



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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

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Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 Psalm 18:8-10, 15 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Today's first reading, taken from Nehemiah, and Luke's Gospel each describe a public reading of Sacred Scripture which challenges the hearers to make a "fresh beginning" with a new outlook. In the first reading, after rebuilding the Temple and restoring the city, Ezra leads the people in a "Covenant renewal" ceremony by reading and interpreting the Law. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19) sings the praises of the Law of the Lord and its effects on those who accept it. The Second Reading, taken from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that "together we are Christ's Body, but each of us is a different part of it." This suggests that, as different parts of Christ's Body, each of us has a share, as instruments in God's hands, in bringing the freeing and saving mission of Christ to our world in our times.

DAY	DATE	DETAILS OF THE DAY	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	INTENTION
Sat	25th	FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, THE APOSTLE	10.00am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Sat	25th	EVE OF THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Beyrl Gaunt RIP (Parish Benefactor)
Sun	26th	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Angelo Mainini RIP - ann - (Mainini Family)
Mon	27th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	12noon	Holy Mass Live streamed	Mai Alice Lillian Banda (Recent) RIP (Mandy Nyakaunda Jelenje)
Tue	28th	MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	7.45am	NO MASS	
Wed	29th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME		NO MASS	
Thur	30th	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am – 6.45pm		
Thur	30th	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	7.00pm	Holy Mass Live streamed	Barrie Skyrme RIP Recent
Fri	31st	MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST	9.15am	Holy Mass	Glades Chilera RIP
Sat	1 st Feb	FERIA IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Holy Mass	Melly Balbag RIP Recent
Sat	1st	EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Holy Mass	World Refugees (Helen Connelly)
Sun	2nd	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	11.00am	Holy Mass Live streamed	Rita & Tom Durcan † (Helen Connelly)

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 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:

Jill McDonald: niece to Ruth Hopkins

John Crowe: Funeral at St Joseph's church, Friday 14th February at 1.00pm

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATHS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sheila Sullivan, Mark Adams, Anthony Harwood, Glenis Margaret Kidd and George Hamblin.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Bridget & Ethel Nwosu

Second Collection Next week for LIFE Charity.

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.

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

A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching [this inspirational event](#) (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

PRAYER WALK: Saturday 25th January from Lyttelton Well at 9.30am

LUNCHBOX TALKS

Thursday 6th February at 12:30 for 1:00pm at Great Malvern Priory: "Malvern College Concert".

The Search for Truth: Edith Stein, 14 – 16 March 2025

Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

HOUSE GROUPS

I have put together a Leadership Team drawn from the communities of St Joseph's Malvern, St. Joseph's Upton and Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore to help me plan Pastoral and Spiritual programmes in our three churches. This team has been through a lot of training on the Divine Renovation model, and it has had a series of meetings and one retreat in the past 12 months. With the help of this Leadership Team a first plan is in place to establish a number of House Groups in the coming few months. Hosted in the homes of parishioners of the three churches, the aim is to gather around 6-8 people per group to meet on regular basis and to be in the presence of Jesus, prayerfully reading through the scriptures, do Lectio Divina and grow in community with one another. There will be a variety of meeting days and times to hopefully suit differing availability/preferences. Keep an eye out on the newsletter for details of the first groups and if you are interested in either leading or joining a group, please talk it over with Fr Naz or Deacon Sean. Alice Kerby will be speaking at the weekend Masses as follows to introduce the initiative House Groups: St Joseph's Malvern at the Weekend Masses of 8/9 February, Saturday 15th February at the 4pm Mass at Our Lady and St Alphonsus Blackmore, 16th February at the 9.00am Mass. Fr Naz

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.

Malvern Hills Food Bank – Please remember the needs of the Food Bank especially at this time of year 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.