

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 Advent (Year C)

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 11 th December	5.00pm	Suzanne McKenna RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	The deceased of the Cronin & Donaghey Families	
Sun 12 th December	9.00am (Brownhills)	Marianna Scott RIP (Tea/Coffee after Mass)	Third Sunday of Advent
	11.00am	Douglas Thompson RIP (Tea/Coffee after Mass)	
Mon 13 th December	9.30am	Yvonne Horsley RIP (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)	Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
	2.15pm	Mass in school (St. Bernadette's)	
	7.00pm	Rosary in Church	
Tue 14 th December	9.30am (Brownhills)	Intentions of Dora (Adoration & Confession after Mass)	Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest
	12.30pm (Burntwood)	Monthly Lunch (Christmas)	
Wed 15 th December	7.00pm	<i>Bible study - All welcome</i>	
Thu 16 th December	9.15am	Mass in school (St. Joseph's)	Advent Feria
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Intentions of Agnes Cronin (Rosary after Mass)	
	4.30pm	Reception of Kathleen Taylor	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Fri 17 th December	9.30am	Netta Barreto RIP (anniversary) (Divine Mercy after Mass)	Advent Feria
	2.00pm	Funeral Mass of Kathleen Taylor	
Sat 18 th December	5.00pm	Peter Bates RIP (Cake Sales after Mass)	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	Nancy & Eddie McCarthy RIP	
Sun 19 th December	9.00am (Brownhills)	Bertha Whelan RIP (Tea/Coffee after Mass)	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	11.00am	Vincent O'Brien RIP (Christmas Draw & Cake Sales 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:
John Wright RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:
Wilton & Anthony Taylor RIP

Our Lady's Light:
Doris & Albert Taylor 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 17th Dec, 2pm

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Mary Harper, Jane Kearns, Alfred St Ossel, Elsie Riley, Francis Meredith, John Geraghty, Arthur Court, Thomas Kelly, Jacqueline Frost, Maureen Garmston, James Healey, David Talbot, Alice Mousley, Winifred Neenan, Andrew Koller, Donald Cook, Patrick Cage

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Sidney Bowen, Josiah Meacham, James Mealey Jnr, Gwen Taylor, Jacqueline Hale, Dorothy Cave and Patrick Cage

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.

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 2nd Collection this weekend from both parishes is for this charity. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. JOSEPH'S

CONFESSION: available during Holy Hour on Thursdays (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 this 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. Winners of the November Draw 1st Prize M Chamberin, 2nd Prize S O'Connor and 3rd Prize M Stevens

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Please help us to finish few last tickets and bring back the counterfoils along with the amount ASAP. DONATIONS for prizes are still needed. Please join us for the draw on **Sunday 19th December**, after 11am Mass; mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the draw. Thank you for your support.

MONTHLY CAKE SALES: Next weekend **18/19 December**. 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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: collection at all Christmas Masses is a traditional Christmas Gift to the Parish Priest. Please use the special envelopes for your offerings. Thank you all for your generosity.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£162.43	£60.40
1 st (GA)	£16	£188
2 nd Col (Poor Parishes)	£83.08	£16.95
	£39.60(GA)	£18 (GA)
SO	£507	£145
Total	£685.43	£393.40
Attended	146 (Sat & Sun)	59 (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 (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. **It's time to renew or buy tickets for the new year 2022.** 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.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE (24/12)	
<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>St. Bernadette's</u>
6.00pm (family Mass)	4.00pm (family Mass)
9.30pm (Carol Service) (10pm Mass)	6.00pm (by Bishop Stephen W)
CHRISTMAS DAY (25/12)	
<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>St. Bernadette's</u>
11am	9.00am
SUNDAY (26/12) FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	
<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>St. Bernadette's</u>
11am	9.00am

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.

ADVENT SYNODAL PATHWAY: Daily Advent emails help us to understand, to pray into, and reflect on the Synod that Pope Francis has called us to participate in. Each daily email from 12-26 December will be made up of a short excerpt on the Synod, followed by questions and prayers to encourage us to listen to the Holy Spirit's voice in our lives and in the life of the Church. To sign up: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/advent

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*