



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

YEAR C 4<sup>TH</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> January 2025

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The Greek word Epiphany (επιφάνεια) means appearance or manifestation. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the Epiphany event is celebrated in the commemoration of the Baptism of Christ when the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. But there are multiple revelations of Jesus as God are celebrated on this Feast of the Epiphany. For example, later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself as the promised Messiah. At the wedding feast in Cana Jesus revealed His Divinity by transforming water into wine. So, this Feast of Epiphany, the Church celebrates all these epiphany events and not just the visit of the magi.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	4th	CHRISTMAS FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Mr M E Connelly ☩ (Johnson Association)
Sat	4th	EVE OF SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sun	5th	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	11.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Beryl Gaunt ☩ (Benefactor to the parish)
Mon	6th	CHRISTMAS FERIA	12noon	Holy Mass Live streamed	Maureen and George Ward ☩ (Helen Connelly)
Tue	7th	CHRISTMAS FERIA	7.45am	Holy Mass	Dolores Cashmand ☩ recent (Collette Phelps)
Wed	8th	CHRISTMAS FERIA		Private Mass	
Thur	9th	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm		
Thur	9th	FUNERAL OF MARY AMPHLETT	11.00am	Funeral Mass at Blackmore Church	
Thur	9th	CHRISTMAS FERIA	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Charles & Sylvia Walker (Craig Family)
Fri	10th	CHRISTMAS FERIA	9.15am	School Mass	
Sat	11th	CHRISTMAS FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Graciana Zgambo ☩
Sat	12th	EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Charles Walker ☩
Sun	12th	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	11.00am	Family Mass for First Holy Communion children and families Live streamed	Betty Clark ☩ (Mary Williams)

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_tto)



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❖ **Pope's Prayer Intention for January** – For the right to an education – Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

❖ **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.

**FUNERAL OF MARY AMPHLETT** – Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am at Blackmore Church.

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATHS:** Please pray for the repose of the souls John Rees, Beryle Gaunt, Holly Robson, Sam Moore, Jim Brooks and Graciana Zgambo.

**A BIG VOTE OF THANKS FROM FR NAZ:** I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the spiritual journey from Advent leading into the celebration of a very unique Christmas this year. From the setting up of the Advent wreath, Christmas Tree and the Crib in Church, Crib Festival weekend on Gaudette Sunday, the Monday Advent Soup Lunches, decoration and cleaning of the church, the massive support in the office, to the spiritual inputs and attendance at the three Cluster Angelus reflections at St Joseph's Malvern, St Joseph's Upton and St Wulstan's Little Malvern, the Carol Service, the outstanding attendance at the Christmas Masses, the music at all the Masses with all the various ministries of welcomers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, the lean help of altar servers at Christmas Masses, the Christmas cards and presents and the most generous Christmas offerings. All I can do is to praise the Lord for all this.

**RCIA – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January –**

First Holy Communion and Confession session 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

Ways of praying - how can I pray more or better? 7.30pm to 9.00pm

**THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

The 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' is fast approaching. The Jubilee Year will run from the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 to the Feast of Epiphany 2026. Archbishop Bernard is set to celebrate Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Year, at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 29 December 2024. What is a Jubilee? The Jubilee Years, also known as Holy Years, started in 1300AD and recall the great jubilee of Israel: a time for land to be rested and debts to be cancelled, when God called people to be reconciled with one another and with Him. They now occur every 25 years, although the next will be 2033 – the anniversary of Christ's death and resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit. These Years, the Church explains, are years "of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, '...and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters'".

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE** – Companion Booklets for sale in the narthex for £1.50 – for more information on what is happening for the Jubilee celebrations please go to [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year)

**The Thursday Group** will be meeting on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 2.00pm to listen to a talk by Paddy Hannigan called "**I Have a Dream**" about Martin Luther King. There will be a "bring & Buy" at this meeting.

**JOB VACANCY** - Our Wonderful St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint a new Headteacher for September 2025. For further details please look at the Advert on the Parish and School Website.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 4:00pm** there will be a Unity Service at St Matthias Church in Malvern Link. The preacher will be Reverend Dr Simo Frestadius, Vice Principal, Regents Theological College. During the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be opportunities to meet and pray in various local churches, joining in their regular times of prayer including the following (more may be added):

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January** at St Mary's at 9.00am and St Joseph's at 11.30am

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** at Malvern Priory at 9.00am

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** at Malvern Baptist at 7.30pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** at Beacon Elim at Cowleigh Road Gospel Hall at 9.00am and on zoom\* at 7.00pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** at St Andrew's at 9.00am

And **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January** Prayer Walk from Lyttelton Well at 9.30am.

**LUNCHBOX TALKS**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January** at 12:30 for 1:00pm at Great Malvern Priory: "40 Things you may not know about Malvern"

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** at 12:30 for 1:00pm at Great Malvern Priory: "Malvern's Ancient History"

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at 12:30 for 1:00pm at Great Malvern Priory: "Malvern College Concert".

**Malvern Hills Food Bank** – Please remember the needs of the Food Bank especially at this time of year – the items we are looking for in particular are as follows – squash, tins of custard, tins of pears, rice puddings, tins of vegetables, tins of tuna, UHT Milk, biscuits, Jars of jam and jars of pasta and curry sauce, tins of fruit, toothbrushes adult and children's and toothpaste. Nappies size 5, 6, 7 and 8. 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 at Barnards Green which are regularly emptied, and any donations of food can be left in one of these. Thank you.

