



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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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JESUS AND MARY AT A WEDDING IN CANA

This week we are at a wedding in Cana where Jesus reveals Divine power by transforming water into wine. The Bible begins with one wedding, that of Adam and Eve in the garden (Gn 2:23-24), and ends with another, the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rv 19:9, 21:9, 22:17). At Cana, Jesus also blesses human marriage, perhaps at that moment instituting the Sacrament of Matrimony. Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the Covenant relationship between God and His chosen people. God is the faithful Bridegroom and humanity is His beloved bride. Let us, "invite Jesus and Mary to remain with us in our homes" when we feel shortages in our family lives. The spouses need Jesus and Mary when their dreams are gone, mutual love seems dried up, the relationship becomes boring, and raising the children becomes a burden draining all their energy. Let us pray for God's daily miracles in our families.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	18th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
	18th	EVE OF SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Dolores Cashman RIP
Sun	19th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Peter Armstrong RIP
Mon	20th	CHRISTAN UNITY SERVICE AT ST JOSEPH'S <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	11.30am	ECUMENICAL SERVICE	
	20th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	12noon	Holy Mass Live streamed	Dolores Cashman RIP (Win Crawford)
Tue	21st	MEMORIAL OF ST AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	7.45am	Holy Mass	Jonah Katsonga RIP (ann)
Wed	22nd	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>		Private Mass	
Thur	23rd	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm		
	23rd	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Elizabeth Nyirenda RIP
Fri	24th	MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	9.15am	Holy Mass	Intention of Tore Rem (The Craig Family)
Sat	25th	FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, THE APOSTLE <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
	25th	EVE OF THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Beyrl Gaunt RIP (Parish Benefactor)
Sun	26th	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Angelo Mainini ☩- ann - (Mainini Family)

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/UCq9QGZ7CmmPDRxzmT_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: Barrie Skyrme, brother to Sue Stubbings and John Crowe

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATHS: Please pray for the repose of the souls Kunyamma Koshy, Peter Kuhlmain and Janette Robson.

MEETINGS

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: Sunday, 19th January at 5pm

FINANCE: Monday 20th January at 6pm

Fr John Pitchford requires an assistant to help him check emails and write a book on ecumenism. Part-time. Hours are flexible. Mornings preferred. Location is Malvern. Please phone Fr John on 01684 575893 to discuss.

Can you help? We are looking for more people to volunteer as stewards at Mass, and as Readers. Please think about these important ministries which are vital to the smooth and reverent running of our services. Please let Fr Naz or Edd know if you would like to know more and/or volunteer your services. Fr Naz is responsible for recruiting Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

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

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday 19th 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. **(Refreshments will be served from 3.30pm).**

During the week beginning Monday 20th, 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 20th January at St Mary's at 9.00am and St Joseph's at 11.30am

Tuesday 21st January at Malvern Priory at 9.00am

Wednesday 22nd January at Malvern Baptist at 7.30pm

Thursday 23rd January at Beacon Elim at Cowleigh Road Gospel Hall at 9.00am and on zoom* at 7.00pm

Friday 24th January at St Andrew's at 9.00am

And **Saturday 25th January** Prayer Walk from Lyttelton Well at 9.30am

LUNCHBOX TALKS

Thursday 23rd January at 12:30 for 1:00pm at Great Malvern Priory: "Malvern's Ancient History"

Thursday 6th 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 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>

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE – REGISTER NOW. Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. To be held on Saturday 3 May, 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. Please register by Sunday 13 April.

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