

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 1 st April	5.00pm	Noel Sweeney & Oisin Sweny	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Sheila Prediville RIP	
Sun 2 nd April	9.00am(Brownhills)	Julie Reel RIP	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
	11.00am	David Richards RIP	
	3.00pm	Confirmation Class	
Mon 3 rd April	9.30am	Len & Nora Harrison RIP	Monday of Holy Week <i>(Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)</i>
	7.00pm	Rosary <i>(Confession available)</i>	
Tue 4 th April	9.30am(Brownhills)	Ela Duola RIP <i>(Divine Mercy after Mass)</i>	Tuesday of Holy Week <i>(Confession available)</i>
Wed 5 th April	11.30am	CHRISM MASS AT ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL, BIRMINGHAM	
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM - THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM			
Thurs 6 th April	7.00pm(Brownhills)	Julie Reel RIP <i>(watching until 9pm)</i>	MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
	7.30pm	Deceased of the Mealey Family <i>(watching until 10pm)</i>	
Fri 7 th April	10.30am(Brownhills)	WALK OF WITNESS <i>(start from St. James')</i>	GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
	3.00pm(Brownhills)	THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
	7.00pm(Brownhills)	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
	10.00am	WALK OF WITNESS <i>(start from St. Anne's)</i>	
	3.00pm	THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
	7.00pm	SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS	
Sat 8 th April	7.30pm(Brownhills)	Joe & Veronica Moloney	EASTER VIGIL
	8.00pm	Lauren Murphy RIP	
Sun 9 th April	9.00am(Brownhills)	Murtagh Baxter RIP	EASTER SUNDAY
	11.00am	Bernard Mills	

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:
Margaret Ritchie RIP

Our Lady's Light:
Joe & Rosemary Kane RIP

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.

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Oisin Sweeney, Maurice Ryan, Noel Sweeney, Maria Borg, Harriet Williamson, Edward O'Loughlin, Nora Black, Kathleen Jones, Leonard Bradbury, Daniel Burke, Patricia Murtagh, Theresa Edge, Majorie Neenan, Michael Sweeney, Leonard Harrison, Petra Ritbergeris, Margaret Tully, Dorothy Owen, Mary Dorsett and Anthony Jeffers

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Mick Cash, Molly McNamara, Maurice Sharman, Doris Phillips, Danny Burke and Sarah Toohey

EASTER 2023

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 beginning with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, having its centre in the Easter Vigil, and closing with Vespers of Easter Sunday. The three liturgies of **Holy Thursday**, **Good Friday** and the **Easter Vigil** are, in fact, **ONE continuous liturgy** that commemorates the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

***Holy Thursday** is the memorial of the **institution of the Eucharist** by which under sacramental signs Jesus perpetuated among us the sacrifice of the New Law. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is also the memorial of the **institution of the priesthood**, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are continued in the world.*

***Good Friday** is the only day when there is **NO Mass** as we commemorate the Passion of the Lord. It's a day of **Fasting and Abstinence**.*

***Holy Saturday** – the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating upon his Passion, Death and Descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection which is celebrated at the **Easter Vigil**.*

EASTER OFFERINGS: All offertory collection at Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Masses is your traditional gift to the parish priest. You can use the special envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. JOSEPH'S

CHURCH FLOWERS: If you'd like to donate for flowers in church for EASTER and during Easter season 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: No Youth Group during Easter holidays. We come back on **Tuesdays 25th April** 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 8th 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. Please encourage your children to serve the church in this especial way.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE DURING EASTER: on Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, HC will be given in both kinds. Please receive in a proper manner by reverently having a sip from the chalice. If you're not receiving from the chalice, please just reverently pass the minister.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£233.10	£92.29
1 st (GA)	£22.00	£52.00
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£153.69	£72.06
	£82.50(GA)	£(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£804.10	£319.29
Attended	221 (Sat & Sun)	66 (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 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 \(CAFOD\): The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](http://TheCatholicAgencyforOverseasDevelopment.org.uk)

EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets are on sales. Donations for prizes are welcome. Thank you

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

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.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL:
'Overflow' Conference - SATURDAY 1 JULY 2023 10.30am-6.30pm. Venue: Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, Birmingham, B70 7JW. For more information and how to book to attend, please visit: www.ccr.org.uk/articles/overflow2/

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?

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

Holy Oils: 1) the oil of the sick (for the sacrament of the anointing the sick), 2) the oil of the catechumens (for the sacrament of Baptism) and 3) the holy chrism oil (for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Ordination). These oils are blessed/consecrated by the Bishop ordinarily during the annual Chrism Mass and used in all parishes throughout the year.

Maunder Thursday Watch – adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament today recalls how Jesus invited his apostles to stay with him while he prayed. In a certain sense, Jesus challenges all of us to keep watch with him for at least one hour on Holy Thursday, as he challenged his apostles on that fateful night.

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.