

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 22 nd July	5.00pm	Fr. Paul's Anniversary of Ordination	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Bryan Dalley RIP	
Sun 23 rd July	9.00am (Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	16 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>World Day for Grandparents and Elderly</i>
	11.00am	Deceased of the Honan Family <i>T/C after Mass)</i>	
Mon 24 th July	9.30am	Maureen Barnes (to get well from operation)	Feria <i>(Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)</i>
	6.30pm	Rosary	
	7.00pm	Mass for increasing of vocations	
Tue 25 th July	9.00am (Brownhills)	End of Year Mass in school (Intention of Mrs Thao)	Feast of St James, Apostle
Wed 26 th July	4.00pm	Reception of Breda Tams	NO JOURNEY IN FAITH – SUMMER BREAK
	7.00pm		
Thurs 27 th July	10.15am	Funeral Mass of Breda Tams	Feria
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Fri 28 th July	9.30am	Margaret Allcott RIP	Feria <i>(Devine Mercy after Mass)</i>
Sat 29 th July	5.00pm	James Gartland RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	All priests	
Sun 30 th July	9.00am (Brownhills)	People of the Parish <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	17 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00pm	Martin Whelan RIP <i>T/C after Mass)</i>	

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:

If you'd like a candle to be burnt for a week in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention, we are asking for a donation of **£7/candle**. Please put the donation in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Light', 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:

Pat & Denys Flynn RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

People of the Parish

Our Lady's Light:

Joe & Rosemary Kane RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Teresa Myring, Alice Abbey, William Water, Edward Kavanagh, Pauline Geraghty, Timothy O'Reilly, Frederick Thompson, Gwendoline Newbrook, John Gill, Margaret Taylor, Jerzy Sniezko-Blocki, Emma Bickley, John Larnar and Vincent Cooke,

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Bernadette Bannister, Joan Collins, Michael Donaghey, John Doherty, Gladys Clark, Jo Murray, Olwen Malynn, Frank Madden, Flavia Stanley, Lily Payne and Michael Barry

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Trevor Short, Breda Tams** and **Dorothy Walters** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families during this difficult time. **Breda's** funeral – **Reception:** Wednesday 26th July 4pm and **Funeral Mass** Thursday 27th July 10.15am. **Dorothy's** funeral will be informed in due course. May they rest in Peace!

THANK YOU

I'd like to express my sincere thank-you to all for your cards and gifts, especially for your prayers and support. A BIG thank-you to the people of both parishes for making my 10th anniversary such a celebration, especially those who helped with the liturgy: Deacon Tony, altar servers, the choir & the 3Js music group, the flower arranging team, children from St. Joseph's and St. Theresa's Primary School; those who helped with the car park, those who set up the hall and the gazebo outside, those who prepared food and brought food to share, those who helped to serve food and drinks, those who stayed behind to clean and tidy up, and all those who helped in so many other ways to make the celebration so special. All who attended really had a great time. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart! Please continue to pray for me so that I may always be a priest as the Lord wants me to be. THANK YOU. Fr. Linh

**PRAYER - WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
(Sun 23rd July)**

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You, to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth, so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation, that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit, and that beyond it, lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.

ST. JOSEPH'S

PARISH MONTHLY DRAW: Only £5/month to win £150 (1st Prize) every month. 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. *June winners 1st Prize Fr P Mileham, 2nd T Kelly and 3rd M Barnes*

YOUTH GROUP: will be taking a summer break. Next session on **Tuesday 12th September** at 6.30pm, All are welcome from Years 6, 7 & 8. Open from 6.15pm. Cost £1. Every 2nd and 4th Tues 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.

BURNTWOOD FOOD BANK URGENT NEEDS: long-life milk, rice pudding, baked beans, custard, tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, biscuits, tinned meat, pasta sauce, tinned vegetables. Please help if you can.

THANK YOU: to everyone who sponsored Richard McCormick with his Firewalk on 24th June. In total Richard raised **£295** for the Heart of Tamworth Charity. So far the Firewalk event has raised £21,000 and is continuing to receive donations. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU: The CAFOD group would like to say thank you for the huge parish response to the Seeds campaign. We filled two posters! These have been sent to CAFOD and will be forwarded to the World Bank. The next CAFOD meeting is on Saturday September 9th at 10am. All welcome.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£402.43	£51.64
1 st (GA)	£10.00	£86.00
2 nd Col Building Maintenance)	£191.15	£98.89
	£26.56(GA)	£23.50(GA)
S0	£549	£175
Total	£961.43	£312.64
Attended	262 (Sat & Sun)	62 (Sat & Sun)

ST. BERNADETTE'S

CHURCH GROUNDS TIDY UP on Saturday 5th August from 9.30am -12.30pm. We need for volunteers for this. Plenty of tools and equipment available but it will be helpful if you can bring your own, including garden/safety gloves in particular. Children are welcome. In the event of any queries, please contact Andy - 0771 445 8602

THE PRESBYTERY: There will be a priest to reside at 40 Warren Place. His name is Fr. Paul Lester. More arrangements and details will follow. Watch this space!

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.

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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

"Journey in Faith" on Wednesday evenings will take a summer break until September. The first session in September will be on Wednesday 13th September.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Wednesday 2nd August 7pm and Wednesday 23rd August 7pm
All welcome!

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send labourers into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood,
diaconate and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,
so that those whom you call, have the courage
to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Divine Vocations

Pray for us!

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:

(27th Nov – 4th Dec (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. There are only few places left.

SCAM EMAIL ALERT: DO NOT reply to any emails using my name (Fr. Linh) but not under the emails given in the newsletter asking for financial help in any way.

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. **Please note: NO Repair Café in August.**

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

Why going to Sunday Mass is absolutely necessary? Sunday Mass fulfils *God's law* (Third Commandment). It's our *duty* to give Him the worship He deserves, and our *loving response* to the God who has loved us first.

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". Three ingredients in a mortal sin: (1) "grave matter," (2) "full knowledge," and (3) "deliberate consent." Grave matter is specified by the **Ten Commandments**. The right question to ask: is this the kind of behaviour that places something else above God or turns me away from God? If so, it's grave matter.

THE ANGELUS PRAYER

∞ The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

∞ Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail..

∞ And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

∞ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. 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.

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

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