

## ST JOSEPH, UPTON UPON SEVERN, WITH OUR LADY AND ST ALPHONSUS, BLACKMORE PARK

*This parish forms part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216*

**Parish Priest: Fr. Nazarius Mgungwe (01684 574250 – resident at St Joseph's, Malvern)**

**Fr Hugh Sinclair (retired – 01684 592602 – resident at St Joseph's, Upton)**

**Deacon: Rev'd. Seán Duffy (07913 163696)**

The Parish Account name is: *Blackmore Park and Upton*

**St Joseph's Church, 9 School Lane, Upton upon Severn, Worcs. WR8 0LA.**

**Our Blessed Lady and St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park, Hanley Swan, Worcs. WR8 0EA**

Hospital Chaplains: Worcester Royal, Newtown and South Bank: 01905 963712

Parish Website: [stjosephupton.co.uk](http://stjosephupton.co.uk)

**Confession:** Fr Hugh hears confessions before 4pm Mass on Saturdays; or by appointment

### MASS TIMES:

Sat 23 May 4.00pm Blackmore Park

Sun 24 May 9.00am Upton

Tues 26 May 9.30am Upton

Thurs 28 May 10.00am Blackmore Park (Exposition from 9.15am) *Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest*

Fri 29 May 9.30am Upton *Dedication of the Church*

Sat 30 May 4.00pm Blackmore Park

Sun 31 May 9.00am Upton

Solemnity of  
Pentecost

Solemnity of  
The Most Holy Trinity

Last week's Second Collection for 'Catholic Communication' raised £100.55 – thank you.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and the Church was born. An auspicious anniversary for the creation of our Parish **Pastoral Advisory Council** that will have its inaugural meeting on Tuesday (26/05) at 7pm – more information attached.



**IT'S HERE!**



## Our Grand Garden Fête



**Monday 25 May from 2-4pm**



**Now the hour has come:** from 10am on Monday, gazebos, tables, chairs, goods and goodies of all kinds will assemble in time for the **Grand Opening at 2pm** – bring your parasols, sunscreen and, most importantly of all, **yourself!**

**A Note of Thanks:** The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver sincerely thank all the parishioners of St. Joseph's, Malvern and Our Lady and St. Alphonsus, Blackmore and St. Joseph, Upton for your generous support during the Annual Mission Appeal 2026. A total of **£558.20** (St. Joseph, Malvern) and £267.10 (Our Lady & St Alphonsus and St. Joseph's, Upton) was raised to support the Missionaries and the Mission in need. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and prayerful support.

The Education Service of the Archdiocese is looking to recruit Directors for its new **St Michael the Archangel Catholic Multi Academy Trust (CMAT)**. Mark O'Connell will be happy to send you a recruitment pack and/or more information via email at [academies@bdes.org.uk](mailto:academies@bdes.org.uk)



Please pray for the sick of the Parish and all who are housebound; and for the needs of the **Malvern Hills Food Bank** – listed on the noticeboard and at <https://malvernhills.foodbank.org.uk/>

**Health & Safety:** If at any time you come across anything which is a danger to the public, in either of the Churches or grounds, please contact our Parish Health & Safety Representative Mark Fisher (07960 077117) or, if he is not available, Deacon Seán. Thank you.

Emergency contacts: Anne Rasile 01684 310317; St Wulstan's, Little Malvern 01684 574658; St George's Worcester 01905 963712

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National & Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Kevin Douglas. He can be contacted at: [sg.stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjoseph.malvern@rcaob.org.uk) / 01886 832468 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk), if you have any concern.



## FORMING A PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Pentecost 2026



Following our earlier discussions, **ten parishioners** have been nominated by the parish to join the Council and we ask God's blessing on them as they prepare to take up this role: Ernie & Delia Baker; Helen Licqurish-Coleman; Roberta Hanson; Katherine Harris; Kath Newman; Veronica Silba; Nicola Tippen; and Pat & Stella Russell. In addition, Oliver O'Kane as Chair of the Finance Committee and Anne Rasile as Parish Secretary will join the Council.



### Why do we need a Council?

The mission of the Church doesn't rest solely on the shoulders of the clergy; it is a shared responsibility of the entire "People of God." The Vision Statement of the Archdiocese of Birmingham encourages all of us to be missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith. A Pastoral Advisory Council provides a formal structure for **consultation and collaboration**. It ensures that the wisdom, professional skills, and diverse perspectives of our lay community are directly integrated into the life and direction of our parishes.

### What is the Role of the Advisory Council?

The PAC is not a "*board of directors*," but rather a visionary body in support of the Parish Priest rooted in prayer. Its primary roles include:

- **Visioning & Planning:** Identifying the long-term spiritual and social needs of Blackmore and Upton and helping to set pastoral priorities.
- **A Sounding Board:** Serving as a consultative body for the Parish Priest, offering honest feedback and diverse insights on parish initiatives.
- **Fostering Unity:** Bridging the gap between our two distinct communities to ensure we work in harmony while respecting our individual identities.
- **Empowering Ministry:** Growing and supporting parish groups—from liturgy, Sacramental programmes, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion, Readers, reaching out to young families, social justice and maintenance.