

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 B)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 16 th December	5.00pm	Suzanne McKenna RIP	Sunday Vigil <i>(Confirmation of James & Steve at St. Joseph's)</i>
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Private Intention (A Craddock)	
Sun 17 th December	9.00am (Brownhills)	Paul & Peter (Barbara's sons)	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>(Baptism of Lisa at St. Joseph's)</i>
	11.00am	Vincent O'Brien and Dave Marston RIP <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	
Mon 18 th December	9.30am	Jo Healy RIP	Advent Feria <i>(Dev. to St. Joseph after Mass)</i>
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 19 th December	9.00am(Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP <i>(End of Term Mass in school)</i>	Advent Feria
Wed 20 th December	2.00pm	CAROL SERVICE (led by KS2 children from our school)	
Thurs 21 st December	9.15am	Timothy Michael Galvin <i>(End of Term Mass in school)</i>	Advent Feria <i>(Rosary after Mass)</i>
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Kathleen McCarthy RIP	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour <i>(Confession available)</i>	
Fri 22 nd December	9.30am	Mathew O'Dowd (ill) <i>(Divine Mercy after Mass)</i>	Advent Feria
Sat 23 rd December	5.00pm	Patricia Harper RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	The Craddock Family	
Sun 24 th December	9.00am (Brownhills)	Janet Reeves RIP	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00am	Dennis Gurrey RIP	
	5.00pm	Lauren Murphy RIP <i>(family Mass)</i>	CHRISTMAS EVE
	7.30pm (Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP	
	9.30pm	People of the Parish	
Mon 25 th December	9.00am(Brownhills)	People of the Parish	CHRISTMAS DAY
	11.00am	Maurice Baker RIP	
Tue 26 th December	11.00am	Deceased of the Salt Family <i>(Altar servers from both parishes are invited to attend)</i>	ST STEPHEN'S DAY

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:

Denys John Flynn RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Dominic Service

Our Lady's Light:

Marie Pedro

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: James Mealey, David Talbot, Alice Mousley, Winifred Neenan, Andrew Koller, Donald Cook, Patrick Cage, Winifred Littlewood, James Newbrook, Winifred Dewsbury, Madeline King, Anna Iwachiw, Joan Bettsworth, James Hopley,

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

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Kutt** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family during this difficult time. **Kath's** funeral details: **Reception – 4pm Tuesday 9th January, Funeral Mass – 9.30am Wed 10th January.** 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday (24/12) - morning Masses are for 4th Sunday of Advent at normal times (9am & 11am)

Christmas Eve: St. Joseph's: **5.00pm** (family Mass) **9.30pm** (Carol Service followed by Mass). St. Bernadette's – **7.30pm** (family Mass)

Christmas Day: St. Bernadette's – 9.00am.
St. Joseph's – 11am.

St. Stephen's Day: ONE Mass at St. Joseph's – 11am for Altar Servers from both parishes

FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

All are invited to St. Joseph's Church for a Family Carol Service led by KS2 children from our primary school St. Joseph & St. Theresa on **Wed 20th December at 2pm.**

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE (ST. JOSEPH'S)

Holy Communion is now given under **both kinds**. Recipients can receive the Precious Blood from the chalice if they want to.

How to receive from the chalice?

After receiving the Host in a usual manner (by hand or tongue), recipients go to the minister with the chalice, respond 'Amen' and take the chalice from the minister, **have a sip** from the chalice, and return it to the minister.

Please note: Recipients should receive the precious Blood **directly** from the chalice. **Intinction is NOT allowed.**

If you don't receive from the chalice, please return to your seats reverently as usual after receiving the Host.

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 16th December. Thank you**

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.

YOUTH GROUP: Next session on **Tuesday 9th January 2024** 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. Unfortunately the December session has been cancelled as many of the children are away with their school.

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. **Please note: NO soft toys**, unless brand new with the label still on.

COMMUNITY STORE AT SANKEY'S CORNER: where food can be bought at very reasonable rates. Open on Mondays, Weds and Fridays from 10.30am to 2.30pm

THANK YOU: Mini Christmas Fair at Jackie's home raised £100 for the parish. Thank you to Jackie and those supported the fair. Parish Christmas Raffle raised £2,500. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

CHRISTMAS STARS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

We will once again be decorating our trees with stars in remembrance and hope and invite you to purchase stars for loved ones.

1 star for £3 or 2 for £5. Forms are available at the back of the church. Please return the form **ASAP** as we need to write your intentions on the stars. Thank you

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

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

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1st (loose)	£234.29	£66.23
1st (GA)	£34.00	£93.50
2nd Col (Poor Parishes Fund)	£177.25	£57.11
	£58.10(GA)	£44.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£817.29	£224.73
Attended	211 (Sat & Sun)	67 (Sat & Sun)

*Thank you very much for your generosity to the Church.
May God bless you!*

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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. Hopefully, they will move in mid-January 2024.

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS: on sales after Masses. Donations for prizes are always needed. Draw takes place this weekend (after Sunday Mass)

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.

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. **We urgently NEED more adult volunteers to help.** If you can, please let Fr. Linh know or contact **Elaine: helen_ilslev@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 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

What is required to receive Holy Communion?

To receive Holy Communion, one must be **fully incorporated** into the Catholic Church and be in the **state of grace**, that is, not conscious of being in mortal sin.

How to receive the Host?

If you are receiving the Host in your hand, **extend both hands palms up** toward the Priest/Eucharistic Minister, **placing one hand directly on top of the other hand**. If you are right handed, the right hand goes on the bottom so you can receive the Host in your left hand and then pick it up with your right hand.

How to receive from the chalice?

After receiving the Host in a usual manner (by hand or tongue), recipients go to the minister with the chalice, respond 'Amen' and take the chalice from the minister, **have a sip** from the chalice, and return it to the minister.

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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.