

# CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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## Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00pm	The deceased of the Salt Family	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	The deceased of the Sorek and Kurek Families	
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 (Cafod French Breakfast after Mass)	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Mary and Arthur Tremer RIP (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)	Feria
	2.15pm	Mass in school (St. Bernadette's)	
	7.00pm	Rosary in Church	
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am (Brownhills)	John Cronin RIP (Adoration & Confession after Mass)	Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	Peter Tams RIP	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	7.00pm	<i>Bible study - All welcome</i>	
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass in school (St. Joseph's)	Feria
	12 noon (Brownhills)	The deceased of the Meloney Family (Rosary after Mass)	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Selwyn Simpkins RIP (Divine Mercy after Mass)	Feria
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00pm	Suzanne McKenna RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	The deceased of the Cronin & Donaghey Families	
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am (Brownhills)	Marianna Scott RIP (Tea/Coffee after Mass)	Third Sunday of Advent
	11.00am	Douglas Thompson 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:**  
*Pat & Billy Greene RIP*

**Sacred Heart's Light:**  
*Vincent O'Connor RIP*

**Our Lady's Light:**  
*Veronica Thorns RIP*

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Taylor** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy the whole family during this difficult time. Kathleen's funeral Mass on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2pm

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Derreck Stone, Florence Gill, Joseph Buckley, Lucy Wilton, Harold Law, Kate Box, Jan Skrodski, Patricl Murphy, Daisy Kelly, Selwyn Simpkins, Margaret Burke, Mark Wright, Mary Harper, Jane Kearns, Alfred St Ossel

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Rowland Pearsall, Anthony Smith, John Cronin, Elsie Mellor, Joan Guest, Lilian Sadler, Ken Fitzmaurice

**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)

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**ADVENT RESOURCES**

**Advent** calendar, '**Walk with Me**' booklet & '**The Sower**' Magazine are now available.

They are **FREE** to take. Please help yourselves.

**ANGEL TREE (PRISON FELLOWSHIP):** Christmas is especially difficult for prisoners and their children. *Angel Tree* lessens the devastation experienced as a result of parental absence by not only helping families connect and build relationships, but by providing children with much-needed joy. ***Angel Tree* gives parents in prison the opportunity to send a Christmas present to their children.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend (11/12 Dec) from both parishes is for this charity. Thank you for your generosity.

## ST. JOSEPH'S

**CONFESSION:** available during Holy Hour on Thursday (16<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**PARISH MONTHLY DRAW:** Only £5/month to win £150 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

**MONTHLY CAKE SALES:** on the weekend **18/19 December.** Thank you for your support.

**CAFOD FRENCH BREAKFAST:** Despite bad weather and less people attended, we raised £75.50 for CAFOD. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Apart from cleaning benches after Masses, 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

## Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
<b>1<sup>st</sup> (loose)</b>	<b>£89.26</b>	<b>£85.71</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> (GA)</b>	<b>£15</b>	<b>£23</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Col. (Parish Main.)</b>	£58.56	£11.30
	£20.64 (GA)	£6 (GA)
<b>SO</b>	<b>£507</b>	<b>£145</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£611.26</b>	<b>£253.71</b>
<b>Attended</b>	105 (Sat & Sun)	51 (Sat & Sun)

*Thank you very much for your generosity to the Church.  
May God bless you!*

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> prize), £10 (2<sup>nd</sup> prize), £5 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Donations for prizes are most welcome.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Do consider having Masses said for your intentions, and those of your nearest and dearest. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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*