

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS (ST. JOSEPH'S)	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTIONS (ST. BERNADETTE'S)
Sat 6 th March	5.00pm	Thanksgiving (for prayers answered)	Sunday Vigil	6.30pm	Jeremiah Moloney RIP (anniversary)
Sun 7 th March	11.00am	Monica Quinn RIP (anniversary)	3rd Sunday of Lent	9.00am	The deceased of the Precz, the Kurek & the Jaggs families
Mon 8 th March	11.30am 12 noon	Rosary People who have lost their faith	Lent Feria		NO MASS
Tue 9 nd March		NO MASS	Lent Feria	9.30am 10.00am	Celebrant's intention Adoration (Confession)
Wed 10 rd March	7.00pm	Beginning of the Novena to St. Joseph	Lent Feria		NO MASS
Thu 11 th March	11.15am 12 noon	Adoration (Confession) All Priests	Lent Feria		NO MASS
Fri 12 th March	11.30am 12 noon 6.30pm	Rosary Pat Moloney RIP & Emily Nugent RIP Stations of the Cross	Lent Feria	9.30am	Members of the Blair Family
Sat 13 th March	5.00pm	Fr David Keniry (56 th anniversary of Priestly Ordination)	Sunday Vigil	6.30pm	Vicky Weaver RIP (birthday)
Sun 14 th March	11.00am	Frank Farrell RIP	4th Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Members of The Molloy Family

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.*

DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH: March is the month dedicated to St. Joseph. We are in the year St. Joseph. And St. Joseph is also the patron saint of our parish. St. Joseph's parish will pray the Novena to St. Joseph. A special prayer will be said after Mass each day from Wednesday 10th March until the Feast day of St Joseph on Friday 19th March.

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Alphons Rudzinski, John O'Malley, Janet McKeon, James Gaffey, Julia Green, William Solery, Emily Nugent, John Kinsella, Florence Burns, Muriel Garbett, Paulette Mary Bentham, Sydney Breeze and Maureen Neenan

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Vicky Weaver, Tony Harrington. Nicholas Flynn, Catherine Cave, Josephine Moloney, Michael Tormey and Joseph Lockett

*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 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:

John & Kathleen Kilgarriff

Sacred Heart's Light:

Fr Linh's Dad & family

Our Lady's Light:

Pat & Billy Greene 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 suffering from all kinds of illness in both parishes)

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

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR: a daily podcast that leads listeners through the Bible's narrative. The aim is for listeners to understand how God's plan for mankind's salvation undergirds biblical events and the lives of its central figures. "*The Bible in a Year*" is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and other podcast platforms, and through Hallow, a Catholic prayer App.

LEGACY, WILL WRITING, ORGAN DONATION AND MY FUNERAL MASS: You can begin to prepare for a good death when you are fit and healthy. From making a Will to planning your funeral, this involves thinking about your legacy and how you would like to be remembered. Here we offer support with leaving a legacy to your parish or to a charity, as well as resources to help plan your Funeral Mass and for organ donation. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/category/legacy>

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.

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.**

*The
Angelus
Prayer*