

## 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

**Malvern Cluster Parish Websites:** [stjosephupton.co.uk](http://stjosephupton.co.uk); [stjosephsmalvern.org](http://stjosephsmalvern.org); [saint-wulstans.org.uk](http://saint-wulstans.org.uk)

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

### MASS TIMES:

**Sat 13 June** 4.00pm Blackmore Park

**Sun 14 June** 9.00am Upton

**Tues 16 June** 9.30am Upton

**Thurs 18 June** 10.00am Blackmore Park (Exposition from 9.15am) *Dedication of the Cathedral*

**Fri 19 June** 9.30am Upton

**Sat 20 June** 4.00pm Blackmore Park

**Sun 21 June** 9.00am Upton

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



It's official: **Our Grand Garden Fête raised a wonderful £1,900.23** – thanks again to all.



We are warmly invited by **Upton Baptist Church** this Sunday evening (14/06) to a **Taizé-style Service** of prayer and music beginning at 6pm – with Tea and Cake from 5.15pm.

**Fundraising and Gardens** go hand in glove:

- A **Cream Teas and Plant Sale** is being held in support of the parish: this **Monday 15/06** from 2pm at Ryebrook, Rye Street, Birtsmorton, WR13 6AS. Everyone very welcome. Helen & Michael.
- As part of the **National Garden Scheme** – which last year raised over £3.8m benefitting a range of health and gardening charities – Malcolm and Anne's garden, "Rest Harrow," will be open from 1.30pm-5pm on Sat 20 & Sun 21 June – Adm £6, children free. Tea, Coffee & Cake. California Lane, Welland, Malvern, WR13 6NQ <https://ngs.org.uk/>



**Next Sunday**, 21 June, there will be a Second Collection for the **Day for Life Fund** as we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb."

**Message from Aid to the Church in Need** "Across the world, countless men, women and children suffer simply because of the faith they hold dear. In their need, they look to us to be their voice. Aid to the Church in Need has launched its first-ever global petition on religious freedom, calling on governments and the United Nations to do more to defend the right to believe, and to ensure that those responsible for persecution are held to account.

We warmly invite you to stand in solidarity with the persecuted Church by signing this petition and giving witness to the importance of religious freedom for all. Please consider putting your faith into action and adding your voice by scanning the attached QR code and adding your voice." More information can be found on the website:

<https://acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege>



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://malvernhill.foodbank.org.uk/>

**The Minutes** of the first meeting of our **Pastoral Advisory Council** are published on the website with this newsletter and can be found at the back of the church.

**If you would be interested in joining a group** in the Malvern Cluster to study Pope Leo's new encyclical, '*Magnifica humanitas, on preserving the human person in the age of artificial intelligence*' Michael Townsend (St Joseph's, Malvern) would be pleased to hear from you: email [m.townson1@icloud.com](mailto:m.townson1@icloud.com), or call 07483 237650

**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.

**Minutes of Pastoral Advisory Council**  
**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2026**  
**St Joseph's, Upton**

**Present:** Fr Naz, Delia & Ernie Baker, Deacon Seán Duffy (Chair and Minute Secretary *pro tem* for the inaugural meeting), Roberta Hanson, Katharine Harris, Helen Licqurish-Coleman, Kathleen Newman, Anne Rasile, Patrick & Stella Russell, Veronica Silber, Nicola Tippen.

**Apologies:** Oliver O'Kane

**Fr Naz opened the meeting with a prayer.**

Deacon Seán chaired the meeting and undertook to take the Minutes *pro tem*

### **Background and Preparation**

Prior to this inaugural meeting of the PAC, an extract from Fr Naz's letter to the parish of 13<sup>th</sup> March and a copy of the notes from the **Parish In Council Meeting** held on 12<sup>th</sup> November had been circulated to the members – and to the Parish at large.

These documents are part of an initial response to the Diocesan Vision in the spirit of Synodality in which we are all called to walk together to bring about **a flourishing parish as part of the Local Church.**

**THE LOCAL CHURCH IS MADE UP OF:**

- **the Council;**
- **our Parish and its different communities;**
- **the Malvern Cluster;**
- **and the Archdiocese**

**The Pastoral Advisory Council** is a body of parishioners nominated by their fellow parishioners who have volunteered to help Fr Naz discern and implement activities in the life of the parish that will help it to flourish within the context of the wider local church i.e. within the Malvern Cluster and the Archdiocese.

**We recognise** that the **parish** has a long history of two communities of faith joined together in St Joseph's, Upton and at Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park.

Deacon Seán invited members to **express their hopes and concerns:**

### **Hopes and Concerns.**

At the Parish in Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, Fr Hugh referred to the:

#### **Diocesan Plan for 2030**

What is it?

What does it mean for us?

Existing clusters of parishes in an area are to be combined into one parish, with one parish priest and assisting clergy and lay ministers.

**e.g.** Worcester had three parishes; now they have become one parish serving those same three communities.

We are in the Malvern Cluster with St Joseph's and St Wulstan's. It is envisaged that we should become one parish.

## **What about our 'Local Church'?** local church – Diocese/Parish/Cluster

Our **immediate local situation** is: 2 churches/communities, one parish – long history  
How can we bring them together more closely? Foster unity?  
Our Parish Magazine is a good example, with contributions from both communities

Then we are part of the **Malvern Cluster** – 3 parishes – different facilities: Blackmore – Wedding venue; Upton – garden; Malvern – meeting spaces – at Upton, limited to Church or Coffee Room whereas Malvern has the McGinnis Room. Nicola, newly appointed as Head of St Joseph's Primary School from September, pointed out that the school has a large hall that could be available for parish functions/meetings. St Wulstan's has a small hall with kitchen.

Can we see our 'cluster' as a **family**? Family Masses?

### **Communication** of shared life and initiatives – **suggestions:**

- our Newsletter focused on our own parish – can it include more about the other parishes?
- how about a directory that gives details of events at other parishes
- magazine
- website, with links to our fellow parish websites
- directory of upcoming events.
- within the parish – database for those who wish to join it – including email addresses; alongside an audit of skills/talents available for use in the parish.
- WhatsApp group for the PAC to facilitate discussion and planning and sharing of ideas between meetings
- Parish 'get-togethers' – eg Cream Teas & Plant Sale – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm – Helen

## **In the spirit of the Cluster as a Family – An Invitation:**

**St Joseph's, Malvern, Parish Mission Week to mark 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July                      ALL INVITED**

**Also: Archbishop Bernard will be celebrating Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> October in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Fr Naz hopes all will be able to attend this Mass at Malvern –**  
- this will require careful planning for parishioners who would need transport to the Mass.

### **Action:**

Create database – Fr Naz with Nicola  
Recruit additional Eucharistic Ministers for Blackmore Park  
Poster with names and faces and contact details of PAC for display at Upton & Blackmore  
Publish Minutes to Parish – Deacon Seán (with newsletter)

### **Appointed:**

Roberta Hanson – Chair to convene and direct the meetings  
Katharine Harris – Vice-Chair to cover for Roberta in her absence  
Veronica Silber – Minute Secretary  
Nicola Tippen – Safeguarding Representative

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm, Upton – and bimonthly thereafter.