

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 11 th November	10.00am	First Holy Communion Class	Sunday Vigil (School led Mass)
	5.00pm	Babs Rolfe RIP	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP	
Sun 12 th November	9.00am (Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP	32 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Remembrance Sunday
	11.00am	Vincent O'Brien RIP	
	1.00pm	Blessing of Graves (St. Matthew's)	
	3.00pm (Brownhills)	Blessing of Graves (Barnetts Lane)	
Mon 13 th November	9.30am	Private Intention (J.S.)	Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm	Deceased parishioners died in the last 12 months	
Tue 14 th November	9.00am(Brownhills)	Holy Souls (KS1Mass in School)	Feria (Devine Mercy after Mass)
Wed 15 th November	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH – All welcome	
Thurs 16 th November	9.15am	Holy Souls (Mass in school)	Feria (Rosary after Mass)
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour (with Office for the Dead)	
Fri 17 th November	9.30am	Zeferina Mascarenhas RIP	Feria
Sat 18 th November	10.00am	First Holy Communion Class	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Doris Salt RIP	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Steve Molloy (Good Health)	
Sun 19 th November	9.00am (Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP	33 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Margaret Kelly RIP	
	3.00pm (Brownhills)	Blessing of Graves (Chase & District Memorial Park)	

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:

If you'd like a candle to be burnt for a week in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention, we are asking for a donation of **£7/candle**. Please put the donation in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Light', 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:

Dorothy Walters RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Margaret Ritchie RIP

Our Lady's Light:

Martin Hegney RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Patrick Burke, James Banks, Clara Antill, Eileen Head, Janic Gillett, George Fitzgerald, Bridget Sheenan, James Diskin, Maurice Bayliss, Constance Turner, James Hession, Edmund Pope, Dymphna Sweeney, Timothy Hennessy, Rev James O'Sullivan, Patrick Geraghty, Francis Slater, Eileen Jenner, James Kearns and Maureen Clarke,

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Margaret French, Kathleen Morrell, Annie Costello, Martin Collins, Lillian Pickering, Betty Reddington, Arthur Edwards, Martin Mealey, Violet Downes, Barbara Maddox, Patrick Hancock, Rebecca Redgate and Margaret Harris

POPE'S INTENTION - NOVEMBER

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Norma Patricia Hill** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family at this difficult time. **Funeral details:** Reception – Tues 4pm 21st November. Funeral Service – 11.30am Wed 22nd November. May she rest in Peace.

SICK IN THE PARISH

Please keep those who are sick and housebound in our prayers, especially:

St. Joseph's: Lisa Nock, Cath Twyman, Eddie McCann, Sheila O'Connor, Monica Roberts, Thelma Waters, Maureen Dewsbury, Nonie Gamble.

St. Bernadette's: Agnes Cronin, Irene Dunwell, Veronica Bubb, Joan Collins, Peter Ford, Cathy Carver, Shirley Smith

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

CASKET FOR HOLY SOULS

Please place the names of your loved ones in the casket in front of the altar (with or without donation). They will be remembered at every Mass during this month of November.

MASSES FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mon 13th Nov 7pm (St. Joseph's): for the deceased parishioners passed in the last 12 months

Mon 20th Nov 7pm (St. Bernadette's): for the deceased parishioners passed in the last 12 months

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Sun 12th Nov, 1pm – St. Matthew's (Burntwood Cemetery)

3pm – Barnetts Lane Cemetery Brownhills

Sun 19th Nov, 3pm – Chase & District Memorial Park

Sun 26th Nov, 1pm – St. John's Cemetery (Hammerwich)

What can we do for our loved ones?

*Praying for the Holy Souls with any kinds of devotional prayer such as the Rosary, the Divine Mercy, Eucharistic Adoration.... **Almsgiving** - give to charity with the intention of helping the poor souls. **Sacrifice & Mortification** - give up something small for the intention of providing relief for the Holy Souls in purgatory, or add an extra devotion, especially when you don't feel like it. **Attending Mass** for the Holy Souls. **Having a Mass** said for them.*

NEXT WEEKEND (18/19 NOV)

RED BOX APPEAL

We will welcome Fr. Keven Hughes MHM to give a Red Box Appeal. **Missio** is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the **Red Box** we support the Church around the world where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a **Red Box** or signing up to give via Direct Debit.

ST. JOSEPH'S

PARISH MONTHLY DRAW: Only £5/month to win £150 (1st Prize) every month. 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. *October winners 1st prize M Hubble, 2nd prize Fr Linh, 3rd prize J Brazier*

YOUTH GROUP: Next session on **Tuesday 14th November** at 6.30pm, all are welcome from Years 6, 7 & 8. Open from 6.15pm. Cost £1. Every 2nd and 4th Tues of the month. Volunteers to help would be welcomed.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL OUTREACH: We urgently need *nappies sized 5 to 6 and family toiletries*. This is to support **SPARKS** - the local family centre. Please put your donations in the box provided in the hall.

JACQUELINE'S JAUNTS would those going to **TRENTHAM GARDENS** on Saturday 9 December pay the amount of £20.00 as soon as possible. There are a few seats still available. Please contact Jackie on 684582 or 07739422387.

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL: We are looking for: **nice toiletries (men's and women's), hats/scarves/socks (to keep warm), selection boxes for children, and toys.** Please place these items (wrapped or unwrapped) in the usual Food Bank Box

MINI CHRISTMAS FAYRE on **Saturday 2 December from 11.00am to 3.00pm at Jackie Perry's home 6 Lebanon Grove.** Tombola, raffle, items for sale and refreshments, all in aid of St Joseph's church and Midlands Air Ambulance.

PARISH OUTREACH: If you or somebody you know especially those who live on their own/housebound and may need a friendly visit, please inform Fr. Linh or the parish office.

THANK YOU: to everyone who so generously supported the Harvest Sale last weekend. The event raised £195 for CAFOD. Thank you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: tickets are available at the back of the church. **Draw Day: Sunday 10th December after Mass.** Donations for prizes are always welcome. Thank you for your support.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Tue 5th Dec, 12.30pm, £13pp. Tickets are on sales until the weekend 25/26 November.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1st (loose)	£164.00	£87.50
1st (GA)	£16.00	£59.00
2nd Col (Johnson Association)	£170.48	£93.70
	£76.00(GA)	£20.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£729.00	£321.50
Attended	196 (Sat & Sun)	71 (Sat & Sun)

ST. BERNADETTE'S

CHURCH FLOWERS If you'd like to donate for flowers in church in loving memory of you loved ones, please put donation and intention note in an envelope and hand it to Fr. Linh.

50/50 CLUB: 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.

THE PRESBYTERY: It is possible that there will be three religious sisters ("Daughters of Divine Love" Order) residing at the Presbytery. There are some discussions and arrangements to be made. Please keep the sisters and the process in our prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS: Do consider having Masses said for your intentions, and those of your nearest and dearest. Mass Offering Envelopes are at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS PIETY SHOP: Christmas cards and gifts are on sales at the back of the church. Thank you for your support to the parish.

YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our Youth Group is taking place twice a month (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) 6.30pm – 8pm at St. Joseph's. The group has now been nicely established. The number of young people coming every time is stable. **We urgently NEED more adult volunteers to help.** If you can, please let Fr. Linh know or contact Elaine: helen_ilsley@hotmail.com

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS & THEIR FAMILIES

Loving God, pour out your blessing upon our beloved children, that during this time of sacramental preparation they may grow closer to you, and come to know your special love for them.

Bless their parents and families who have been entrusted with the development and nurturing of their child's growth and spiritual formation. Bless them in their willingness, to prepare their children for these sacraments, so that they, together with their children, may grow more deeply in faith and love.

May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for our families and our community, and unite us all in your great love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Safeguarding Notice

Both our parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. **St. Joseph's** Safeguarding Representative is **Mrs. Pat Davies** who can be contacted at: sg.stjoseph.burntwood@rcaob.org.uk **St. Bernadette's** Safeguarding Representative is **Mrs. Sally Holmes** who can be contacted at: sg.stbernadette.brownhills@rcaob.org.uk or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on **0121 230 6240** if you have any concerns.

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.

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.

DO YOU KNOW

Why do we pray for the dead?

The answer lies in scripture, Catholic tradition and Catholic teaching and belief about purgatory.

What is purgatory?

Purgatory is defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a "purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," which is undergone by those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" (CCC 1030). "This final purification of the elect... is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1031).

Can praying for the dead really help the souls in purgatory?

YES, as the Bible and Catholic tradition point out, our prayers can help the heaven-bound souls in purgatory. Once in heaven, these purified souls, or saints, can intercede for others before the throne of God—making our prayers for the souls in purgatory even more meaningful in the long term. St. Pope John Paul II said that "praying for the souls in purgatory is the highest act of supernatural charity."

THE ANGELUS PRAYER

∞ 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..
∞ 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.