

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 30 th September	5.00pm	Pauline Brazier RIP (anniversary)	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Royden Page RIP	
Sun 1 st October	9.00am (Brownhills)	Brian & Sheila Green (diamond jubilee thanksgiving)	26 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Elizabeth Honan RIP (T/C after Mass)	
Mon 2 nd October	9.30am	Susan Duffy (seriously ill)	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 3 rd October	9.00am(Brownhills)	Mass in school (St. Bernadette's)	Feria (Devine Mercy after Mass)
Wed 4 th October	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH - All welcome	
Thurs 5 th October	9.30am	Margaret Kelly RIP (with Year 5)	Feria
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP (Rosary after Mass)	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Fri 6 th October	9.30am	Dorothy Walters RIP (Devine Mercy after Mass)	Feria
Sat 7 th October	12.00pm(Brownhills)	Baptism of Teddie	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Damian Kelly (Wellbeing)	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Agnes Cronin (Wellbeing)	
Sun 8 th October	9.00am (Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP (T/C after Mass)	27 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Margaret Kelly 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:

James Salt RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Mooney Family

Our Lady's Light:

Iris Van Hagen RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Jennifer Gilbert, Michael Dewsbury, Pauline Brazier, Myles Tracey, Mary Brindley, John Breeze, Joan Ward, Andrew Fleming, Philomena Whitehouse, Frank Wright, Patrick Ward, Amy White, Richard Pountney, John Stokes, Joan Bird and Sidney Nicholls

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Sharon Welsh, Stanley Cotterill, Mike Petryk, Edith Fitzpatrick, Michael Green and Arthur Guest

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Robert Bowen** and **Patricia Harper** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families during this difficult time. **Robert's** Reception 4pm Tuesday 10th Oct., Funeral Mass: 10am Wed. 11th October. **Patricia's** funeral details will be informed in due course. May they rest in Peace!

St. Bernadette's: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anne-Marie Cooper** who died on Tuesday. We extend our deepest sympathy to the whole family during this difficult time. **Anne-Marie's** funeral details: **Reception: 4pm Mon 30th Oct, Funeral Mass: 10am Tue 31st Oct.** May she rest in Peace!

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, Thelma Waters, Maureen Dewsbury

St. Bernadette's: Agnes Cronin, Irene Dunwell, Veronica Bubb, Joan Collins, Peter Ford, Cathy Carver, Shirley Smith

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.

Second Collection NEXT WEEKEND is for CAFOD FAST. Envelopes given today will be collected next week. Thank you

**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. 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!

YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our Youth Group is taking place twice a month (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) 6.30pm – 8pm. The group has now been nicely established. The number of young people coming every time is stable. **We urgently NEED more adult volunteers to help.** If you can please let Fr. Linh know or contact Elaine: helen_ilsley@hotmail.com

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.

YOUTH GROUP: Next session on **Tuesday 10th October** 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.

JACQUELINE'S JAUNTS TRENTHAM GARDENS coach trip on Saturday 9 December is now just to the garden centre and shopping village, no Christmas lights this year. Cost £20.00 and leaving St Joseph's at 10.00. please contact Jackie if interested on 01543 684582 or 07739422387.

CAFOD'S RESPONSE TO DISASTERS 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH OUTREACH: Our next meeting: **Thurs 19 Oct, 7.15pm**. We are discussing how to reach out to members of the parish who need a company for friendship and spiritual support. All are welcomed to the meeting. We do need more **volunteers** for this ministry. If you or somebody you know may need this support, please let Fr. Linh know.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1st (loose)	£168.89	£73.72
1st (GA)	£35.00	£65.00
2nd Col (Fr Hudson's Society)	£246.02	£55.54
	£(GA)	£28.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£752.89	£313.72
Attended	188 (Sat & Sun)	78 (Sat & Sun)

ST. BERNADETTE'S

CAFOD'S RESPONSE TO DISASTERS IN MOROCCO AND LIBYA: To donate online: cafod.org.uk/news/emergenciesnews/moroc-coearthquakelibyaflooding?form=libyafloodsa ppeal. 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.

A Corporal Work of Mercy: Visit the prisoner

God calls each of us in different ways to serve Him and our neighbour. This prisons week, you are invited to join a live Zoom meeting online to hear the testimony of how a lay prison chaplain became involved in prison ministry and evangelisation. Those over the age of 18 are welcome and there will be time for Q&A and prayer. These hour-long informal talks will happen this month of October and will contain the same content: **Tue 10th at 20:00, Wed 11th at 20:00, Friday 13th at 12:30**. For the Zoom link, please email claz.gomez@justice.gov.uk with your preferred day of attendance, and roughly where you are located. You'll be emailed back with the link.

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 29th October. Winner announced Sun 5th November.**

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS & THEIR FAMILIES

Loving God, pour out your blessing upon our beloved children, that during this time of sacramental preparation they may grow closer to you, and come to know your special love for them.

Bless their parents and families who have been entrusted with the development and nurturing of their child's growth and spiritual formation. Bless them in their willingness, to prepare their children for these sacraments, so that they, together with their children, may grow more deeply in faith and love.

May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for our families and our community, and unite us all in your great love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: "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.

COMMUNITY STORE AT SANKEY'S CORNER: where food can be bought at very reasonable rates. Open on Mondays, Weds and Fridays from 10.30am to 2.30pm

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.