



# Parish of Saint Joseph

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Year A**

**24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

## REFLECTION

**Isaiah 52:7-10**

**Psalm 98:1-6**

**Hebrews 1:1-6**

**John 1:1-18**

We hear today of uplifted voices, trumpets and horns, and melodies of praise. Isaiah envisions a triumphant homecoming to Zion marked by joyful singing. The Psalm is a victory hymn to the marvellous deeds done by our God and King. Both the prophet and psalmist sing of God's power and salvation. God has shown the might of His holy arm, they say. The coming of the Christ child into the world fulfils all that the return from exile prefigured. In Jesus, all nations will see the victory of God over the forces of sin and death. Jesus is the new king, the royal firstborn son and Son of God promised to David, as we hear in today's letter to the Hebrews. And as our Gospel reveals, He is the Word of God, the one through whom the universe was created, the one through whom the universe is sustained. So, we sing a new song at Christmas. It is the song of those who have believed in the Christ child and have been born again and have been given the power to become children of God.

## Masses, Service & Intentions

Sat	24	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY</b> <i>FAMILY MASS</i>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Live streamed</i>	John Griffiths † (Mary Williams)
Sat	24	<b>Carol service</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY</b> <i>MIDNIGHT MASS</i>	<b>11.30pm</b> <b>00.00</b> <b>midnight</b>	Carol Service <b>Nativity Mass</b> <i>Live streamed</i>	Sylvia Walker † (Craig Family)
Sun	25	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY</b> <i>DAY MASS</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Nativity Mass</b> <i>Live streamed</i>	Pro Populo
Mon	26	Feast of St Stephen	12.00 noon	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Live streamed</i>	Mike Clarke † - anniversary (Carys Clarke)
Tue	27	Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist	10.00am	<b>HOLY MASS AT</b> <b>ST WULSTAN</b>	
Wed	28	Feast of the Holy Innocents	10.00am	<b>HOLY MASS AT</b> <b>ST WULSTAN'S</b>	
Thu	29	Feast of St Thomas Becket		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Fri	30	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph	12.00 noon	<b>HOLY MASS AT</b> <b>ST WULSTAN'S</b>	<i>This Mass is preceded by a Carol Service at 11.00</i>
Sat	31	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	11.00am	<b>HOLY MASS AT</b> <b>ST WULSTAN'S</b>	
Sat	31	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Patricia Harvey † (Fr Naz)
Sun	01	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Live streamed</i>	Roger Eckersley † (Fran Mainini)

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER IS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**



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**HOLY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S** is livestreamed via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjosephs.rcparish.malvernuk>

or

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7CmmPDRxzmTttow>

**Fr Naz is back in the Confessional this Saturday – Christmas Eve** from 10:30am until 11am or by appointment.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish:** *Clare Gray, Michael Nealon, Irma Bevan, Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Anne-Marie Elder, Margaret Coleman, Terry Warnford, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for them. Amen*

**100+ Club December Draw** Congratulations to the winners who are: **1st prize £90 – Lynne Harper;** **2nd prize £45 – Barbara Mitchell;** **3rd prize £45 – Barbara Mitchell;** **4th prize £22.50 – Ed Hogan;** **5th prize £22.50 – John Taylor**

Thank you to everyone that has. We are grateful for your continued support. The next draw will take place in January. For those who are not familiar, the 100+ Club provides essential funds for church maintenance. So how does it work?

✦ Anyone who is interested may join by signing up with the parish office / contact Sundrella Kirby (sundrellakirby@gmail.com)

✦ Each number is £5. Once a person signs up, his/her name will be associated with a number. The more £5 contributions, the more numbers the person will have.

✦ Each month, there will be 1 draw with 5 winners. The winners' names will be published in the bulletin.

✦ Prizes vary according to the number of people in the Club. Currently the top prize is £90. Hopefully when we reached more than 100+ numbers, we will be able to increase to prizes!

**GOSPEL SHARE:** on Fridays, at 7.30 pm in the McEnnis Room. Everyone is welcome.

**CRIB DONATIONS** this year will go to the **Malvern Foodbank.**

**Christmas Offerings** are traditionally in support of the Parish Clergy. You can either use Christmas Offering envelopes or use one of the two electronic plates one at the back of Church and the other in the Narthex.

## Christmas Eve Family Mass

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm**



Children are welcome to dress as Nativity characters

**Midnight Mass Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> at preceded by carols from 11.30pm**



**Christmas Day Mass Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am**



**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY:** A big thank you to some Parishioners who have already contributed in cash or kind to this Parish Meal. Lunch will be served in the McEnnis Room at 1.00pm on Christmas Day.

**MARY'S MEALS** Give until 31 January 2023 and your donation will be doubled by a group of generous supporters up to £1.5 Million – meaning then we can reach even more hungry children with life changing school meals. Donate online [marymeals.org.uk/donate](http://marymeals.org.uk/donate). By phone 08006981212. Bank transfer: The Royal Bank of Scotland, Account name: Mary's Meals, Acc. No. 00609134, SC 83-26-24

