

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 A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 26 th November	5.00pm	Bernard & Edmund Kelly RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	Margaret Guinas RIP	
Sun 27 th November	9.00am (Brownhills)	John & Jessie Reddington RIP <i>(Tea & Coffee after Mass)</i>	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 
	11.00am	Climate Change & Care for the Earth <i>(Cake Sales, Tea & coffee after mass)</i>	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Molly & Matthew Mellor	
Mon 28 th November	9.30am	Doris Salt RIP <i>(Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)</i>	Advent Feria
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 29 th November	9.15am (Brownhills)	Veronica Cooper RIP <i>(in school)</i>	Advent Feria
	4.30pm	Reception of Janice Gillett	
Wed 30 th November	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Janice Gillett	
	7.00pm	ALPHA COURSE	
Thu 1 st December	9.15am	Mass in school (St. Joseph's KS1)	Feast of St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Pauline Geraghty & Deceased of the Geraghty & Mayo Families <i>(Rosary after Mass)</i>	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Fri 2 nd December	9.30am	Terry Navan RIP <i>(Divine Mercy after Mass)</i>	Advent Feria
Sat 3 rd December	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Warmer Welcome (Church Hall)	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Deceased members of the Taylor & Greene families	
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	Terence Higgins RIP	
Sun 4 th December	9.00am (Brownhills)	Deceased of Craddock & McCarthy families <i>(Tea & Coffee after Mass)</i>	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00am	Margaret Ritchie RIP <i>(Tea & coffee after mass)</i>	

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 or your 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:

Dominic Nguyen RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Deceased of Baxter and Jones Families

Our Lady's Light:

*Pauline Geraghty RIP &
Deceased of the Geraghty &
Mayo Families*

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, Kathleen Taylor, Roy Ward, Leslie Twyman, Veronica Greatrex, Michael Doherty, Margaret Hurmson, Margaret Maginness, Keith Pooley, Edwin Adcock and Derreck Stone

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Matthew Kelly, Pat Daniels, John Reddington, Jessie Reddington, Annie Ryan, Teresa Butler and Joan Caulton

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the soul **Janice Gillett** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family during this difficult time. **Janice's reception** – Tue 29th Nov, 4.30pm; and her **funeral Mass** – Wed 30th Nov, 10.00am. May she rest in Peace.

St. Bernadette's: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Janina Jagielska** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family during this difficult time. **Janina's reception** on Monday - 5th December 4.00pm; her **funeral Mass** - Tuesday 6th December 11.00am. May she rest in Peace.

ADVENT SEASON

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).

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TREE OF REMEMBRANCE & HOPE

Our **CHRISTMAS TREES** will be decorated with **STARS** on which have name(s) of loved ones or intention(s) written (ONE name/star). You can have **£3/star or 2 stars for £5** to dedicate to a loved one, deceased, or in need of prayer. Please complete and return the form by Sunday 18th December. Thank you.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday 19th Dec, 7pm at St. Joseph's. The best way to prepare for the coming of our Saviour at Christmas is to go to confession to seek God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us welcome the Lord with a pure and humble heart. There will be guest priests to hear confession. Please make time for this.

ST. JOSEPH'S

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you'd like to donate for flowers in church for Christmas, please put donation and intention note in an envelope and hand it to Fr. Linh. You can also donate a red Poinsettia. **Red Poinsettias** can be received from **15th December**. Thank you

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.

MISSIO RED BOX: Please bring your box to church to be emptied by Sunday 11 December. If anyone would like a box please take one from table in the hall. Thank you.

JACQUELINE'S JAUNTS: Oxford Christmas Market on Thursday 15th December. Those going, please pay £25 to Jackie on 684582 ASAP.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL OUTREACH: We urgently need *nappies sized 3 to 6, baby wipes and ladies hygiene products*. This is to support **SPARKS** - the local family centre. Please put your donations in the box provided in the hall. Thank you.

HOME CHRISTMAS COFFEE: to raise money for our parish at Jackie Perry's house (6 Lebanon Grove WS7 2BE) on Saturday 3/12 from 11.00am to 3.00pm. All welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Draw on 11th Dec. Donations for extra prizes are welcome. Thank you.

WARMER WELCOME IN BURNTWOOD: Church Hall will be opened every Saturday 1.30pm - 3.30pm, starting on Sat 3rd Dec. We do need volunteers to help. If you can, please speak to Carol W, Anne S or Mary K or fill in the calendar at the back of the church. Thank you.

SOCIAL EVENING FOR VOLUNTEERS: Monday 5th December. 6.30pm Mass, followed by social in the Hall. In order not to prepare too much, if you are attending, please put your names on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ST JOSEPH'S
Tues 13th Dec, 12.30pm. **ALL** are welcome! £7.50/person. To book your place, please contact Sue on 01543 671701 by Wednesday 7th Dec.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£204.05	£94.30
1 st (GA)	£30.00	£71.50
2 nd Col	£120.88	£52.43
(Parish Maintenance)	£55.00(GA)	£23.95(GA)
S0	£549	£175
Total	£783.05	£341.80
Attended	215 (Sat & Sun)	66 (Sat & Sun)

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50/50 CLUB: It is time to buy your 50/50 club numbers again, or perhaps even consider purchasing an extra one or two numbers for this year? We need to sell a minimum number of tickets for the draw to run, but thereafter all profits go toward church funds. With better odds of winning than matching 4 numbers in the national lottery, it is a great way to support our parish! Anne will be at church after weekend Masses to sell tickets and to answer your further questions.

'OPEN THE BOOK': Open the Book (OtB) offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team of Christians from local churches. If you are interested in and want to help, please speak to Vincent Service who is a member of the OtB.

CHILDREN LITURGY: at 9am Mass every Sunday. Please encourage your children to go to Mass on Sundays and join in this session. Thank you

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets are available at weekend Masses. Donations for prizes are always welcome. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS: are on sale from the table at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

SOCIAL EVENING FOR VOLUNTEERS: Monday 12th December. 6.30pm Mass, followed by social. To help with preparation, if you are attending, please put your names on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

NOVEMBER - PRAYER **FOR THE HOLY SOULS**

O God, the author of mercy, the lover of the salvation of mankind; we address thy clemency, in behalf of our brethren, relations, and benefactors, who are departed this life, that by the intercession of blessed Mary, ever virgin, and of all the saints, thou wouldst receive them into the enjoyment of eternal happiness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus Liguori)

CONFESSION: available during Holy Hour on Thursdays 7pm (St. Joseph's) and after Mass on Tuesday mornings (10 – 10.30) at St. Bernadette's, or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Forms are available on the table at the back of the church, please take home to complete and return it to Fr. Linh, more arrangements to follow.

MARRIAGE: Please contact Fr. Linh for details at least 6 months before the intended wedding day.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE: Would you be willing to open your home and heart for people displaced by the war in Ukraine? If you are, this online session will be helpful: **CAN I BE A SPONSOR? Wed 7th Dec 7pm.** If you would like to host an individual or family from Ukraine for 6 months, all you need to know is from the website: www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk

URGENT: A Ukrainian mother and son need either somewhere to rent or a home for next six months. If you can help, please speak to **Alice Reeve** on **07971 688553**

PARISH RECORDS: Please return the completed form to the presbytery or parish office or place it in the box at the back the church. Your details will be kept secure within the parish and will not be passed on to any third party. Thank you.

LICHFIELD REPAIR AND SHARE CAFÉ: at St Joseph's (10-1pm, 1st Sat of each month) No charge to attend but donations appreciated to help cover costs. If you have a 'skill' to offer then get in touch with the organisers or go along to a session.

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. 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*