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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.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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This Feast Day is known under four names:

- 1) The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** (by prayers and the payment of “five shekels to a member of the priestly family” (Nm 3:47-48; Lk 2:22), to redeem or buy the firstborn male child back from the Lord’s service). In 1997, Pope John Paul II designated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord as the Annual World Day of Consecrated Life.
- 2) The Feast of the Purification of Mary** commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child in the Temple.
- 3) The Feast of Encounter** between the New Testament, represented by the Baby Jesus, and the Old Testament, represented by the holy witnesses: Simeon and Anna). In a sense, this feast celebrates the meeting point of the two “Testaments.” Thus Jesus, who is the new Temple of God, enters the ancient temple ushering the law of love
- 4) The Feast of Candlemas** because of the tradition of blessing and distributing candles and holding a candlelight procession on this day. These practices are drawn from Simeon’s words in the gospel for this feast, in which he prophesies that the child Jesus will become “a light for revelation to the Gentiles.”

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	1 st Feb	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass	Melly Balbag RIP Recent
Sat	1st	EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Holy Mass	World Refugees (Helen Connelly)
Sun	2nd	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	11.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Rita & Tom Durcan † (Helen Connelly)
Mon	3rd	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	12noon	Holy Mass Live streamed	Clive Baker RIP - recent - (Maggie Griffiths)
Tue	4th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	7.45am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Wed	5th	MEMORIAL OF ST AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR		Private Mass	
Thur	6th	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm		
Thur	6th	MEMORIAL OF ST PAUL MIKI, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Charles Sylvia Walker † (The Craig Family)
Fri	7th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (Fran Mainini)
Fri	7th	Mass at Dalvington Care Home	3.00pm		
Sat	8th	MEMORIAL OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Sat	8th	EVE OF FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Thanksgiving for new baby (Anne & Paul Lewis)
Sun	9th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.00am	Family Mass for First Holy Communion Children and families. Live streamed	Chuck Walker † (Irena & Stefan Sciacinski)

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 February: For vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.**

❖ **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.

RECENT DEAD: Martin Burger
Barrie Sykrme, bother to Sue Stubbings
John Crowe: Funeral at St Joseph's church, Friday 14th February at 1.00pm

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATHS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Winifred Law, Jaseki Adamina Modlitve, Anthony Gaskill and Aiden Stopwell.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Bridget & Ethel Nwosu

Second Collection this week for LIFE Charity.

WELCOME TO BISHOP DAVID EVANS to the Workshop reflecting on ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope this Saturday 1st February from 2.30-4.45pm in the McEnnis room. Bishop David will also be Main Celebrant of the 6pm Mass where he will award Ian Dawes with a Certificate in Foundations of Faith for the New Evangelisation nun by Caro Ann Harnett.

First Communion and Confession Session - Let's think about the sacraments 5.30pm – 7.00pm

THE THURSDAY GROUP – 6TH FEBRUARY AT 2.00pm – SOCIAL ACTIVITY AND BRING AND BUY SESSION.

LUNCHBOX TALKS
Thursday 6th February at 12:30 for 1:00pm at Great Malvern Priory: "Malvern College Concert".

AN IMPERSONATED EMAIL ADDRESS has circulated among some members of the parish community as coming from Naz. Please always use the rcaob email address to communicate with him and it is the only address Fr Naz will communicate with the community. Any attempt of communication from other email address should be considered as fraudulent and reported to recipient's internet service provider and also directly to the parish office or Fr Naz for further investigation.

THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on February 8. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as "blood money" and a "crime against humanity". We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to santamartagroup.org/resources. A link to further information can be found via: Santa Marta Group | St. Bakhita Day

MESSAGE FROM FR NAZ: HOUSE GROUPS

I have put together a Leadership Team drawn from the communities of St Joseph's Malvern, St. Joseph's Upton and Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore to help me plan Pastoral and Spiritual programmes in our three churches. This team has been through a lot of training on the Divine Renovation model, and it has had a series of meetings and one retreat in the past 12 months. With the help of this Leadership Team a first plan is in place to establish a number of House Groups in the coming few months. Hosted in the homes of parishioners of the three churches, the aim is to gather around 6-8 people per group to meet on regular basis and to be in the presence of Jesus, prayerfully reading through the scriptures, do Lectio Divina and grow in community with one another. There will be a variety of meeting days and times to hopefully suit differing availability/preferences. Keep an eye out on the newsletter for details of the first groups and if you are interested in either leading or joining a group, please talk it over with Fr Naz or Deacon Sean. Alice Kerby will be speaking at the weekend Masses as follows to introduce the initiative House Groups: St Joseph's Malvern at the Weekend Masses of 8/9 February, Saturday 15th February at the 4pm Mass at Our Lady and St Alphonsus Blackmore, 16th February at the 9.00am Mass. Fr Naz

Malvern Hills Food Bank – Please remember the needs of the Food Bank especially at this time of year Thank you.

BOOKING NOW OPEN FOR THIS YEAR'S DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE You are most welcome to join us this Jubilee Year as we journey to Lourdes in May. The pilgrimage runs from Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025 with the theme: "*With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope*". If you would like to travel to Lourdes but in need of assistance we can help. Assisted pilgrims have the support of doctors, nurses, carers and hospitaliers throughout their time on pilgrimage. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers. Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk As well as applications from assisted pilgrims we're also keen to hear from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience Lourdes. Find out more here: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

