

# CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> August	5.00pm	Margaret Allcott RIP (Blessing of Iris' Plaque)	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Donald Weaver RIP	
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am (Brownhills)	Anne Marie Cooper (get well) (T/C after Mass)	21 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Vincent O'Brien RIP (T/C after Mass)	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Melody	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Celebrant's intention (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)	Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doc of the Church
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am (Brownhills)	Marion Early (recovery) (Divine Mercy after Mass)	Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> August		<b>JOURNEY IN FAITH WILL RETURN ON 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> August	12 noon(Brownhills)	Anne Marie Cooper (get well)	Feria
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	9.30am	Celebrant's intention	Feria (Divine Mercy after Mass)
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	5.00pm	Terry Reeves RIP (5 <sup>th</sup> anni)	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Joan Hart RIP	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	9.00am (Brownhills)	Thanksgiving (Luz) (T/C after Mass)	22 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Raymond Casey RIP (T/C after Mass)	

**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:**

*Brazier Family*

**Sacred Heart's Light:**

*Dominic Nguyen RIP*

**Our Lady's Light:**

*Ken Poole RIP*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Teresa Cormican, Patricia Greene, Josephine Kimberley, Anthony Nixon, Margaret Evans, Elizabeth Jones, Kenneth Poole, Anneie Lupane, Agnes Young, Mark Abbey, Adela Westwood, Bernard Dowd, Maureen Walsh, Nine Sniezko-Blocka, Ada Wiggins, Silva Coutts, Bernard Evans, Boguslav Lys, Mary Guise, Margaret Reilly Sister Paschal, Constance Carter,

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Jane Meacham, William Mellor, Fr John Feeley, John Donaghey, Amelia Bentley, Lily Keeling, Betty Mealey, Catherine Mealey, Colleen Farnell, Thomas Humphreys, and Kevin Mealey

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2023**

March for life UK happens in London on **Saturday 2 September**. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. **Abortion** destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live, and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. For more info: [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**Harvington Centenary Pilgrimage -  
Sunday 3 Sept 2023**

At Harvington Hall, around 1590, devout Humphrey Pakington instigated the building of seven priest hides, secret chambers where recusant clergy could take refuge from the pursuivants who might be hunting them. **Hall opens: Midday, Confessions: 1.45pm – 2.30 pm, Mass: 3.00 pm.** FREE PARKING. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to pilgrims on the day and can be booked at the table in the Hall's courtyard upon arrival. Any queries: [stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** (salary £33K-35K)

Heart of Tamworth was established by the parish of St John the Baptist in Tamworth and is based at Sacred Heart Church. It is a registered charity and is now looking to appoint an Operations Manager. The post-holder will manage HoT's day-to-day operations, contribute to the ongoing development of the charity's role and strategic objectives, lead and support nominated team members and volunteers, manage the new HoT Shop and prepare applications for funding. **More info:** poster at the back of the church OR email [office@heartoftamworth.org](mailto:office@heartoftamworth.org) Closing date is **Friday 1st September**. Interviews and an assessment centre will take place on Tuesday 19th September 2023.

**CURSILLO ENCOUNTER EVENING**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm – 9pm, at St. Austin's Church, Stafford ST17 4AW.** An opportunity to learn more about **Cursillo** – for "an encounter with God, others and self" – and to hear talks and testimonies from Catholics like you in our Archdiocese. Please contact Paul Northam in the Diocesan Office for Mission if you'd like to know more: [paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk)

**HERITAGE OPEN DAYS** - Visit St

**Chad's**, the first Catholic Cathedral to be built in England after the Reformation. St Chad's Cathedral is offering tours on **Friday 8, Saturday 9 and Saturday 16 September**. Booking essential. To book please email [karla.lowes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:karla.lowes@rcaob.org.uk) or call 0121 230 6215.

## ST. JOSEPH'S

**CHURCH FLOWERS** If you'd like to donate for flowers in church in loving memory of your loved ones, please put donation and intention note in an envelope and hand it to Fr. Linh

**PARISH MONTHLY DRAW:** Only £5/month to win £150 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES IN OUR CHURCH:** to have a memorial plaque with the name(s) of our loved one(s) bonded to the interior church wall, please contact Dave King 07831 858443 or [glynn.king1@ntlworld.com](mailto:glynn.king1@ntlworld.com). Forms are also at the back of the church.

### **"FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND" - LICHFIELD**

#### **Forthcoming Events:**

**"INFORMATION EVENING"** - 7pm  
Wednesday **27/09/23** at Holy Cross Church (Community Room)

**"QUIZ NIGHT"** - 7.30pm Sat **07/10/23** at Holy Cross Church (Community Room)  
10 teams of 6 people @ £10 per head (meal included). Please email [vic.decosta@gmail.com](mailto:vic.decosta@gmail.com) to enter a team.

## **Financial Information**

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
<b>1<sup>st</sup> (loose)</b>	<b>£162.53</b>	<b>£73.20</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> (GA)</b>	<b>£286.00</b>	<b>£93.50</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Col (Parish Maintenance)</b>	£98.47	£37.21
	£30.00(GA)	£24.50(GA)
<b>SO</b>	<b>£549</b>	<b>£175</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£997.53</b>	<b>£311.70</b>
<b>Attended</b>	<b>136</b> (Sat & Sun)	<b>59</b> (Sat & Sun)

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**THE PRESBYTERY:** The house is still unoccupied. Whenever you can, please keep an eye on it to make sure everything is OK. I will keep you update on this matter. 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.

**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.

## **VOCATION PROMOTION TEAM**

***The purpose is to help develop a culture of vocations.***  
This could be by: **Praying** together for vocations in our Archdiocese, especially for our seminarians and men in formation for the permanent diaconate, **fostering an awareness** of all vocations within the Church, helping to organise vocations events for young people, **fundraising** for the Clergy Training Fund, and so on. If you'd like to join the team, please come along for the first meeting to discuss more on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm**  
*"In a Church which is totally vocational, all are vocations promoters." (In Verbo tuo... 6)*

## 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:**

*(27<sup>th</sup> Nov – 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801). There are only few places left.

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

**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**

**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.