

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. 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

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



Mass Times:

Sat 21 December 4.00pm Blackmore Park Mary Amphlett and Brigid Ripper – R.I.P.
Sun 22 December 9.00am Upton Simon & Anthony Gegg – R.I.P.

4th Sunday of Advent



CHRISTMAS MASSES:



Tues 24 December 9.00pm Blackmore Park (preceded by Carols from 8.30pm)

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Weds 25 December 9.00am Upton

Sat 28 December 4.00pm Blackmore Park
Sun 29 December 9.00am Upton Charlotte Comer – R.I.P.

The Holy Family

The Crib Donations are for The Friends of the Holy Land

The Christmas Offerings are for your priests – Christmas Offering Envelopes are available if you wish to use them



The 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' begins on Tuesday 24 December with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter’s Basilica in Rome and runs to the Feast of the Epiphany 2026. Archbishop Bernard is set to celebrate Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Year, at St Chad’s Cathedral on Sunday 29 December 2024.

What is a Jubilee? The Jubilee Years, also known as Holy Years, started in 1300AD and recall the great jubilee of Israel: a time for land to be rested and debts to be cancelled, when God called people to be reconciled with one another and with Him.

They now usually occur every 25 years, although the next will be 2033 – the anniversary of Christ’s death and resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit. These Years, the Church explains, are years “of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, ‘...and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters’” More information can be found on the Diocesan website or by clicking on the QR Code. Copies of “The Jubilee – Companion Booklet” are available at the back of the church.



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 www.malvernhillshills.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 / 01886 832468 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk, if you have any concern.