



Parish of Saint Joseph

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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Prov (9:1-6)

Psalms 34

Eph. 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Invited to dine with Jesus

In the first reading, we have this woman by the name of Wisdom. She builds herself a house, she throws a feast of fine wine and good meat and sends out her servants into the streets to say, 'Come and eat of my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.' This is echoed in the figure of Jesus in the gospel who declares, 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.' Like Woman-Wisdom Jesus invites us to come and eat of his bread, but unlike Woman-Wisdom, he declares himself to be that bread. In language that is very daring Jesus declares himself to be our food and drink, the one who can satisfy our deepest hungers and thirsts. We come to the Eucharist hungering and thirsting for life, for authentic life, the life of God, the love of God, and we are sent out from the Eucharist as life givers, as agents of God's life and love within our homes, our society, our world.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	17	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	HOLY MASS	Bert Rees † (Liz & Chris Burger)
Sat	17	EVE OF TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	HOLY MASS	Aldo Cresta † (Daniella Cresta)
Sun	18	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.00am	HOLY MASS – Live streamed	Jane Benedetti † (Nazzarena's Mum)
Mon	19	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	12noon	HOLY MASS – Live streamed	Pro Populo
Tue	20	MEMORIAL OF ST BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	7.45am	HOLY MASS	Intention of Dominique – Bernadette's
Wed	21	MEMORIAL OF ST PIUS X, POPE		Private Mass	
Thur	22	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10am-6.45pm	In Church	
Thur	22	FUNERAL FOR Helena Witkowska	12 noon	Funeral Service	
Thur	22	MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	7.00pm	HOLY MASS – Live streamed	Shaun Hogan - Recent DOB (Mrs K Hogan)
Fri	23	FEAST OF ST JOHN WALL, PRIEST, MARTYR	9.15am	HOLY MASS	Danny & Alex Doyle - recently married (Viv Fox)
Sat	24	FEAST OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE	10.00am	HOLY MASS	Charles Walker - well-being (Craig Family)
Sat	24	EVE OF TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	HOLY MASS	Gail Anderson † (Lindsay & David Lucas)
Sun	25	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.00am	HOLY MASS – Live streamed	Christine & Arthur † (Mary Marsh)

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> tt

❖ **Pope's Prayer Intention for August:** We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

❖ **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, Michael Nealon, 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 -: Mrs Helena Witkowska (Funeral Thursday, 22nd August at 12 noon)

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATHS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Anthony Condon, Michael Carroll, Koshy Daniel and Charlie Hill.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Congratulations to Carol-Ann and Colin Harnett who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this week.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

A marriage between Bryn Simon Stubbings and Joanna Claire Hicke domicile in the Catholic Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Ledbury will be married at St Joseph's Church, Malvern on 7th September, at 3.00pm. A serious obligation rests on everyone to reveal any known impediment to the proposed marriage. Therefore, if any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony you are to declare it to either the parish priest of St Joseph's, Malvern, or to the Parish Priest of the Most Holy Trinity, Ledbury. This is the first time of asking.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION: SUNDAY 25TH

AUGUST. Please pray for Isabella Hardley who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist and Sofia Hardley who will be baptised and receive Communion on Sunday 25th August at the 11AM Mass. These two have been part of the group that received sacraments of initiation last Easter.

The Second Collection this Sunday is for Leprosy -

Leprosy is a disease that affects the nerve endings in the hands and feet and can affect the blink reflex of the eye lids. If not treated early enough it can cause life-changing disabilities and even blindness. It costs Lepra £25 to change a life and if found early enough and treatment provided the disease can be halted preventing disability, but reconstruction surgery often restores the use of limbs and sight to both adults and children. Please always remember people with leprosy in your prayers.

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION -

If your child will be in year 3 or above in September and you consider that he or she is ready to begin preparation for this sacrament, please complete the application form (copies are on the parish website and in the Narthex) and either return to the parish or send to Carol Ann Harnett. The programme will start at the beginning of October.

ADULT FORMATION IN FAITH: the RCIA Programme is not just for those who wish to be received into the Church but is a structured introduction to our beautiful faith for anyone, whether you are a Catholic or not. If you are interested in joining this year's programme please complete the application form in the Narthex. The programme will begin in September.

Workshop Day on Passing on the Faith, 14th September

2024: A day of practical workshops at St. Joseph's on how we can pass on the faith confidentially to other people. Suitable for all who are involved in Catechesis, Evangelisation, and Teachers. More details later.

MESSY VINTAGE HARVEST CELEBRATION'

Thursday September 5th - 2.00pm
at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MALVERN WR14 4LR
A fun informal Service to celebrate Autumn especially for Older People, including hymns, readings and Messy Vintage followed by refreshments. All are welcome. People living with Dementia or with Special Needs and their Carer's are especially welcome. Parking is available directly outside the Church door.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

A quick appeal to the people of the parish to consider joining the fabulous Flower Arrangers Team for our lovely church. We need to beef up the team and there is no need for previous knowledge or experience. All you need is to have the love of flowers. We are even planning to organise a session at which some expert will come to inspire the team on flower arrangements. If you have a love for flowers, please contact Dee Burger at 07756375213 or contact the office at 01684 574 250.

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI MAY 2025 - Full details now available!

A small group from St Wulstan's (Malvern Cluster) is visiting Assisi from May 25th to 31st 2025. This is the link to the dedicated webpage: <https://www.icjournays.com/mc-assisi>
Here you can download the flyer, fill in the booking form online and pay via the secure link.
However, if you'd prefer to receive this information by email, do contact carvercharlotte400@gmail.com (Tel: 01684 592179) or bernadetteekin@gmail.com (Tel: 01531 635623).

Annual Mass of thanksgiving for Altar Servers – 12 noon,

Saturday 5th October at St Chad's Cathedral where altar servers from across the archdiocese meet together with Archbishop Bernard in a Mass of thanksgiving for their service. All altar servers are invited to attend - please sign up in the sacristy and take a letter with more details. Parents are welcome too.

St Wulstan's, Little Malvern – Dom Patrick Lobo has

moved parishes to Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs in Hereford. We thank him for his ministry here in Little Malvern and for his wider contribution in our local cluster of churches. Dom Thomas Regan takes over now and we look forward to welcoming him here at St Joseph's in the near future. Please pray for both Dom Patrick and Dom Thomas as they begin these new chapters.

Mass on the Hills – Our annual Mass in the open on the Malvern Hills will take place this year at 1pm, Sunday 15th September. Details of the exact location will be shared soon. Please bring a chair and remember to dress for the weather. Afterwards we will have a 'bring and share' picnic: please bring something and stay for this. If you can offer to help with providing transport or in some other way, please let the office know or Edd (07500 639308).