

# CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> April	5.00pm	Trevor Short (Health & Wellbeing)	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Lynda Jeffreys RIP	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am (Brownhills)	Intentions of Marion Early (nee McCarthy) (T/C after Mass)	4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  World Day of Prayer for Vocations
	11.00am	The Sweeney & the Smyth Families (T/C after Mass)	
	12.30pm	Baptisms of Autumn and Mila	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	6.30am	Rosary	Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker
	7.00pm	Brian Hatfield RIP	
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.00am (Brownhills)	Mass in school (St. Bernadette's)	Mem of St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Mass in School (St. Joseph's)	Feast of the English Martyrs
	12noon(Brownhills)	Sr. Marrieta Larkin RIP (anni)	
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
	7.00pm	Diocesan Vision Opening Meeting	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Dorothy Woszczylo RIP	Easter Feria (Devine Mercy after Mass)
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	Eddie McCann (Health & Wellbeing)	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	People of the Parish	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am (Brownhills)	People of the Parish (T/C after Mass)	5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER
	11.00am	People of the Parish (T/C after Mass)	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Rio	
	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:**

*Available*

**Sacred Heart's Light:**

*Fr. Linh's dad, Dominic*

**Our Lady's Light:**

*Intentions of John Brazier*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Elizabeth Malley, Harry Bennett, Frances Westwood, Winifred Robinson, Emma Cannon, Paul Rogers, Margaret Swift, Mary Hyden, Nancy Floyd, Margaret Tait, Maureen Parker, Cynthia St Lambert, Diane Low, Peter Carter, Louisa Inman, Rev Michael Byrne, Letitia Worth, Kathleen McGann, Martin Furlong, Agnes O'Mahoney, Molly McConnell, Anne MacInnes and June Ryan

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Gerald Delaney, Sid Whitehouse, Douglas Burton, Paul Wootton, Derek Weaver, Bishop Joseph Gray

**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 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**. People from both parishes are invited.

**Second Collection this week – Clergy Training Fund (CTF)**

The CTF exists to pay for the formation of the future priests and permanent deacons for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It costs approximately £200,000 over seven years of formation for one new priest (£25,000 - £30,000 per seminarian each year). This is a substantial amount of money, but it is essential because it covers seminary fees, living costs, travel and study materials. We rely solely on your generosity. Anything you can give - whether big or small - will help to provide future priests and deacons for our parishes.

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

**'BELONG & BELIEVE'** 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."

**Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen!**

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

## 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 (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:** Next session on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** 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 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.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> (loose)	£216.44	£93.83
1 <sup>st</sup> (GA)	£13.00	£77.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Col (Parish Maintenance)	£136.79	£67.37
	£52.05(GA)	£(GA)
S0	£549	£175
<b>Total</b>	<b>£778.44</b>	<b>£345.83</b>
<b>Attended</b>	<b>203</b> (Sat & Sun)	<b>75</b> (Sat & Sun)

## ST. BERNADETTE'S

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Dorian who are received into the Church and confirmed this Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> April) May God bless him and accompany him on his journey of faith.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** for your support for the Easter Raffle. We raised **£120** for the parish.

**THANK YOU:** During Lent, Sally Homes did the CAFOD 200K Walk, and she raised **£300**. Congratulations to Sally and thank you for your support.

**DATES FOR SACRAMENTS:** **First Holy Communion:** Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.  
**Confirmation:** Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July 10am by our Archbishop Bernard Longley. Please keep our children and their families in our prayers.

## 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.

**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/](http://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

**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.

**What is a mortal sin?** A mortal sin is one that "destroys in us the charity without which eternal beatitude is impossible. Unrepented, it brings eternal death" (CCC 1874). There are three ingredients in a mortal sin: (1) "**grave matter**," (2) "**full knowledge**," and (3) "**deliberate consent**." (CCC1857) Grave matter is specified by the **Ten Commandments** (CCC1858). The Ten Commandments lay out "the first principles" of the moral law; they're not an exhaustive list of every serious sin. The right question is this: is this the kind of behaviour that places something else above God or turns me away from God? If so, it's grave matter.

## Regina caeli (Queen of Heaven)

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R E-gína cæ-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.