

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 EASTER (Year A)

| DATE | TIME/PLACE | INTENTIONS | FEASTS |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Sat 6 th May | 5.00pm | Eddie McCann (Health & Wellbeing) | Sunday Vigil |
| | 6.30pm(Brownhills) | People of the Parish | |
| Sun 7 th May | 9.00am (Brownhills) | People of the Parish (T/C after Mass) | 5 th SUNDAY OF EASTER |
| | 11.00am | Martin Furlong RIP (T/C after Mass) | |
| | 12.30pm | Baptism of Rio | |
| | 3.00pm | Confirmation Class | |
| Mon 8 th May | 9.30am | Sr. Marrieta Larkin RIP (anni) | Easter Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass) |
| | 7.00pm | Rosary | |
| Tue 9 th May | 9.30am (Brownhills) | Celebrant's intention | Easter Feria (Devine Mercy after Mass) |
| | 6.30pm | Youth Group | |
| Wed 10 th May | 7.00pm | JOURNEY IN FAITH – 'BELONG AND BELIEVE' | |
| Thurs 11 th May | 12noon(Brownhills) | Celebrant's Intention | Easter Feria (Rosary after Mass) |
| | 6.00pm | HOLY HOUR | |
| Fri 12 th May | 9.30am | Celebrant's intention | Easter Feria (Devine Mercy after Mass) |
| Sat 13 th May | 5.00pm | People of the Parish (school led Mass) | Sunday Vigil |
| | 6.30pm(Brownhills) | People of the Parish | |
| Sun 14 th May | 9.00am (Brownhills) | People of the Parish (T/C after Mass) | 6 th SUNDAY OF EASTER |
| | 11.00am | People of the Parish (T/C after Mass) | |
| | 12.30pm | Baptism of Rory | |
| | 3.00pm | Confirmation Class | |

Please remember your parish in your will

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:

Available

Our Lady's Light:

Available

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Kathleen McGann, Martin Furlong, Agnes O'Mahoney, Molly McConnell, Anne MacInnes, June Ryan, Elizabeth Bailes, Audrey Galuszka, Winifred Geraghty, Robert Hardy, Olive Holloway, Alfred Floyd, Rev Francis Woodward, Mr H Walters, James Degregorio and Patricia Cantrill

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Bishop Joseph Gray, Margaret Mealey, Norman Phillips, Frank Harris, Martin Collins, Frank Borg, Teresa Mercer and Bogustaw Zalewa

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?

The next phase of the process is a **choice** of two meetings across the deanery with clergy and parishioners from other parishes: one will be on **Thursday May 25th from 6.30 pm till 8.30 pm** in Walsall. The other will be in Tamworth on **Saturday May 27th from 1.00 pm till 3.00 pm**. People from both parishes are invited to attend.

MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pray to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (*Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1*)

The most popular devotion to our Mother is **to pray the Rosary**. Please make our effort to say the Rosary together at home or at church to pray for vocations, for peace in the world, for our parish communities and for our families. "*The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary.*" (**Pope Pius XI**) "*After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary.*" (**Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche**)

Rosary at church: Monday evenings **7pm** (St. Joseph's), Thursdays after **12 noon** Mass (St. Bernadette's)

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: Next session on **Tuesday 23rd 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 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.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES: **Saturday 20th May at 11am.** Please keep the children and their families in our prayers.

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).

MASS INTENTIONS: Do consider having Masses said for your intentions, and those of your nearest and dearest. Mass Offering Envelopes are at the back of the church. Thank you.

Financial Information

| Church | St. Joseph's | St. Bernadette's |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st (loose) | £198.37 | £92.70 |
| 1st (GA) | £10.00 | £67 |
| 2nd Col (Clergy Training Fund) | £250.79 | £108.39 |
| | £43.00(GA) | £55.50(GA) |
| S0 | £549 | £175 |
| Total | £757.37 | £334.70 |
| Attended | 217 (Sat & Sun) | 73 (Sat & Sun) |

ST. BERNADETTE'S

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: Do consider having Masses said for your intentions, and those of your nearest and dearest. Mass Offering Envelopes are at the back of the church. Thank you.

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

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

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-gí-na 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.