

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

(Both parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered as a Charity No 234216)

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Feast of the Holy Family

DATE	TIME	ST. JOSEPH'S	FEAST DAYS	TIME	ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sat 26 th December	5.00pm	Charlie Clements RIP	Sunday Vigil	6.30pm	Charlotte Evelyn Smith RIP (anni.)
Sun 27 th December	11.00am	Doris Salt RIP	Feast of the Holy Family	9.00am	Barbara's family & friends
Mon 28 th December	12 noon	Chris Short (speed recovery)	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs		NO MASS
Tue 29 th December	12 noon	Jackie Frost RIP	Feast of St. Thomas Becket	9.30am	All priests
Wed 30 th December		NO MASS	Sixth day within Octave of Christmas		NO MASS
Thu 31 st December	12 noon 6pm 7pm	Iain Agnew RIP Holy Hour Thanksgiving Mass	Seventh day within Octave of Christmas		NO MASS
Fri 1 st January	12 noon	People of the parish	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	9.30am	People of the parish
Sat 2 nd January	5.00pm	Christine Rogers RIP	Sunday Vigil	6.30pm	Derek Weaver RIP
Sun 3 rd January	11.00am	Iain Agnew RIP	Second Sunday of Christmas	9.00am	Nancy & Eddie McCarthy RIP

Please remember your parish in your will

CHRISTMAS 2020



“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (Jn.3:16)

CRIB DONATION (next to the CRIB): for “*Friends of the Holy Land*” (FHL), the ecumenical and non-political charity which supports the most needy Christian families in and around Bethlehem where our Lord was born and lived. Please be generous. More information about FHL, please visit: www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: I’d like to express my personal sincere thanks to all of you for your cards and gifts, wishes and prayers. THANK YOU very much for your generosity and support. May God bless you all.

THANK YOU: As your parish priest, I’d like to thank every one of you from both parishes for making Christmas Eve and Christmas Day beautiful celebrations. Thank you for coming to Church to celebrate Christmas in such a difficult time. Special thanks to the office ladies, the church cleaners, the church stewards, the florists, the church-ground carers, the donors (flowers and raffle prizes), sponsors (Christmas stars and lights for Christmas trees), and all other volunteers who have helped in various ways to keep our churches beautiful and safe. Thank you all for your commitment and ongoing support to your parish and to me as your parish priest even in such a hard year that we are all in. *Christmas is NOT finished on Christmas Day. Christmas Season lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (10th January).* Let us share the Christmas message of Peace, Joy and Hope to people around us and in all circumstances of our daily lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of both parishes. We include all those we know in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. May the Lord grant them healing, strength and peace! *If you have relative(s) who are housebound and would like to have a visit by the clergy or to receive Holy Communion, please let us know.*

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S

Winifred Smith, Henry Benton, Thomas Kinsella, Janet Laird, Amelia Goldingay, Bernard Fish, Albert Ritbergeris, Edward Cannon, Maris Low, Mary Horton, Ellen Porter, Mrs. Beamish, Kathleen McInnes, Ivy Bevington, Mary Cummins, Margaret Burke, Winifred Bradbury, John Burgess, Patrick Parcy, Christine Rogers, David Skrodelis, and Annie Morrisroe.

ST. BERNADETTE'S

Mary Smith, Trevor Farr, Rose Cave, Hugh Rodgers, Michael Phelan, Wladyslaw Jagielski, and David Skrodelis.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in Peace. Amen*

SPONSORING SANCTUARY LIGHTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S: As you may be aware, there are candles which burn perpetually on the sanctuary (Blessed Sacrament) and at the statues of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady. If you'd like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention, we are asking for a donation of **£7 per week**, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy: candles, hosts, wine and other necessities for the celebration of Mass. Please hand in to Fr. Linh or post through the Presbytery letter box in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Light Donation', together with a note stating your particular intention. The intentions will be published in the weekly newsletter. The new candles are lit from Saturday to Saturday.



This week we pray for...

Sanctuary Light:
Pat and Ron Tudor RIP
& Dorothy Catchpole
Sacred Heart's Light:
Emily Nugent RIP
Our Lady's Light:
Ann Caldwell RIP

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH: This year is the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church in 1870. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. We can say this prayer every day in our families:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you, God entrusted his only Son; in you, Mary placed her trust; with you, Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS: We would like to ask current, and any potential new gift aiders, if they would kindly consider setting up a standing order for their contributions instead of using envelopes. Donations can also be made online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work. Select either “CHASETOWN” or “BROWNHILLS” on the dropdown “Donating to” menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, use your Offertory Envelopes and place them in the casket/donation box in church. If you sign up for Standing Order, please ask Fr. Linh or the parish office for the form. Standing Order forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website above. If you’d like to make online donation to your parish from your own devices,

Bank Details are:

St. Joseph's: NatWest Bank, Account No: 25205439, Sort Code: 53-70-15

St. Bernadette's: NatWest Bank, Account No: 24003360, Sort Code: 52-21-00

PUBLIC MASS AT BOTH PARISHES

Please DO NOT attend if you, or someone in your household, has: a high temperature or new, continuous cough or loss, or change, to your sense of taste or smell. Or if you have contacted with somebody who has been tested “positive” or you’re waiting for your own test result. You MUST stay at home.

- It is **COMPULSORY** to wear a mask/face covering in church. (unless you are asthmatic or under 5). The clergy will wear a face mask to give Holy Communion.
- Due to limited seats based on social distancing rules, **please reserve your seats in advance** for weekends by email or phone (no booking for weekdays).
- **Please respect and strictly follow our stewards' instructions**
- Children are welcome but there will be no children’s liturgy, no reading resources and it will be essential that parents can ensure that they satisfy the special distance requirements.
- **Collection Trays/Boxes** are at the entrance and exit.
- **TOILETS and OTHER FACILITIES WILL REMAIN CLOSED**
- The Church will be cleaned after every Mass.

*V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...*

*V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...*

*V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...*

*V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*The
Angelus
Prayer*

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.** May the Divine Assistance remain always with us. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. **Amen.**