

# 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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## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm	Suzanne McKenna RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	Fr. Peter's Intention	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am (Brownhills)	Intentions of the Mulcrow Family (T/C after Mass)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mothering Sunday)
	11.00am	Doris Salt RIP (T/C after Mass)	
	3.00pm	Confirmation Class	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am (Brownhills)	Fr. Peter (Silver Jubilee) (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)	Solemnity of St Joseph St. Joseph's Feast Day & Bernard's 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday
	6.30pm	John & Mary Preece RIP	
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.30am (Brownhills)	Celebrant's Intention (Divine Mercy and Confession after Mass)	Lent Feria
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7.00pm (at St. Joseph's)	<u>Lenten Journey for both Parishes</u> <b>'NO GREATER LOVE' - A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion, session four: The Death of the Messiah</b>	
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.15am	Mass in School (St. Joseph's)	Lent Feria
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Bernard Mill (100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) (Rosary after Mass)	
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR (no Confession)	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Dorothy Woszczylo RIP	Lent Feria
	7.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS (to pray for families)	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm	Kitty McDonnell RIP (25 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) (led by St Joseph's School)	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	People of the Parish	
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am (Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP (T/C after Mass)	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
	11.00am	Vincent O'Brien RIP (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:**

*David Richards RIP*

**Sacred Heart's Light:**

*Kitty McDonnell RIP*

*(25<sup>th</sup> anniversary)*

**Our Lady's Light:**

*Steve Scandrett (Birthday)*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Stanely Sealey, Phillip Bayliss, Barbara Coley, Thomas Saxon, John Fitzpatrick, Ellen Edwards, Suzanne McKenna, Charles Quinn, Howard Hurley, Karen Ireson, Michael Melvin, Diane Flynn, Maureen Adams and St John Charles Bettsworth

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Lilly Flavell, Kevin Cave, Catherine Humphreys and Frank Key.

**MEETING OF READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

All readers and ministers from both parishes are invited to the meeting at St. Joseph's on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**. This is to refresh our ministries, and to prepare for Easter and the return of receiving Holy Communion from the chalice.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> collection Gift Aid Envelopes are ready to be collected at the back of the church. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider to Gift Aid your donation. Please ask Fr. Linh to get Gift Aid Declaration Form. Thank you

**LENT 2023**  
**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.**

**EASTER MASS TIMES:**

	<b><u>St. Joseph's</u></b>	<b><u>St. Bernadette's</u></b>
Holy Thursday:	7.30pm, watching until 10pm	7.00pm, watching until 9pm
Good Friday:	3.00pm, 7pm (Stations)	3.00pm, 7pm (Stations)
Easter Vigil:	8.00pm	7.30pm
Easter Sunday:	11.00am	9.00am

## 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:** Tuesdays 28<sup>th</sup> March 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 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.

**JACQUELIN'S JAUNTS:** A trip to Haworth (Bronty Sisters) on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Those going, please be at the Church by 8.45am as coach departs promptly at 9.00am

**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

**ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 11am. New members are welcome. If you received your First Holy Communion, you are welcome to be an altar server. We need more servers in our church.

**IRISH NIGHT – CAFOD FUNDRAISING:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses by CaFod members. Please get your tickets soon as we have limited places. Thank you

## Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 <sup>st</sup> (loose)	£269.09	£145.06
1 <sup>st</sup> (GA)	£14.00	£31.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Col (Cafod & Cathedral Maintenance)	£648.00	£84.06
	£(GA)	£(GA)
SO	£549	£175
<b>Total</b>	<b>£832.09</b>	<b>£351.06</b>
<b>Attended</b>	<b>216</b> (Sat & Sun)	<b>88</b> (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...

**CAFOD 200K WALK:** Sally Homes is doing this Walk to raise money for CaFod. If you want to sponsor her, please speak to her or do it online [The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\): The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](http://The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD): The Big Lent Walk (enthuse.com))

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2023

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

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.

### **THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE:**

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, you're invited to attend this year's thanksgiving Mass. **Saturday 12noon, 29th April 2023 at Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.** For more infor, contact Paul Northam [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk) or call him on **0121 321 5148**. Closing date for bookings: Monday 17 April.

**AN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST: CURSILLO ENCOUNTER DAY:** You are warmly invited to a Cursillo Encounter Day at St Mary's the Mount, in Walsall on **Saturday 25 March**. Attendance is free. **Cursillo** is an encounter with Christ. It promotes a spiritual revitalisation of our world. By living a fully Christian life, we bring Christ to others, including members of our family, school, workplace, etc. Come along for talks, discussion, fellowship and food and to learn more about Cursillo in the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

**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*