

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
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 (T/C after Mass)	3 rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
	11.00am	Clive Graham & Matthew Pratt RIP (T/C after Mass)	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Elsie Bond	
	3.00pm	NO Confirmation Class	
Mon 24 th April	9.30am	Irene and Wal Pownall RIP	Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 25 th April	9.00am (Brownhills)	Mass in school (St. Bernadette's)	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist
	6.30pm	Youth Group	
Wed 26 th April	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH	
Thurs 27 th April	9.15am	Mass in School (St. Joseph's)	Easter Feria
	12noon(Brownhills)	Roy Craddock RIP	
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Fri 28 th April	9.30am	John Nugent RIP	Easter Feria (Devine Mercy after Mass)
Sat 29 th April	5.00pm	Trevor Short (Health & Wellbeing)	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Lynda Jeffreys RIP	
Sun 30 th April	9.00am (Brownhills)	Intentions of Marion Early (nee McCarthy) (T/C after Mass)	4 th SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations
	11.00am	The Sweeney & Smyth Families (T/C after Mass)	
	3.00pm	NO 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:

Joe & Rosemary Kane RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Pat & Billy Greene RIP

Our Lady's Light:

Margaret Ritchie RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Elizabeth Scarrett, Healea Wade, Maria Ilnicka, Dorothy Ebery, John O'Brien, George Christopher Barton, Brendan Caulfield, Edna Kiggins, John Nugent, Nigel Rogers, Elizabeth Malley, Harry Bennett, Frances Westwood, Winifred Robinson, Emma Cannon, Paul Rogers, Margaret Swift and Mary Hyden

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Fr Kevin Donlon, Bridget Costello, John O'Brien, Francis Dowd

Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen!

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

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTIONS: St. Joseph's – £161.62, St. Bernadette's - £109.85. Christians in the Holy Land rely heavily on the help from the outside to survive there. Your contribution to this worldwide collection is to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land, caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Thank you for generosity.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH
(7pm Weds at St. Joseph's)**

The new FIVE session course called 'BELONG & BELIEVE' start on **Wed 26th April**. All are welcomed. "In our post-pandemic world, the need for vibrant and welcoming Christian communities has never been stronger. This new filmed course is a timely resource drawing on the immense wisdom and inspiration from our Celtic spiritual heritage helping us to find renewed faith and vision together."

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: 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. 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

CLEANING ROTA: The updated rota is now available for the team. Please check on the board or collect it. Thank you.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE: We will receive from the chalice again on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi, Sunday 11th June). 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 to return to your seat.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£173.67	£92.60
1 st (GA)	£170.00	£48.00
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£131.27	£61.08
	£29.50(GA)	£(GA)
S0	£549	£175
Total	£892.67	£315.60
Attended	270 (Sat & Sun)	69 (Sat & Sun)

ST. BERNADETTE'S

CONGRATULATIONS: to Garry who was baptised and confirmed Catholic last Sunday (16th April). Please pray for Dorian who will be received into the Church next Sunday (30th April) May God bless them & their families abundantly!

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

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

What is the meaning of transubstantiation?

Transubstantiation means the change of the whole substance of bread into the substance of the Body of Christ and of the whole substance of wine into the substance of his Blood. By the consecration, the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine, Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity

What is required to receive Holy Communion? To receive Holy Communion, one must be **fully incorporated** into the Catholic Church and be in the **state of grace**, that is, not conscious of being in mortal sin.

Regina caeli (Queen of Heaven)

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R E-gí-na cae-li * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem m

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

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