

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS (ST. JOSEPH'S)	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTIONS (ST. BERNADETTE'S)
Sat 20 th February	5.00pm	Douglas Thompson RIP	Sunday Vigil	6.30pm	Canon Giles Goward RIP
Sun 21 st February	11.00am	Arthur Averill & Helena Lerner RIP	1 st Sunday of Lent	9.00am	For Barbara & David, their family & friends
Mon 22 nd February	11.30am 12 noon	Rosary Douglas Thompson RIP	Feast of the Chair of St Peter		NO MASS
Tue 23 rd February	11.30am 12 noon	Rosary Anne Corfield RIP	Feria	9.30am 10.00am	Celebrant's intention Adoration (Confession)
Wed 24 th February		NO MASS			NO MASS
Thu 25 th February	11.15am 12 noon	Adoration (Confession) Private Intention	Feria		NO MASS
Fri 26 th February	11.30am 12 noon 6.30pm	Rosary Chris Short RIP Stations of the Cross	Feria	9.30am	Celebrant's intention
Sat 27 th February	5.00pm	The deceased members of the Salt Family	Sunday Vigil	6.30pm	Joan Guest RIP
Sun 28 th February	11.00am	Mark Clarke & family	2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.00am	People of the Parish

Please remember your parish in your will

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.*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

ST. JOSEPH'S: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Arnold Kutt** and **Frank Farrell** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families during this sad time. *Arnold's funeral service is on Friday 5th March 10.30am.* Details of **Frank's** funeral will be informed in due course. May they rest in Peace.

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Arthur Averill, Dennis Gurrey, Ellen Taylor, Michael McGovern, Bernard Hession, Douglas Thompson, Pauline Jenkins, Jean Winsper, Anthony Trezzine, Marie Berrington, Bridget Williams, Keith Evans and Jane Cartwright

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Bill Town, Ellen O'Connor, Grenville Taylor, Ann Rudd, John Costello, Elizabeth Burton, John Barrett, Mark Sharman, Fr Francis Jordan and Vera Wardle.

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

PUBLIC MASS AT BOTH PARISHES

YOU MUST STAY AT HOME! Please DO NOT attend Church IF

- You are asked by the government/NHS to shield or to self-isolate; OR
- You have tested positive to COVID; OR
- You, or someone in your household, have symptoms; OR
- You have contacted with somebody who has tested positive; OR
- You're waiting for your own COVID test result.

- Due to limited seats based on social distancing rules, **please reserve your seats in advance** for weekend Masses by email or phone.
- **Please respect and strictly follow our stewards' instructions**
- 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.
- **DO NOT mingle with people from other households before and after Mass.**
- Children are welcome but there be 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**

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 candles are lit from Saturday to Saturday.



This week we pray for...

Sanctuary Light:

Frank Farrell RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Douglas Thompson RIP

Our Lady's Light:

Douglas Thompson RIP

THE SEASON OF LENT

*Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter. During the forty days of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday, the faithful are encouraged to participate in an ever more intense and fruitful way in the Lenten liturgy and in penitential celebrations. During Lent, we seek the Lord in **prayer** especially by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by **giving alms**; and we practice self-control through **fasting**. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.*

“In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

... Every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.” (from Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2021)

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Adoration (with Confession): 11.15am Thus at St. Joseph's (before 12pm Mass)
10-10.30am Tues at St. Bernadette's (after 9.30am Mass)

Rosary: 11.30am at St. Joseph's (before 12pm Mass) *Mondays* (for conversion of sinners and those who have lost their faith), *Tuesdays* (for vocations to the priesthood and religious life) & *Fridays* (for the housebound and those carrying illness of all kinds from both parishes)

Stations of the Cross: Fridays 6.30pm at St. Joseph's (for both parishes)

CAFOD - FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 26th February. CaFod Envelopes received today will be collected next weekend. Donation can also be made online. Please be generous to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. For more details, please visit www.cafod.org.uk

ALTAR SERVERS across the Archdiocese are invited to join the live streaming of the Guild of St Stephen Mass to renew their Guild promises with Bishop William Kenney. The Mass will be celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral at **10am on Saturday 6 March 2021**. As part of the celebration servers (young and old, whether at home or in church, vested or not) are encouraged to send a picture of themselves holding their Guild Medal, so the Vocations team can create a montage poster in lieu of the annual official photo at the Mass. Servers are invited to send the picture to **office@vocations.org.uk**

PARISH GIVING: The best way to support our parishes financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details:

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

If you don't have internet banking and want to sign up for Standing Order, please ask Fr. Linh or the parish office for the form. Standing Order form can also be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>. Alternatively, use your Offertory Envelopes and place them in the casket/donation box in church. Thank you for your support to our parishes.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH' PRAYER

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.

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

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

∇ And the Word was made flesh.
℟ And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary...*

∇ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
℟ 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.**