

# CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> October	5.00pm	Vincent O'Connor RIP ( <i>anniv.</i> )	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Ellen & Jim Molloy RIP	
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am (Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP	30 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OT (CaFod Harvest with produce sale after Mass)
	11.00am	Donna Sault RIP( <i>T/C after Mass</i> )	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	Margaret James RIP	Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	4.00pm (Brownhills)	Reception of Anne-Marie Cooper	
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> October	10.00am(Brownhills)	Funeral Mass of Anne-Marie Cooper	Feria (Devine Mercy after Mass)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> November	9.30am	Margaret Kelley RIP	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (Holyday of Obligation)
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Kathleen MacNamara RIP	
	7.00pm	People of the Parish	
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.30am	Deceased Parishioners	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Deceased Parishioners & Clergy ( <i>Rosary after Mass</i> )	
	3.30pm	Funeral Service of Sandra Horton at Cannock Chase Crem	
	7.00pm	Deceased Clergy	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	10.00am	John & Kathleen Kilgarriff RIP	Feria
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> November	5.00pm	Christine Rogers RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP	
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am (Brownhills)	Deceased of Precz, Kurek, Sorek and Jaggs Families ( <i>T/C after Mass</i> )	31 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Ken Barnes RIP( <i>T/C after Mass</i> )	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Aren	

**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:**  
*Joan and baby in hospital*

**Sacred Heart's Light:**  
*Damian Kelly*

**Our Lady's Light:**  
*Private Intention (EW)*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Kathleen Kilgarriff, George Robinson, Lucy Stretton, Francis Dobson, Winifred Hanson, Margaret Woods, Catherine Longbottom, Maureen Clarke, Charlotte Porter, William Geraghty, Norman Roberts, Ellen Marriott, Henry Cartwright, Noreen Banks and Dorothea O'Donnell

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Pauline Small, Michael Hession, Lionel Nelson, Pat Price, Margaret Petryk, Stella Wood and Mary Walsh

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Sandra Horton** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family during this difficult time. **Sandra's** Funeral Service on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 3.30pm at Cannock Chase Crematorium. May she rest in Peace!

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

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION  
NOVEMBER**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**SICK IN THE PARISH**

Please keep those who are sick and housebound in our prayers, especially:

**St. Joseph's:** Lisa Nock, Cath Twyman, Eddie McCann, Sheila O'Connor, Monica Roberts, Thelma Waters, Maureen Dewsbury, Nonie Gamble.

**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.

**NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

**CASKET FOR HOLY SOULS**

*Please place the names of your loved ones in the casket in front of the altar, with or without donation). They will be remembered at every Mass during this month of November.*

**MASSES FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**Mon 13th Nov 7pm (St. Joseph's):** for the deceased parishioners passed in the last 12 months

**Mon 20th Nov 7pm (St. Bernadette's):** for the deceased parishioners passed in the last 12 months

**BLESSING OF GRAVES**

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1pm** – St. Matthew's (Burntwood Cemetery)

**3pm** – Barnetts Lane Cemetery Brownhills

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, 3pm** – Chase & District Memorial Park

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1pm** – St. John's Cemetery (Hammerwich)

**What can we do for our loved ones?**

*Pray for the Holy Souls with any kinds of devotional prayer such as the Eternal Rest Prayer, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy, the Novena, Eucharistic Adoration....*

**Almsgiving** - give to charity with the intention of helping the poor souls. **Sacrifice & Mortification** - give up something small for the intention of providing relief for the Holy Souls in purgatory, or add an extra devotion, especially when you don't feel like it. **Attending Mass** for the Holy Souls. **Having a Mass** said for them.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> November** 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.

**JACQUELINE'S JAUNTS** would those going to **TRENTHAM GARDENS** on Saturday 9 December pay the amount of £20.00 as soon as possible. There are a few seats still available. Please contact Jackie on 684582 or 07739422387.

**FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** to give a small Christmas present to those in need this Christmas. We are looking for: **nice toiletries (men's and women's), hats/scarves/socks (to keep warm), selection boxes for children, and toys.** Please place these items (wrapped or unwrapped) in the usual Food Bank Box in the Hall.

**CAFOD: this Sunday (October 29<sup>th</sup>)** we'll be holding our **Harvest Celebration** followed by a produce sale. Donations of fruit and veg and preserves very welcome. Please bring on the day. Thank you.

**PARISH OUTREACH:** We have formed a team of volunteers to visit members of the parish who need a company for friendship. If you or somebody you know especially those who live on their own/housebound and may need a friendly visit, please inform Fr. Linh or the parish office. We will arrange for a visit directly with them. With your help, we will be able to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you.

## Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 <sup>st</sup> (loose)	£203.07	£117.62
1 <sup>st</sup> (GA)	£41.00	£65.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Col (World Mission)	£198.43	£109.75
	£(GA)	£20.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
<b>Total</b>	<b>£793.07</b>	<b>£357.62</b>
<b>Attended</b>	<b>210</b> (Sat & Sun)	<b>89</b> (Sat & Sun)

## ST. BERNADETTE'S

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS:** This Sunday (15<sup>th</sup> Oct), some children from our school and parish are making their commitment to prepare for their FHC. Please keep them and their families in our prayers. **If your children are in Year 3 or above and not from a Catholic school, please speak to Fr. Linh ASAP to arrange for the preparation of their First Holy Communion.**

**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.

**THE PRESBYTERY:** It is possible that there will be three religious sisters ("Daughters of Divine Love" Order) residing at the Presbytery. There are some discussions and arrangements to be made. Please keep the sisters and the process in our prayers.

**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.

## YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our Youth Group is taking place twice a month (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) 6.30pm – 8pm at St. Joseph's. 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](mailto:helen_ilsley@hotmail.com)

## 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.

## Safeguarding Notice

The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. St. Joseph's Safeguarding Representative is **Mrs. Pat Davies** who can be contacted at: [sg.stjoseph.burntwood@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjoseph.burntwood@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on **0121 230 6240** if you have any concerns.

**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.

**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 do we pray for the dead?

The answer lies in scripture, Catholic tradition and Catholic teaching and belief about purgatory.

### What is purgatory?

Purgatory is defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a "purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," which is undergone by those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" (CCC 1030). "This final purification of the elect... is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1031).

### Can Praying for the Dead Help the Souls in Purgatory?

As the Bible and Catholic tradition point out, our prayers can help the heaven-bound souls in purgatory. Once in heaven, these purified souls, or saints, can intercede for others before the throne of God—making our prayers for the souls in purgatory even more meaningful in the long term. St. Pope John Paul II said that "praying for the souls in purgatory is the highest act of supernatural charity."

## 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.