

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 9 th September	5.00pm	People who lost their faith	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Terry Reeves RIP (5 th anni)	
Sun 10 th September	9.00am (Brownhills)	Anthony Oxley RIP (T/C after Mass)	23 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	All Priests (T/C after Mass)	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Matilda	
Mon 11 th September	9.30am	James Salt RIP	Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	3.00pm(Brownhills)	Interment of Vera's ashes	
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 12 th September	9.00am (Brownhills)	Mass in school	Feria (Devine Mercy after Mass)
	5.00pm	Mass for teachers, staff & governors of St. Joseph's school (Bring & Share after Mass)	
Wed 13 th September	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH – All welcome	
Thurs 14 th September	9.30am	Yvonne Horsley RIP	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Rosary after Mass)
	12 noon(Brownhills)	Catherine Dympna Baxter RIP	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Fri 15 th September	9.30am	Joeleen Brazier RIP (1 st anni) (Devine Mercy after Mass)	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat 16 th September	5.00pm	Bernadette Leydon RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Anthony Oxley RIP	
Sun 17 th September	9.00am (Brownhills)	John Scott RIP	24 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Marie Green 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:

Maureen Van Hagen RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Our Lady's Light:

James Hawkins RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Jaduya Hood, Evelyn Matthews, Nora McCann, Veronica Toddington, James Hawkins, Michael Ellis and Catherine Morrall

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Mark Sander, Dennis Bradbury, Peggy Bevington, Alice Dunwell, Janet Stevenson, Rose Nelson, John Mealey and Margaret Burton

SICK IN THE PARISH

Please keep those who are sick and housebound from the two parishes in our prayers, especially:

St. Joseph's: Lisa Nock, Cath Twyman, Eddie McCann, Sheila O'Connor

St. Bernadette's: Agnes Cronin, Anne-Marie Cooper.

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them.

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

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Bowen** who died recently. Details of Robert's funeral will be informed in due course. May he rest in Peace!

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.

**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 this weekend are in **thanksgiving for the Baptism of Matilda**

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.

JACQUELINE'S JAUNTS to Trentham Gardens on Saturday 9 December. Admission to the garden illuminations has to be pre booked. If interested please contact Jackie on 684582 or 07739422387 for more details.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£189.80	£78.67
1 st (GA)	£17.00	£53.00
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£146.24	£54.02
	£70.50(GA)	£9.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£755.80	£306.67
Attended	156 (Sat & Sun)	59 (Sat & Sun)

ST. BERNADETTE'S

CONGRATULATIONS: to Sheila and Brian Green who celebrate their diamond jubilee (60 years) of marriage this weekend. May the Lord continue to bless them and their family.

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

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.

Saltmine Theatre Company is a professional touring theatre company with a Christian ethos (www.saltminetrust.org.uk). We tour into churches, schools and theatres around the UK. We have been booked by St Joseph's & St. Theresa's Primary in Burntwood to perform our new online safety play *Blast Off* to their pupils in October. We are now looking for Christian hosts for one male actor and two female actors when they tour to the Burntwood area. **Can you host a Christian actor on Tuesday 17th October?**

WHO: one male, two females, all Christians and in their 20s-30s (the team have their own transport and don't have to stay together). All of them are tall, so will need adult beds, not children's beds (sorry if this sounds obvious). The girls can share a room but not a bed please. **Please note – two of the team are allergic to animal hair (especially cats) so should not be in a house with pets. One of the actors is allergic to all nuts, including coconut and sesame seeds.** **WHAT'S REQUESTED:** we ask hosts to provide a bed for the night and breakfast on Wednesday morning (breakfast usually being something to 'grab and go' early in the morning before they head to school). If anyone can help or has any questions, please do call me (Joanna) on 01384 454807 or email creative@saltmine.org.

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.