

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 Advent (Year C)

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 27 th November	5.00pm	Joan Taylor & George Williamson RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	Margaret Guinan RIP	
Sun 28 th November	9.00am (Brownhills)	Jessie & John Reddington RIP (Tea/Coffee after Mass)	First Sunday of Advent
	11.00am	John & Mary Preece RIP & Holy Souls (Cafod French Breakfast after Mass)	
Mon 29 th November	9.30am	James Salt RIP (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)	Feria
	2.15pm	Mass in school (St. Bernadette's)	
	7.00pm	Rosary in Church	
Tue 30 th November	9.30am (Brownhills)	Eion McColgan (recovery after operation) (Adoration & Confession after Mass)	Feast of St Andrew, Apostle
Wed 1 st December	7.00pm	<i>Bible study at St. Joseph's. All welcome</i>	
Thu 2 nd December	9.15am	Mass in school (St. Joseph's)	Feria
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Pauline Geraghty RIP & the deceased of the Geraghty and Mayo Families (Rosary after Mass)	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Fri 3 rd December	9.30am	Alfred McKillop RIP (Divine Mercy after Mass)	Memorial of St Francis, Xavier
	11.30am	Funeral Service Philomena Whitehouse	
Sat 4 th December	10.00am	<i>Advent - Day of Recollection</i> (in Burntwood, for both parishes)	
	5.00pm	People of the Parish	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	The deceased of the Sorek and Kurek Families	
Sun 5 th December	9.00am (Brownhills)	Joan Guest RIP (Tea/Coffee after Mass)	Second Sunday of Advent
	11.00am	Ruth Cecilia Cooke RIP & Margaret Sweeney (Hartill) RIP (Tea/Coffee after Mass)	

[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.*

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**. Please put the donation in an envelope marked

'Sanctuary Light Donation', with your particular intention and hand it in to Fr. Linh or the office. The intentions will be published in the weekly newsletter. Candles are lit from Saturday to Saturday.



This week we pray for...

Sanctuary Light:
Pauline Geraghty RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:
Fr Linh's Dad & family

Our Lady's Light:
Fr Linh's Dad & family

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Philomena Whitehouse** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy the whole family during this difficult time. *Philomena's Funeral Service is on Friday 3rd Dec, 11.30am.* May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Mary Dykes, Gladys Wilkins, Frank Hurmson, Jean Griffiths, Alice LeFaucheur, George Edwards, Richard Gartside, George Williamson, Carol Kavanagh, Roy Ward, Leslie Twyman, Veronica Greatrex, Michael Doherty, Margaret Hurmson, Keith Pooley Edwin Adcock, Derreck Stone, Florence Gill and Joseph Buckley

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Matthew Kelly, Pat Daniels, John Reddington, Jessie Reddington, Annie Ryan, Teresa Butler, Jean Caulton, Rowland Pearsall, Anthony Smith

May they rest in Peace.

ADVENT SEASON

Advent has a twofold character: 1) as a time to prepare for the solemnity of Christmas when the Son of God's first coming to us is remembered; and 2) as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Therefore, Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope

- **waiting**-memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; waiting-supplication for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge;
- **conversion**, to which the Liturgy at this time often refers quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3:2);
- joyful **hope** that the salvation already accomplished by Christ (cf. Rm 8:24-25) and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (John 3:2). (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* 96)

ADVENT RESOURCES

Advent calendar, '**Walk With Me**' booklet & '**The Sower**' Magazine are now available, they are FREE to take. Please help yourselves.

ST. JOSEPH'S

CONFESSION: available during Holy Hour on Thursdays (2nd & 16th Dec.) or by appointment.

ROSARY GROUP: every Monday evening 7pm at St. Joseph's. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWERS: If you'd like to donate for flowers in church for Christmas in loving memory of your loved ones or for a special intention, please put donation and intention note in an envelope and hand it to Fr. Linh. You can also donate a red Poinsettia for decorations in church. **Red Poinsettias** can be received **from the weekend 11th-12th Dec.**

PARISH MONTHLY DRAW: Only £5/month to win £150 (1st Prize) every month. The only way to win the prize is to be in the draw. The best way to get your tickets is to set up a standing order so that you won't miss our monthly draw. Please ask Fr. Linh or the office for the form.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS: for sale in the Hall. Thank you for your support.

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: In order to make profit for the parish, we need to sell as many tickets as possible. Please help to buy or to sell them. **DONATIONS** for prizes are most welcome. Draw on 19th December. Thank you.

MONTHLY CAKE SALES: We raised £172 from this month. Thank you for your support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: For COVID safety, after weekend Masses, all benches in the church are sprayed and cleaned. Apart from that, the whole church has always been cleaned once a week. **We do need more volunteers to help our church clean and tidy.** If you can help, please speak to Fr. Linh. Thank you for your support.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS: We need more volunteers. If you can help, please speak to Carol Wood. Thank you.

MONTHLY LUNCH: is back with the Christmas Lunch on **Tuesday 14th December at 12.30pm.** £7/person. Please contact Sue on 01543 671701 for more information.

JACQUELINE'S JAUNTS: Those going to Chester Christmas market on Sat 11 Dec, please pay the outstanding money ASAP. Thank you

Advent – Day of Recollection

Saturday 4th Dec, 10am

This day will be led by Monsignor PATRICK KILGARRIFF. To prepare for the celebration of Christmas, let us take this time to pause and reflect, to be with the Lord in adoration and to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

10am – Talk

11am – Coffee Break

11.30am – Adoration (Confession available)

12.30pm – Finish

ST. BERNADETTE'S

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50/50 CLUB: The 50/50 club offers numbers from 1-150 at a cost of £15 each for 12 months. The prizes are drawn monthly as follows: £40 (1st prize), £10 (2nd prize), £5 (3rd prize). Anne will be at church after weekend Masses to sell tickets and to answer your further questions. Thank you for your support to the parish.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS: We need more volunteers. If you can help, please speak to Anne – Marie. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS: available at the back of the church. Thank you

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: tickets are available at the back of the church. The draw will take place after Mass on Sun 19th Dec. Donations for prizes are most welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS: Do consider having Masses said for your intentions, and those of your nearest and dearest. As November approaches, it is especially a suitable time to have Mass said for the faithful departed. Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH'S 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.

CHRISTMAS TREES OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

Each of our parishes will have a Christmas tree, decorated with STARS with name(s) of our loved ones or intention(s) written on them. **£3/star or 2 stars for £5** to dedicate to a loved one, deceased, or in need of prayer. ONE STAR for ONE INTENTION
Please fill in and return the form by **Sunday 19th December.**

Thank you for your support.

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.

℟. 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 all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. **Amen.**

*The
Angelus
Prayer*