

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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CHRISTMAS 2022

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
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	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
	11.00am	Anne Corfield RIP	
Mon 26 th December	10.00am	John & Mary Preece RIP (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)	Feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr, Patron of all altar servers
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Barbara & her family	
Tue 27 th December	9.30am (Brownhills)	Lina Skrodelis RIP (Divine Mercy after Mass)	Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
Wed 28 th December		NO MASS	
Thu 29 th December	9.30am (Brownhills)	Veronica Cooper RIP (Rosary after Mass)	Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr
		NO HOLY HOUR	
Fri 30 th December	9.30am	Christine Short RIP (Divine Mercy after Mass)	Feast of the Holy Family
Sat 31 st December	5.00pm	Mike and Donncha Corry RIP	Sunday Vigil (NEW YEAR EVE)
	6.30pm	Veronica Cooper RIP	
Sun 1 st January	9.00am (Brownhills)	Janet Reeves RIP (Tea/Coffee after Mass)	SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR DAY)
	11.00am	Maureen Clarke RIP (Tea/Coffee after Mass)	

Have a very Holy and Blessed Christmas everyone!
May you and your families be filled with God's Grace and Love each and every day in this New Year 2023!

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:

Vincent O'Brien RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Lauren Murphy RIP

Our Lady's Light:

David Marston RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Joseph Paget, Joseph Kane, Charlotte Smith, Noel Williams and Robert Mously Winifred Smith, Henry Benton, Thomas Kinsella, Janet Laird, Amelia Goldingay, Bernard Fish, Albert Ritbergeris, Edward Cannon, Maris Low, Mary Horton, Ellen Porter, Mrs. Beamish, Kathleen McInnes, Ivy Bevington, Mary Cumming, Christine Short, Margaret Burke, Winifred Bradbury, John Burgess, Patrick Darcy, and Margaret James.

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Peter Collins and Charlotte Smith, Mary Smith, Trevor Farr, Rose Cave, and Hugh Rodgers

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Dennis McKeon** and **Jeanette Agnew** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families during this difficult time. **Dennis'** 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. **James** will be received into the church (St. Joseph's) on Wed 4th Jan 4pm; his funeral Mass on Thurs 5th Jan 10.30am.

CHRISTMAS 2022

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (Jn.3:16)

Flowers - St. Joseph's

Christmas Flowers are in loving memory of Zita Mahon & Vincent O'Connor, and for the intentions of Jan W

Flowers - St. Bernadette's

Christmas Flowers are in loving memory of all deceased parishioners and their families

CHRISTMAS TREES: Thank you for your support. Names and intentions written on the stars will be remembered at Masses during Christmas season.

CRIB DONATION: for "**Friends of the Holy Land**" (FHL), the ecumenical and non-political charity which supports the most needy Christian families in and around Bethlehem where our Lord was born. Please be generous. More information about FHL, please visit: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

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

ST. JOSEPH'S

CHURCH FLOWERS: If you'd like to donate for flowers in church for a weekend in loving memory of your loved ones, please put donation and intention note in an envelope and hand it to Fr. Linh. 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: Thank you all for your generosity and support. If you are winners, 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 Hall is NOT opened on New Year Eve (Sat 31st Dec)**

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES IN OUR CHURCH: to have a memorial plaque with the name(s) of our loved one(s) bonded to the interior church wall, please contact Dave King 07831 858443 or glynn.king1@ntlworld.com. Forms are also at the back of the church.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£175.22	£73.70
1 st (GA)	£17.00	£78.50
2 nd Col (Parishes Maintenance)	£110.99	£56.62
	£51.05(GA)	£(GA)
S0	£549	£175
Total	£741.22	£327.20
Attended	179 (Sat & Sun)	77 (Sat & Sun)

ST. BERNADETTE'S

CHURCH FLOWERS: If you'd like to donate for flowers in church for a weekend, please put donation and intention note in an envelope and hand it to Anne-Marie. Thank you

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: Thank you all for your support. If you are winners, please collect your prizes on the table at the back of the church

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2023

(27th November – 4th December (8 days/ 7 nights), £1,459pp)

This is a joined pilgrimage with the Parish of the Immaculate Conception in Bicester. Booking Forms will be available in the New Year with more details to come. For more info: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HLO801

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*