

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 17 th December	5.00pm	Suzanne McKenna RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	John Cronin RIP	
Sun 18 th December	9.00am (Brownhills)	Marianna Scott RIP <i>(Raffle Draw and T/C after Mass)</i>	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 
	11.00am	Vincent O'Brien & David Marston RIP <i>(Tea & coffee after mass)</i>	
	1pm – 3pm	Children Christmas Party	
Mon 19 th December	9.30am	Deceased of the Mooney Family <i>(Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)</i>	Advent Feria
	7.00pm	RECONCILIATION SERVICE	
Tue 20 th December	9.30am (Brownhills)	Izabela Palmer & family <i>(Divine Mercy after Mass)</i>	Advent Feria
Wed 21 st December	11.15am	Funeral Mass of Marion Barton	
Thu 22 nd December	9.30am (Brownhills)	Bridie Larner (to get well) <i>(Rosary after Mass)</i>	Advent Feria
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Fri 23 rd December	9.30am	Lauren Murphy RIP <i>(Divine Mercy after Mass)</i>	Advent Feria
Sat 24 th December	5.00pm	Deceased of the Baker Family	CHRISTMAS EVE
	7.00pm (Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP	
	9.30pm	Michael Stanley RIP	
Sun 25 th December	9.00am (Brownhills)	Joan Barry RIP	CHRISTMAS DAY
	11.00am	Anne Corfield RIP	

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:

Holy Souls

Sacred Heart's Light:

Thanksgiving (E.W)

Our Lady's Light:

Private Intention (E.W)

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Winifred Neenan, Andrew Koller, Donald Cook, Patrick Cage, Winifred Littlewood, James Newbrook, Winifred Dewsbury, Madeline King, Anna Iwachiw, Joan Bettsworth, James Hopley, Joseph Paget, Joseph Kane, Charlotte Smith, Noel Williams and Robert Mousely

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Dorothy Cave, Patrick Cage, Willie Donaghey, Sylvia Alexander, Mark Service, Kevin Service, Tony Nelson, Lisa Stanley, Katharine Hughes, Peter Collins and Charlotte Smith

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Marion Barton, Dennis McKeon, and Jeanette Agnew** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families during this difficult time. **Marion's** funeral Mass is on Wed 21st Dec 11.15am. **Dennis's** funeral Mass is on Wed 4th Jan 11am. **Jeanette's** funeral details will be informed in due course.

St. Bernadette's: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **James Costello** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to **Betty** (wife) and the whole family during this difficult time. **James** will be received into the church (St. Joseph's) on Wed 4th Jan 4pm; his funeral Mass on Thurs 5th Jan 10,30am.

May they 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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CHRISTMAS TREE

A 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 **ASAP**. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Collection at all Christmas Masses is a traditional Christmas Gift to the Parish Priest. Offering envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you all for your generosity.

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: We raised an amazing amount of **£2,020** for the parish. Thank you all for your generosity and support. Please collect your prizes in the Hall

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.

WARMER WELCOME IN BURNTWOOD: Church Hall will be opened **every Saturday 1.30pm - 3.30pm**. 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. **The Church is NOT opened on Saturday 24th December.**

CAOFD - GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE: Last chance £1/go. The result will be announced this Sunday (18th Dec)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve:

5pm (St. Joseph's)
7pm *St. Bernadette's*
9.30pm – Carol Service
10pm (midnight Mass, St. Joseph's)

Christmas Day:

9.00am *(St. Bernadette's)*
11.00am (St. Joseph's)

St. Stephen's Day (26/12) for Altar Servers

10am (St. Joseph's)
12 noon *(St. Bernadette's)*

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£178.81	£51.82
1 st (GA)	£26.00	£32
2 nd Col (Parishes Maintenance)	£94.82	£6.00
	£66.70(GA)	£(GA)
S0	£549	£175
Total	£753.81	£258.82
Attended	174 (Sat & Sun)	53 (Sat & Sun)

ST. BERNADETTE'S

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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: Draw will take place this Sunday (18th Dec) after Mass. Thank you all for your support.

CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY

THIS SUNDAY (18th Dec)

1pm – 3pm at St. Joseph's.

All children welcome!



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

(by Pope St. John Paul II)

Lord Jesus, as once you called the first disciples and made them fishers of men, continue to let resound today Your sweet invitation: "Come and follow me."

Grant to men and women in our day the grace and trust to respond to Your voice.

Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated souls in their apostolic work.

Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those living a life of total consecration to Your service.

Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal.

Send, Lord, workers into Your fields to feed and guide Your flock as Good Shepherds in imitation of You.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord who calls each one of us to play our part in His plan of salvation. Amen.

CONFESSION: available during Holy Hour on Thursdays 6pm (St. Joseph'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 information and details at least 6 months before the intended wedding day.

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: from Saturday 27 May to Friday 2 June 2023 Volunteer your skills to look after our Accueil (assisted) pilgrims on next year's Diocesan Pilgrimage. Applications to join the Lourdes Nursing and Medical Team or the Handmaids and Brancardiers for the 2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage are now open. To apply or to book your place, <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/medical-and-non-medical-volunteer-applications-now-open-for-lourdes-2023>

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*