



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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**ORIGIN OF BAPTISM:** Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent to our Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 70 AD, it was common for Jewish people to use a special pool called a *Mikveh* — literally a “collection of water” — as a means of spiritual cleansing, to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men took this bath weekly on the eve of the Sabbath; women, monthly. Converts were also expected to take this bath before entering Judaism. The Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continuing ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our life of Faith. In effect, He fused His Divine Essence with the water and the ceremony.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	11th	CHRISTMAS FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Graciana Zgambo RIP
Sat	11th	EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Charles Walker RIP
Sun	12th	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ( <i>Family Mass for First Holy Communion children and families</i> )	11.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Betty Clark RIP (Mary Williams)
Mon	13th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	12noon	Holy Mass Live streamed	Christine Eades †
Tue	14th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	7.45am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Wed	15th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME		Private Mass	
Thur	16th	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm		
Thur	16th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Maureen & George Ward RIP (Helen Connelly)
Fri	17th	MEMORIAL OF ST ANTHONY, ABBOT	9.15am	Holy Mass	Shaun Hogan † (ann) Edd Hogan
Sat	18th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sat	18th	EVE OF SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Dolores Cashman †
Sun	19th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Peter Armstrong †
Sun	19th	Ukrainian Greek Catholic Liturgy	2.00pm		

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/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT\\_tto](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmT_tto)



❖ **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.**

**RECENT DEAD:** Fr Fred Sheldon, & Deacon Paul Hender, bot being clergy of the Archdiocese

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATHS:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Baptist Low.

**Wedding Anniversaries –** Congratulations to Joan and Ken Haywood and Lindsay and David Lucas.

Second Collection Next week: Pax Christi.

#### MEETINGS

**PAC –** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm

**FINANCE:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm

The Thursday Group The Thursday Group are meeting up on February 6<sup>th</sup> for a social Activity afternoon & "Bring & Buy" session how do I get that into the February bulletin if you are not in until the 10<sup>th</sup>? Am I missing something?

#### 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)

#### WHAT IS HOPE?

A short workshop for all exploring this theme of Hope in the light of this Holy year. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2.30-4.45pm in the McEnnis room. Bishop David to be in attendance. More details will come later

#### This month's 100+ Club Winners for January 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Chetwood -£100

2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Mitchell - £50

3<sup>rd</sup> Steven Chesterton - £50

4<sup>th</sup> Jean Rogers - £25

5<sup>th</sup> Irene Davies £25

#### 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".

**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.

**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.

#### 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](mailto: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>