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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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR C

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Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 90: 1-2, 10-15 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Lent begins with a reflection on the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. The first reading describes the ancient Jewish ritual of presenting the first fruits of the harvest to God to thank Him for strengthening them during the years of their trials and temptations in the desert. St. Paul in the second reading warns the early Christians not to **yield** to their constant temptation to return to the observances of the Mosaic Laws. The Church assigns temptation stories to the beginning of Lent because temptations come to everybody, not only to Jesus. We are surrounded on all sides by temptations.

MASS TIMES

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Fri	7	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7.00pm	Stations to be led by Altar Servers	
Sat	8	SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sat		EVE OF FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Kate and Des NcNamara † (Johnson Association)
Sun	9	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am	Holy Mass <i>Livestreamed</i>	Maureen and George Ward † (Helen Connelly)
Mon	10	LENT FERIA	12.00noon	Holy Mass <i>Livestreamed</i>	Nan Delaney † (Lynne Harper)
Tue	11	LENT FERIA	7.45am	Holy Mass	Martin Burger † (Carol-Ann Harnett)
Wed	12	LENT FERIA		Private Mass	
Thur	13	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm	In Church	
Thur		LENT FERIA	7.00pm	Holy Mass <i>Livestreamed</i>	Deceased of the Burger and Rees Families (Chris & Liz Burger)
Fri	14	LENT FERIA	9.15am		Thanksgiving for Luca (Fran & Max Mainini)
Fri		STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7.00pm	Stations to be led by the Gospel Share Group	
Sat	15	LENT FERIA (NO MASS)	10.00am	Celebration of the First Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat		EVE OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Michael Kelly † (Liz & Chris Burger)
Sun	16	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (- Thanks giving Mass for First Reconciliation)	11.00am	Holy Mass <i>Livestreamed</i>	Martin Burger † (Maggie Griffiths)

Holy Mass at St Joseph's is livestreamed on some days via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk>

CONFESSIONS

Fr Naz hears confession in the Confessional from 10:30am until 11 am on Saturdays or by appointment.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

- ❖ For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PLEASE PRAY

- **For the Sick and Housebound of St Joseph's Parish:** Clare Gray, Anne Wiseman, 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.
- **For the Recently Deceased:**
 - Margaret Pauline Stevens: Mass prior to Funeral: Friday 14th March at 4.00pm
 - Bill Carew, Funeral on Thursday, 20th March at 10.30am
- **For Those on the Anniversary of their Deaths,** Bill Wortley, Alec Westwood, France Keenan and Oliver Jones

PAC MEETING – Monday 10th March at 7pm in the McEnnis Room. Parishioners are welcome to submit questions or items for the agenda to Edd – 07500 639308.

WEEKLY LENTEN REFLECTIONS: 'WE DARE TO HOPE'

Malvern Cluster of churches warmly invites you to a series of reflections on Hope, beginning on 11/03 and ending on 08/04. 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 11/03** – St Joseph's, Malvern – *Christian Hope*
- **Tues 18/03** – Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park - *The Decision to Hope*
- **Tues 25/03** – St Wulstan's, Little Malvern – *The Prayer of Hope*
- **Tues 01/04** – St Joseph's, Upton – *Hope against Hope*
- **Tues 08/04** – St Joseph's, Malvern – *Christ, Our Hope*

If you are unable to come along to the sessions, you can find the materials used on our Diocesan website, here:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/we-dare-to-hope-resource-launched>

DAY RETREAT FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

A big thank you to 22 Eucharistic Ministers who have confirmed their attendance from the three churches of Malvern, Upton and Blackmore. A few others were not sure. These have up to Wednesday 12th March to confirm. The programme starts with a cup of tea/coffee at the Caffee at 10am. Opening Session at 10.30am with a lunch break at 1.00pm, and an afternoon session at 2.15 ending with Mass at 3.15pm and ready to depart at about 4pm.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION – BELMONT ABBEY Saturday, 15th March 2025. The day will be led by V. Rev Dom Alexander Kenyon, the Prior of Belmont. The day will cost £40.00 per person including lunch. You can contact Andrew at andrewgrantdl@gmail.com for more information and for menu choices.

PARISH MAGAZINE COPY DAY for the next edition is Sunday 16 March. Please send contributions to Margaret Rank merank@btinternet.com or leave in an envelope in the narthex.

WORK EXPERIENCE: The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) and CAFOD are offering a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. Candidates must be over 18, have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Apply by 20 April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

A MESSAGE FROM LYTTTELTON WELL

Thank you so much for the warm welcome you gave me last Sunday and for your interest in The Well. Please do get in touch if you would like further information about ways to connect with or support us.

Ali Reakes-Williams, Volunteer Coordinator,
ali@lytteltonwell.co.uk, 01684 573702

COFFE MORNING AT LYTTLETON WELL CAFÉ 10am-1130am. A chance to meet and enjoy the company of people from other Churches in Malvern. It will be a regular meeting on every second Tuesday of the month.

THE ARCHDIOCESE IS RECRUITING for the following four positions, which will all be closing for applications shortly: Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer. Full details and closing dates can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs. If you think you have the skills, please do apply.

"CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey, where you'll also find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25th March"

MALVERN PARISHES LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE will be at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern oat 3pm on Sunday 6th April. Please remind your family and friends and bring them to prepare for Easter.

A VOTE OF THANKS FROM DEE BURGER: Thank you very much for the lovely service for Martin I, the children and grandchildren would like to thank you for a lovely service Please extend our sincere thanks to everyone for all the love, cards, Mass offering, donations to Parkinson's research, and all who attended the funeral. The total donations including the online tribute for Martin for Parkinson's research £1,430.00