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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Luke 3:1-6

Each year, the second and the third Sundays in Advent centre on John the Baptist, reminding us that if we want to prepare properly for the coming of Jesus we need to listen to the Baptist's message. John called people to repent as a way of preparing their hearts and lives for the Lord's coming. If a king were planning to travel, work-crews would be dispatched to repair the roads. Ideally, the roads for the king's journey would be straight, level, and smooth. But the preparation on which John insisted was a preparation of heart and of life. "Mend, not your roads, but your lives." The quotation, "making straight the paths of the Lord," means clearing the path of sin, which is the major obstacle preventing the Lord from coming into our lives. The valleys and hills here stand for the estrangement of man from God.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	7th	MEMORIAL OF ST AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	10.00am	Holy Mass	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 Live streamed	Stan Chetwood † (Margaret Chetwood)
Sun	8th	PENITENTIAL SERVICE	5.00pm		
Mon	9th	FUNERAL OF MAUREEN GROSVENOR	11.00am		
Tue	10th	ADVENT FERIA	7.45am	Holy Mass	Joe Naukas (Collette Phelps)
Wed	11th	ADVENT FERIA		Private Mass	Maureen Grosvenor † (Grania Joinson)
Thur	12th	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm		
Thur	12th	ADVENT FERIA	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	
Fri	13th	MEMORIAL ST LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR	9.15am	Holy Mass	Thanksgiving - Ammu
Fri	13th	CHRISTMAS SCHOOL CONCERT	2.00pm		
Sat	14th	MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sat	14th	UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC LITURGY	1.00pm		
Sat	14th	EVE OF THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Betty Clark † (Helen Connelly)
Sun	15th	THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	11.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Intentions of Sr. Sylvian (Pauline Kirton)
Sun	15th	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE	3.30pm		

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

❖ **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.**

RECENT DEAD:

Marijke Ferguson (Carol Ann Harnett's aunt).
Reverend Father Jacob Brian Lewis, retired Priest of the Archdiocese, **Margaret Grosvenor** funeral on Monday 9th December at 11am. **Peter Armstrong**, Funeral on Tuesday 17th December at 10.30am.
Anthony John Delvin funeral on Friday 20th December at 10am. **Father Tony Mitchell** funeral on Friday 20th December at St George's.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATHS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of – Derek Rowland, Josephine Whiston, Sylvia Walker.

Second Collection this Sunday for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

PAC Meeting – 9th December at 7pm on Guidance from the Diocese on Formation of Pastoral Councils.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: You are all welcome to the Parish Carol Service on Sunday, 15th December at 3.30pm followed by refreshments and some mulled wine.

The Parish Magazine, Advent edition, is out this weekend and not to be missed. Be sure to get your copy. 50 pence a copy voluntary contribution.

HOLY JOE'S CAFÉ in the McEnnis Room for **Soup**, over Advent this **Monday 9th December at 12 noon** – Everyone is invited. Also, the following Monday 16th December.

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.

CLUSTER ADVENT REFLECTIONS

A big thank you to all who came to the first Cluster Advent reflection led by Francesca Townson last Tuesday at St Joseph's Malvern. The next reflections are as follows:
Tuesday 10th December hosted by St Joseph's, Upton – Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word to be led by Deacon Sean Duffey
Tuesday 17th December to be hosted by St Wulstan's, Little Malvern – The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us to be led by Bernadette Eakin.
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

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.

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.

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.

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'"

The Thursday Group are meeting on Thursday December 12th at 12 noon for 12.30pm for their Christmas lunch at The Worcester Golf Club.

Well Counselling Service Fundraising Quiz Night - Saturday 14th December - The monthly fundraising quiz evening will take place in the Lyttelton Rooms Main Hall. The doors open at 7pm and the quiz gets going at about 7.30. The cost is £3.00 per head plus a contribution for tea, coffee, squash, biscuits etc. Come in Christmas costume as there will be a prize for the best one. Proceeds for the Well Counselling.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

24TH DEC: **CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS: 4.00pm**

24TH DEC: **CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT:**

10pm preceded by Carols at 9.30pm

25th DEC: **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: 10.00am**

