

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 25 th March	5.00pm	Kitty McDonnell RIP (25 th anni)	Sunday Vigil <i>(led by St Joseph's School)</i>
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	Special Intention (Hilary)	
Sun 26 th March	9.00am (Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
	11.00am	Vincent O'Brien RIP Teresa Posrednik RIP	
	3.00pm	Confirmation Class	
Mon 27 th March	9.30am	James Salt RIP	Lent Feria <i>(Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)</i>
	10.30am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS <i>(led by children from our school)</i>	
	7.00pm	Rosary	
	7.30pm	Readers & Eucharistic Ministers	
Tue 28 th March	9.00am (Brownhills)	Carol Birch (recovery from surgery) <i>(Mass in School)</i>	Lent Feria
	6.30pm	STATIONS <i>(led by Youth Group)</i>	
Wed 29 th March	7.00pm (at St. Joseph's)	'NO GREATER LOVE' - A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion, session five: The Seven Last Words	
Thurs 30 th March		NO MASS IN SCHOOL	Lent Feria <i>(Rosary after Mass)</i>
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Health & Wellbeing of Fr. David K.	
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Fri 31 st March	9.30am	Yvonne Horsley RIP	Lent Feria <i>(Divine Mercy after Mass)</i>
	7.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY	
Sat 1 st April	11.00am	PRACTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Deceased of the Salt Family	
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	People of the Parish	
	7.30pm	CAFOD - IRISH NIGHT	
Sun 2 nd April	9.00am (Brownhills)	People of the Parish <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
	11.00am	David Richards RIP (1 st anni)	
	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:

Pat & Billy Greene RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Deacon Joe Patterson RIP

Our Lady's Light:

Dominic Nguyen RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Diane Flynn, Maureen Adams, St John Charles Bettsworth, Derek Elmer, Susan Jeffers, Francis Neenan, Stanley Brozowski, Oisin Sweeney, Maurice Ryan, Noel Sweeney and Maria Borg

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Frank Key, Evelyn Doyle, Jan Harrington, Mick Cash, Molly McNamara and Maurice Sharman

LENT 2023

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: *Chrism Mass: Wed 5th April, at 11.30am at St. Chad's Cathedral.*

	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>St. Bernadette's</u>
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

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

1st and 2nd 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Friday 31st March, 7pm at St. Joseph's, together with our Christian brothers and sisters from other churches. All welcome!

ST. JOSEPH'S

THANK YOU: to all who came to celebrate our parish feast day and Bernard's 100th Birthday, especially those who brought food to share and those who helped to prepare and clean up afterwards. THANK YOU!

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 (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.

YOUTH GROUP: Tuesdays 28th March at 6.30pm. All are welcome from Years 6 & 7. Doors open from 6.15pm. Cost £1. Every 2nd and 4th 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.

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 1st 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 1st 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 st (loose)	£206.41	£69.27
1 st (GA)	£25.00	£55.00
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£166.14	£47.95
	£48.50(GA)	£(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£780.41	£299.27
Attended	200 (Sat & Sun)	60 (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: 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.

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](http://TheCatholicAgencyforOverseasDevelopment) (CAFOD): [The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](http://TheBigLentWalk.enthuse.com)

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: starting point at St. James' at 10.30am. Preparation meeting at St James' from 11 am until 12.45 pm on Saturday 1st April, with lunch provided. If you're coming for the meeting and staying for lunch, please contact Gayle at St. James' by the end of Thursday 30th March on 07545 657636 or greenway.gayle@googlemail.com

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2023

(27th November – 4th 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 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 information, contact Paul Northam marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk or call him on **0121 321 5148**. Closing date for bookings: Monday 17 April.

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?

Holy Week is the final week of Lent. It begins with the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday**, the Sunday before Easter. It is a time when Christians gather to remember and participate in the **Passion** of Jesus Christ. **The Sacred Paschal Triduum** is the central liturgical celebration. The three liturgies of **Holy Thursday** (Mass of the Lord's Supper), **Good Friday** (the Passion), and the **Easter Vigil** (the Resurrection) are, in fact, **ONE** continuous liturgy that commemorates the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All statues and images covered/veiled from the fifth Sunday Lent to heighten our **senses** and build within us a **longing** for Easter Sunday.

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 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.