

# CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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## PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BURNTWOOD

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## First Sunday of Lent (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> February	5.00pm	John Taylor RIP & family	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	People of the Parish	
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am (Brownhills)	Joan Guest RIP (T/C after Mass)	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
	11.00am	Douglas Thompson RIP (T/C after Mass)	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am (Brownhills)	Mass in school (St. Bernadette's)	Lent Feria
	6.00pm (Brownhills)	Parents Meeting at church (Confir)	
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am (Brownhills)	NO MASS	Lent Feria
	6.30pm	Youth Group	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March	7.00pm (at St. Joseph's)	<b>LENTEN JOURNEY FOR BOTH PARISHES</b> <b>A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion</b> <i>(5 weeks of Lent - 5 DVD sessions reflecting on Christ's journey from the garden of Gethsemane to Calvary) All welcome.</i>	
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.15am	Mass in school (St. Joseph's)	Feast of St. Chad, Bishop
	12 noon (Brownhills)	(Rosary after Mass)	
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.30am	Families suffering with addiction	Lent Feria
	7.00pm (Brownhills)	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm	Michael & Pauline Geraghty RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP	
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am (Brownhills)	Jeremiah Molony RIP (T/C after Mass)	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
	11.00am	Deceased of the Honan Family (T/C after Mass)	
	3.00pm	Confirmation Class	

**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:**

*James Salt RIP*

**Our Lady's Light:**

*Pat & Billy Greene RIP*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Marie Berrington, Bridge Williams, Keith Evans, Jane Cartwright, Dorothy Slade, George Hill, Ruby Tibbitts, Ellen Winsper, Sarah Dutton, Geoff Harris, Patrick & Mary Mealey, Patrick Neenan, Hilda Hession, Lettie Cureton, Alphons Rudzinski and John O'Malley

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Francis Davis, Clare Kerrigan, Mary Mealey, Hilda Hession, James Mealey, John Baptist Huang, Jeremiah Moloney and Charlie Donaghey

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

**St. Bernadette's:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Maxine Knight** who died recently. **Maxine's** funeral service on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am at Streetly Crematorium. May she rest in Peace.

**LENT 2023**

*Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter. During the forty days of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday, the faithful are encouraged to participate in an ever more intense and fruitful way in the Lenten liturgy and in penitential celebrations. The faithful are reminded that both according the law and tradition, they should approach the **sacrament of Penance** during this season, so that with purified heart they may participate in the Paschal Mysteries. During Lent, we seek the Lord in **prayer** especially by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by **giving alms**; and we practice self-control through **fasting**. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.*

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

**Adoration:** Thursdays at St. Joseph's at **6pm** (with Evening Prayer, confession available)

**Rosary:** Mondays **7pm** at St. Joseph's, Thursdays after Mass at St. Bernadette's

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays **7pm** either at St. Joseph's or St. Bernadette's

**"No greater Love – A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion"**- Five sessions reflecting on Christ's journey from the garden of Gethsemane to Calvary. These sessions use Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism and historical context to shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. **Wednesdays 7pm at St. Joseph's, from 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

## ST. JOSEPH'S

**CHURCH FLOWERS:** NO flowers in Lent. If you'd like to donate for flowers in church for EASTER 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm. All are welcome from Years 6 & 7. Doors open from 6.15pm. Cost £1. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Volunteers to help would be welcomed.

**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.

**JACQUELIN'S JAUNTS:** A trip to Haworth (Bronty Sisters) is planned on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. £28 is now due. If you have booked, please can you pay as soon as possible. Please contact Jackie on 684582 if you are interested.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We do need more volunteers to help in our parish. If you are able to help in any way, please let us know: to read at a weekend Mass, to clean the church, to arrange flowers, to count weekend collection, to welcome and hand out Hymn Books...

**PARISH CAFOD GROUP:** the group is now just THREE members! If we are to continue, we **urgently need more members**. If you would like to volunteer please see Pete T, Mary K or Alice R.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm** (St. Joseph - Parish Feast Day and Bernard's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday),  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7pm** (CAFOD Fundraising Night)

## Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 <sup>st</sup> (loose)	£174.97	£100.57
1 <sup>st</sup> (GA)	£31.00	£48.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Col (Pro Life)	£153.11	£86.38
	£43.50(GA)	£0(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£754.97	£323.57
Attended	212 (Sat & Sun)	74 (Sat & Sun)

## ST. BERNADETTE'S

**CHURCH FLOWERS:** NO flowers in Lent. If you'd like to donate for flowers in church for EASTER, 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. **If we're not making any profit, the club will have to stop. Please support if you can.**

**'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.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We do need more volunteers to help in our parish. If you are able to help in any way, please let us know: to read at Mass, to clean the church, to do flowers, to welcome and hand out Hymn/Mass Books...

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** for children (year 5, 6, & 7) from non - catholic schools will begin on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3pm** at St. Joseph's. Confirmation Day is **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July 10am** by our Archbishop Bernard Longley.

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2023

(27<sup>th</sup> November - 4<sup>th</sup> December (8 days/ 7 nights), £1,459pp, deadline 28/02)

Booking Forms are available at the back of the Church. **Online Booking** is available at [www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801](http://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801) Spiritual Directors: Canon John Batthula & Fr. Linh Nguyen

## 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.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

Marriage Encounter is a national catholic organisation that offers two experiences to enrich relationships, improve family relationships and bring God to the heart of your marriage and families. Our experiences are available in two formats as a live experience held at hotels or online. Upcoming dates for marriage enrichment: 3 - 5 March - Swindon, 13 -14 May – Online. For more details and booking [wwme.org.uk](http://wwme.org.uk)

**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*