

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 4 th November	5.00pm	Christine Rogers RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP	
Sun 5 th November	9.00am (Brownhills)	Deceased of Precz, Kurek, Sorek and Jaggs Families	31 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Ken Barnes RIP (T/C after Mass)	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Aren	
Mon 6 th November	9.30am	Richard Sedgley RIP	Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm	Vigil for Peace in the World with Exposition and Rosary	
Tue 7 th November	9.00am(Brownhills)	Holy Souls (Mass in School)	Feria (Devine Mercy after Mass)
Wed 8 th November	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH – All welcome	
Thurs 9 th November	9.15am	Holy Souls (Mass in school)	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
	12 noon (Brownhills)	PJ Egan RIP (Rosary after Mass)	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Fri 10 th November	9.30am	Mary Buckley RIP	Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doc of the Church
Sat 11 th November	11.00am	Altar Server Training	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Babs Rolfe RIP	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP	
Sun 12 th November	9.00am (Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP	32 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Vincent O'Brien RIP	
	1.00pm	Blessing of Graves (St. Matthew's)	
	3.00pm (Brownhills)	Blessing of Graves (Barnetts Lane)	

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:

Dorothy Minter RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Joe & Rosemary Kane RIP

Our Lady's Light:

Denys John Flynn RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Ellen Marriott, Henry Cartwright, Noreen Banks, Dorothea O'Donnell, Oliver Black, Stephen Darcy, Richard Sedgley, Patrick Burke, James Banks, Clara Antill, Eileen Head, Janic Gillett, George Fitzgerald and Bridget Sheenan

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Canon John Redford, Maureen Wicklen, Beatrice Perks, Mary Cole, Patrick Duggan, Catherine O'Brien Connolly, Margaret French, Kathleen Morrell and Annie Costello

POPE'S 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.

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEK
JOHNSON ASSOCIATION

To provide discretionary grants to priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham who retire from active work through illness, infirmity or old age, and to make discretionary grants to those clergy on the active list who are incapacitated by serious illness lasting over one month who need monetary assistance to receive treatment to recover their health, and during a period of recuperation. To donate online: www.johnsonassociation.org

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 12th Nov, 1pm – St. Matthew's (Burntwood Cemetery)

3pm – Barnetts Lane Cemetery Brownhills

Sun 19th Nov, 3pm – Chase & District Memorial Park

Sun 26th Nov, 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.

The Parishes of St. Joseph, Burntwood & St Bernadette, Brownhills

Christmas Lunch 2023

£13pp - December 5 - 12.30pm

at St. Joseph's, Burntwood 123 Cannock Road WS7 0BB

Tickets available after weekend Masses

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 14th November** 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 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.

MINI CHRISTMAS FAYRE on **Saturday 2 December from 11.00am to 3.00pm at Jackie Perry's home 6 Lebanon Grove.** Tombola, raffle, items for sale and refreshments, all in aid of St Joseph's church and Midlands Air Ambulance.

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 st (loose)	£161.62	£92.12
1 st (GA)	£12.00	£97.50
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£171.83	£53.73
	£30.50(GA)	£55.40(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£722.62	£364.62
Attended	197 (Sat & Sun)	84 (Sat & Sun)

ST. BERNADETTE'S

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS: This Sunday (15th 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 (2nd and 4th 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

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

Both our 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 **St. Bernadette's** Safeguarding Representative is **Mrs. Sally Holmes** who can be contacted at: sg.stbernadette.brownhills@rcaob.org.uk or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at 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.

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 really help the souls in purgatory?

YES, 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.