

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 2 nd September	5.00pm	Terry Reeves RIP (5 th anni)	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Joan Hart RIP	
Sun 3 rd September	9.00am (Brownhills)	Thanksgiving (Luz) (T/C after Mass)	22 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Raymond Casey RIP (T/C after Mass)	
Mon 4 th September	9.30am	Rebecca (healing) and family	Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 5 th September	9.30am (Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper (to get well)	Feria (Devine Mercy after Mass)
	6.30pm	Youth Group	
Wed 6 th September	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH returns on <u>WED 13th SEP</u>	
Thurs 7 th September	9.15am	New School-Year Mass (Mass in school)	Feria (Rosary after Mass)
	12 noon(Brownhills)	Thanksgiving (Luz)	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
	7.15pm	Vocation Support Group Meeting	
Fri 8 th September	9.30am	Doris Salt RIP (Devine Mercy after Mass)	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 9 th September	10.00am	CAFOD MEETING	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	People who lost their faith	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Terry Reeves RIP (5 th anni)	
Sun 10 th September	9.00am (Brownhills)	People of the Parish (T/C after Mass)	23 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	All Priests (T/C after Mass)	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Matilda	

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:

Terry Reeves RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Shilton Family

Our Lady's Light:

Arthur & Winifred Bradbury RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Boguslav Lys, Mary Guise, Margaret Reilly Sister Paschal, Constance Carter, Winifred Stanley, Doris Malley, Andrew Young, Jaduya Hood, Evelyn Matthews and Nora McCann

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Kevin Mealey, Mary Browne, Annie Phelan, Annie Woodhouse, Winifred Mealey and Mark Sander

September - Pope's Prayer Intention

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

PARISH SICK LIST

If you'd like your name or the names of your loved ones to be added on the sick list, please fill in the consent form (written or verbal), available at the back of the church and return it to Fr. Linh or the parish office.

Father Hudson's Care

We would like to invite you to a Welcoming Church Event on **Saturday 16th September at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Bristol Road, Birmingham, at 10am – 3:30pm**. The individual sessions will cover how parishes can support older people, refugees, people with disabilities and those who are homeless, creating a plan to make real change. To learn more email: kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk

CURSILLO ENCOUNTER EVENING

Thursday 7th 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

**Journey in Faith -
the Creed in Slow Motion**

"The Creed is the spiritual seal, our heart's meditation and an ever-present guardian: it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul" (St. Ambrose)

Starting on Wednesday 13th September and running every Wednesday until Christmas,

we will look at the Creed line by line. Maybe there are times when you recite the Creed in Mass and don't fully appreciate its meaning. Maybe there are words or phrases that you don't understand. Whatever the case, this is an excellent opportunity to reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on what we believe and why we believe it. Each session will begin at **7pm** with tea or coffee. There will be a talk followed by an opportunity for discussion in small groups. All welcome!

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 (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.

YOUTH GROUP: will start again this week. Next session on **Tuesday 5th 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.

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. Forms are also at the back of the church.

CAFOD MEETING: The CAFOD group will meet again at church on **Saturday 9th Sep 10am**. New members are always welcomed.

EDUCATION SUNDAY falls on the second Sunday of September (10th). It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. Please keep our schools in our prayers as they begin the new academic year. **Second Collection** next week is for **Catholic Education Service**.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£199.75	£75.33
1 st (GA)	£32.00	£49.50
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£85.43	£84.89
	£43.50(GA)	£12.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£780.75	£299.83
Attended	154 (Sat & Sun)	59 (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 7th 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.

"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 to enter a team.

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,
℟. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

✠ Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

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

✠ And the Word was made flesh.

℟. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

✠ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

℟. 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.