributed.

School Christmas Carol Concert – Key stage 2 Friday 13th December at 2.00pm – in the Church – all welcome.

Worcester Circle Newman Association's next meeting is on Wednesday December 11th at the usual venue, St. George's RC Church Hall at 7pm, when Tom Piotrowski will be talking on The Church about Migration, exploring some of the facts and myths about it from the Christian perspective. This will be followed by seasonal Advent refreshments. Everyone is very welcome.

Malvern Catenians will be holding their annual carol service at the Ale House, Colwall, Malvern WR13 6HJ on Friday 6th December commencing at 3pm. This consists of our familiar carols interspersed with bible readings, poetry etc -Parishioners are welcome. Light refreshments follow. Call Vince Conway on 01886 830056 if interested to allow for catering.

FESTIVE STAYS 2024

Could you lay an extra place at your table this Christmas for an international student? Each year our charity, EIL UK, receives hundreds of applications from international students studying at British universities hoping to experience Christmas or New Year in a British home. If you live in Malvern and could offer friendship and host an overseas university student for a three night stay between 20th December 2024 and 5th January 2025, drop us a line at host@eiluk.org to find out more about this rich and rewarding experience and how you can be part of the HOST UK programme.