

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen!

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 15 th April	5.00pm	Deceased of the Mooney Family	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Lina Skrodelis RIP	
Sun 16 th April	9.00am (Brownhills)	Fr. David K. (wellbeing) <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	2 nd SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
	11.00am	Thomas Buckley RIP <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	
	3.00pm	DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR	
Mon 17 th April	9.30am	Service of the Word and HC <i>(Devotion to St. Joseph after Service)</i>	Easter Feria
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 18 th April	9.30am (Brownhills)	Service of the Word and HC <i>(Devine Mercy after Service)</i>	Easter Feria
Wed 19 th April	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH	
Thurs 20 th April	12noon(Brownhills)	NO MASS	Easter Feria
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Fri 21 st April	9.30am	Service of the Word and HC <i>(Devine Mercy after Service)</i>	Easter Feria
Sat 22 nd April	5.00pm	Maria Gal RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP	
Sun 23 rd April	9.00am (Brownhills)	People of the Parish <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	3 rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
	11.00am	Clive Graham & Matthew Pratt RIP <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	
	12.30pm	Baptism	
	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 Marston RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Margaret Ritchie RIP

Our Lady's Light:

Joe & Rosemary Kane RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Arthur Davenport, Jannene Mills, Walter Corns, Ida Hadlington, Nina Appleby, Sarah Weir, Harriet Millar, Sandra Parry, Susan Healy, Rosemary Kane, William Phillips, Emma Davenport, Arthur Evans, Lorraine Macbeth, Thomas Buckley, Elizabeth Scarrett, Helea Wade and Maria Ilnicka

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Margaret Stans, Fr Anthony Browne, Grace Burton, Bridget Rees, Michael Toohey and Fr Kevin Donlon

Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen!

Happy Easter to all.

**May the Risen Lord fill you with Joy, Peace and Hope
this Easter Season and always!**

THANK YOU: to all volunteers from both parishes who helped to prepare for the celebrations during Holy Week especially the Easter Triduum: Deacon Tony, altar servers, the sacristans, those who led us with the singing, the flower and decoration team, the welcomers, and many others who worked behind the scene. May God bless you and all the good work that you are doing for His Church.

THANK YOU: for all your Easter cards and gifts, for your support and prayers. Please continue to pray for me so that I may always be a priest as the Lord wants me to be.

DIOCESAN VISION: *"We are called to be a Catholic diocese which is: faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour."* How can we put this statement into practice at the deanery and parish level? We will have a meeting at St. Joseph's on **Thursday 4th May at 7pm**. People from both parishes are invited.

ST. JOSEPH'S

EASTER CHURCH FLOWERS: are in loving memory of **Doris Salt, James Salt and Yvonne Horsley**. If you'd like to donate for flowers in church 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. *March winners: 1st Prize Una Stevens, 2nd Prize Martin Chamberlin, 3rd Prize John Brazier.* 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: We come back on **Tuesday 25th April** at 6.30pm. All are welcome from Years 6 & 7. This term we welcome Year 5 as well. 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

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. We will receive from the chalice again on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi, Sunday 11th June)

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£	£
1 st (GA)	£	£
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£	£
	£(GA)	£(GA)
S0	£549	£175
Total	£549	£175
Attended	270 (Sat & Sun)	110 (Sat & Sun)

ST. BERNADETTE'S

CONGRATULATIONS: to Garry who is baptised and confirmed Catholic this Sunday (16th April). May God bless him abundantly and help him to be a faithful witness to God's love and presence in the world.

CHURCH FLOWERS: If you'd like to donate for flowers in church during Easter season in loving memory of your loved ones, 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.

THANK YOU: for your support to the Easter Raffle. Please check if you won a prize from the back of the church. Thank you

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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?

Easter is not finished on Easter Sunday. The **fifty days** from Easter Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as **ONE** feast day.

Divine Mercy Sunday was added to the Church's Calendar in 2000 when Pope St. JP II canonised St. Faustina who received a private revelation from the Lord. The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins.

A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy.

Regina caeli

(Queen of Heaven)

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R E-gína cae-li * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-

ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,

alle-lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.