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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.

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MASS TIMES

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	19	HOLY SATURDAY	9.15am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	
Sat	19	Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets (Polish Tradition)	10.00am		
Sat	19	Easter Basket dedication for Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church	2.00pm		
Sat	19	CELEBRATION OF EASTER VIGIL	8.30pm	Vigil Mass	
Sun	20	Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at the Beacon.	6.30am		
Sun	20	SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	11.00am	Holy Mass <u>Livestreamed</u>	Pro Populo
Mon	21	EASTER MONDAY, SOLEMNITY	12noon	Holy Mass <u>Livestreamed</u>	Maureen & George Ward (Helen Connelly)
Tue	22	EASTER TUESDAY, SOLEMNITY	7.45am	Holy Mass	Intentions of Carol Ann
Wed	23	EASTER WEDNESDAY, SOLEMNITY		Private Mass	
Thur	24	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am-6.45pm		
Thur	24	EASTER THURSDAY, SOLEMNITY	7.00pm	Service of the Word and Communion <u>Livestreamed</u>	
Fri	25	EASTER FRIDAY, SOLEMNITY	9.15am	NO MASS Check Mass times in the cluster.	
Sat	26	EASTER SATURDAY, SOLEMNITY	10.00am	NO MASS Check Mass times in the cluster.	
Sat	26	EVE OF SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Wendy Eckerseley † (Eckerseley Family)
Sun	27	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am	Holy Mass - <u>Livestreamed</u>	Vincent Eckerseley † (John Eckerseley & Family)

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 APRIL

- ❖ **For the use of new technologies.** Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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 Those on the Anniversary of their Deaths,** Dorothy Brooks and Barbara Lucas.

WHY SHOULD WE PARTICIPATE IN THE HOLY WEEK LITURGY?

On Palm Sunday we entered Holy Week, and welcomed Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience in our lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. No wonder Greek Orthodox Christians greet each other with the words, "Kali Anastasi" (Good Resurrection), not on Easter Sunday but on Good Friday. They anticipate the resurrection. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

RINGING OF BELLS ON HOLY THURSDAY AND EASTER VIGIL

If you have a bell, please bring it to the Holy Thursday Mass and Easter Vigil. During this solemn Mass and the "Gloria" is sung to the triumphant sound of ringing bells. Then, after the "Gloria" is sung, all the bells in Rome and throughout all of the Catholic world are silenced out of respect for Our Lord's Passion. They will not be heard again until the feast of Easter is announced with the "Gloria" at the Easter Vigil. In the past, this strict silence was imposed on church bells, school bells, and even dinner bells. In other countries the people would say, "The bells have flown to Rome." According to folk belief, the bells from all the church steeples around the world fly to Rome after the Holy Thursday. They wait there until Easter morning when they journey back to their homes to spread the joyous proclamation of Our Lord's Resurrection to all of Christendom.

ENCOUNTER DAY

Saturday 17th May 2025 here at St Joseph's Church. You are warmly invited to a time of reflection and fellowship, led by Curillo. 9.30am – 1pm (Parish Mass at 9am) – Refreshments and lunch provided.

FR NAZ WILL BE JOINING THE UK MALAWI CATHOLICS

on their pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from Thursday, 24th April to come back on Thursday 1st May. The group will be at the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis on 27th April before proceeding to Assisi.

THE MONTH OF MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mary. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. Families are welcome to host the statue of the Blessed Mary from Sunday after Mass to Saturday before the 6pm Mass to give a chance to say the Rosary as a family for one week and as well as to invite friends to join you in the week. Please fill a form in the Narthex. At the start of each Mass, we shall recite the 'Regina Caeli'.

SAFEGUARDING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

"The Trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust are looking to recruit a skilled, Catholic volunteer with professional experience of safeguarding to join the Board of Trustees and chair the Safeguarding Sub-Committee. We'd welcome discussion with anyone interested in this important role –

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11TH – 17TH MAY 2025

Could I ask those people who have so generously delivered envelopes in the past for Christian Aid, to sign up once again on the list in the narthex. I am also looking for NEW volunteers. This is just delivering 20-30 envelopes in your road. Once again you will not be asked to return to collect the envelopes. Your address will be printed on the envelope and people will be asked to put it through your door. Then, at the end of the week, you bring them back to me. (Thank you Win Crawford)

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

led by Canon John Batthula (St George's, Worcester). 22nd – 27th November 2025. Departing from London Gatwick. 6 days / 5 nights. Dinner, B&B. Deposit of £350 needed to confirm a place. Overall cost is £1,359pp based on twin room occupancy. For more information or to book a place call 01793 881166

STAINED-GLASS WINDOW

If anyone has any ideas they wish to share regarding the potential new stained-glass windows, please could you add them to the display in the Aldwin room or email 150stjosephs@gmail.com.

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