

# 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	5.00pm	Douglas Thompson RIP ( <i>birthday</i> )	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	Fr. David Mellor RIP	
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am (Brownhills)	Brian & Sheila Green ( <i>diamond jubilee thanksgiving</i> )	25 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Philomina Jacob RIP	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Saoirse	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Sally D'Costa ( <i>Birthday</i> )	Feria
	7.00pm	Rosary	( <i>Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass</i> )
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am (Brownhills)	Kerys Johnson ( <i>return to good health</i> )	Feria ( <i>Devine Mercy after Mass</i> )
	11.30am	Funeral Service of Arthur Guise ( <i>Cannock Chase Crematorium</i> )	
	6.30pm	Youth Group	
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH - All welcome	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention ( <i>with Year 4</i> )	Feria
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Celebrant's Intention	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
	7.15pm	Parish Outreach Meeting	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention ( <i>Devine Mercy after Mass</i> )	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am (Brownhills)	Baptism of Freddie	Sunday Vigil ( <i>Commitment Mass of children preparing for the sacraments</i> )
	5.00pm	Pauline Brazier RIP ( <i>anniversary</i> )	
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	Royden Page RIP	
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.00am (Brownhills)	Brian & Sheila Green ( <i>diamond jubilee thanksgiving</i> )	26 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Elizabeth Honan RIP	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Freddie	

**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:**

*Douglas Thompson RIP*

**Sacred Heart's Light:**

*Douglas Thompson RIP*

**Our Lady's Light:**

*Margaret Hubble (wedding anniversary)*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Mary Preston, Cecilia Wharton, Terence Furlong, Elsie Aston, Des McNamara, Charlotte Hughes, Jeanette Shanahan, Paul Nugent, Jennifer Gilbert, Michael Dewsbury, Pauline Brazier and Myles Tracey

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Ellen Woodhall, Colin Knowles, Cara Meeham, Tom Wyer, Patrick Mountford, Alec Mason, Mary Kelly, Margaret Duggan and Shirley-Ann Gray

**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, Monica Roberts, Patricia Harper, Thelma Waters, Jacqueline Perry, Maureen Dewsbury

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

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.*

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Robert Bowen, Arthur Guise** and **Michael Bryant** who died recently. **Arthur's** funeral service at Cannock Chase Crematorium is on 26/09/23 at 11.30am. **Robert's** Reception 4pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct., Funeral Mass: 10am Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> October. **Michael's** funeral will be informed in due course. May they rest in Peace!

**OCTOBER - POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - FOR THE SYNOD**

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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

**Wednesday Evenings 7pm.** 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.

On these sessions, we will look at the Creed line by line. There will be a talk followed by an opportunity for discussion in small groups. All welcome!

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK**

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**FATHER HUDSON'S SOCIETY**

This is the Social Care Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham which is to offer help and support people in need, improving their quality of life. "We provide a range of services for people who are disadvantaged, marginalised or experiencing need. We work with people from all walks of life, offering friendship, care and support."

More info: [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

## ST. JOSEPH'S

**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:** Next session on **Tuesday 26<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.

**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.

**CAFOD'S RESPONSE TO VICTIMS IN MOROCCO AND LIBYA.** We have placed a **scratch card** in the lobby to help raise funds for the disasters in Libya and Morocco. £1 per go. First prize £25, second prize £10. Please help if you can. Thank you for your support. To donate online: [cafod.org.uk/news/emergenciesnews/moroccoearthquakelibyaflooding?form=libyafloodsappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/news/emergenciesnews/moroccoearthquakelibyaflooding?form=libyafloodsappeal).

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

**OUTREACH:** We need some volunteers who are willing on behalf of the parish to visit those parishioners who are unable to come to church or haven't been to church for a long time. The purpose is to rebuild the community life of the parish and to make these people feel that they are loved and cared, and not ignored and abandoned. **The meeting for volunteers is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sep, 7.15pm**

## Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 <sup>st</sup> (loose)	£186.06	£80.41
1 <sup>st</sup> (GA)	£45.00	£91.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Col (Catholic Evangelisation)	£138.43	£66.36
	£76.30(GA)	£11.50(GA)
SO	£549	£175
<b>Total</b>	<b>£780.06</b>	<b>£346.91</b>
<b>Attended</b>	<b>157</b> (Sat & Sun)	<b>77</b> (Sat & Sun)

## ST. BERNADETTE'S

**CAFOD'S RESPONSE TO VICTIMS IN MOROCCO AND LIBYA:** To donate online: [cafod.org.uk/news/emergenciesnews/moroccoearthquakelibyaflooding?form=libyafloodsappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/news/emergenciesnews/moroccoearthquakelibyaflooding?form=libyafloodsappeal). You can also speak to Sally Holmes for more information.

**CHURCH FLOWERS** 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** are 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 17<sup>th</sup> October?** If anyone can help or has any questions, please do call me (Joanna) on 01384 454807 or email [creative@saltmine.org](mailto:creative@saltmine.org).

## CHILDREN - CLOSE TO GOD COMPETITION

Where do you feel close to God? Take a photo of the place (you can be in the picture too but don't have to be!). Please put your full name and school on the back and place in the box at the back of church. The best photo will win a fantastic mystery prize! **Closing date Sun 29<sup>th</sup> October. Winner announced Sun 5<sup>th</sup> November.**

## 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](mailto: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.