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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Zephaniah 3:14-18 *Isaiah 12:2-6* *Philippians 4:4-7* *Luke 3:10-18*

The central theme of today's readings is the command "Rejoice!" We are to do so mainly by realizing the presence of Jesus in our midst, by receiving Jesus into our lives through our repentance, by our renewal of life, and by our faithful doing of God's will. Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Today we light the rose-coloured candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose-coloured vestments, to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior. We rejoice because a) we are celebrating the day of Christ's birth, b) we recognize Jesus' daily presence in our midst, and c) we wait for Christ's return in glory.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	14th	MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	10.00am	Holy Mass	
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		
Mon	16th	ADVENT FERIA	11.30am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Josephine Whiston † (Maggie Griffiths)
Tue	17th	NO MASS AT 7.45AM TODAY DUE TO FUNERAL			
Tue	17th	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR PETER ARMSTRONG	10.30pm		
Wed	18th	ADVENT FERIA		Private Mass	
Thur	19th	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm		
Thur	19th	ADVENT FERIA	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Prisoners
Fri	20th	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR ANTHONY JOHN DELVIN	10.00am		
Fri	20th	END OF TERM SCHOOL MASS	1.00pm		
Sat	21st	ADVENT FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sat	21st	EVE OF FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	6.00pm	Holy Mass	WORLD REFUGEES (Helen Connelly)
Sun	22nd	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	11.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Michael Nealon †



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.

FUNERALS - Funeral for **Peter Armstrong** Tuesday 17th December at 10.30am. Funeral for **Anthony John Delvin** Friday 20th December at 10am. Funeral for **Father Tony Mitchell** Friday 20th December at St George's. More details to follow. We pray for the repose of his soul and for his son Paul and the rest of his family.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATHS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Paul Wright, Joan Carroll and Mike Clarke.

Christmas Carol Service – Sunday 15th December at 3.30pm followed by refreshments in the McEnnis Room.

The Parish Magazine, Advent edition is 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 16th December – 12 noon. Everyone is invited.**

IN PREPARATION OF THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS, the Malvern Cluster of parishes warmly invites you to the last reflection for Advent on **The Incarnation using the prayers of The Angelus as a framework on Tues 17th December at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern – The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.**

ADVENT CLUSTER PENITENTIAL SERVICES Sunday 15th December 3.00pm at Our Blessed Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN CHRISTMAS KNITTED ANGELS

If you are in town early on Thursday morning, 19th December, look for the angels that will have descended on Malvern. They have come to bring Love and Bless the Community this Christmas. Please take one for yourself or to give to a neighbour or friend.

MALVERN FOODBANK – The newsletter from Malvern Foodbank is in the Narthex for anyone who would like to read it.

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**



CHRISTMAS CRIB FESTIVA 14th – 15th December. Please come into Church and see all the wonderful Cribbs. **THE CRIB COLLECTION THIS YEAR WILL BE FOR MARY MEALS:** We can help more hungry children this Christmas by giving to Mary Meals.

A CLIMATE CONCIOUS CHRISTMAS: Christmas presents a little bit too much. Do you love giving and/or receiving presents? Do you try to find an excuse to buy everyone under the sun a little something? Take a moment to reconsider whether every present is necessary. Also investigate some more planet-friendly options like ethical gifts, charity donations and reusable presents that won't end up in landfill.

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 (carrots, sweetcorn, peas), tins of tuna, UHT Milk, biscuits, Jars of jam and jars of pasta and curry sauce, tins of fruit, razors and shaving soap or cream. 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.

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'"