

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Yr. B)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 6 th January	5.00pm	Christine Rogers RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Wladyslaw & Janina Jagielski RIP	
Sun 7 th January	9.00am (Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
	11.00am	Michael McGough (good health) <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	
Mon 8 th January	9.30am	Mary Smith RIP	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>(End of Christmas Season)</i>
Tue 9 th January	9.00am (Brownhills)	Mass in school	Feria
	4.00pm	Reception of Kathleen Kutt	
	6.30pm	Youth Group	
Wed 10 th January	9.30am	Funeral Mass of Kathleen Kutt followed by cremation at Streetly Crematorium	
Thurs 11 th January	9.15am	Mass in school	Feria <i>(Rosary after Mass)</i>
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Terry and Pat Wall	
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Fri 12 th January	9.30am	Melony (healing) <i>(Divine Mercy after Mass)</i>	Feria
Sat 13 th January	10.00am	First Holy Communion Class	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Mick Geraghty RIP	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP	
Sun 14 th January	9.00am (Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Ellen Delaney (wellbeing) <i>(T/C after Mass)</i>	

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:

Jagielski Family

Sacred Heart's Light:

Jagielski Family

Our Lady's Light:

Jagielski Family

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Annie Galley, Edward Hodgkiss, Leslie Turner, Christobel Litherland, Marion Jeffers, Denise Healey, Mary Small, John Balance, Madeline Southam, Rev John Davies, Iris Brindley, Alfred Litterland, Perina Ward, Martin Shanahan, George Johnstone, Elizabeth Leaver, Doris Mealey, Christine Mulvey-Delaney, James Hooper, Hubert Regan, Iris Hession, Robert Hill, Charles Cosgrove, Dorothy O'Mahoney, Bernadine Tibbenham, Aileen Farley, Bedelia Westwood and Mary Griffiths

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Martin Mealey, Thomas Guest, Doris Mealey, Mary Farr, Jennie Costello, Mary Wigley, Bernard Wilkins, Mary Grego, Frank Burton and Brian Pickering

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the souls **Kathleen Kutt, Joan Valerie Caldicott, Mary Smith** (Josie's sister) who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families during this difficult time.

Kath's funeral: **Reception – 4pm Tuesday 9th January, Funeral Mass – 9.30am Wed 10th January.**

Joan's funeral: **Reception – 6pm Tuesday 16th January, Funeral Mass – 10.30am Wed 17th January.** May they rest in Peace!

St. Bernadette's: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Blair** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family during this difficult time. **Robert's** funeral Mass - 12.30pm Tue 16th January. May he rest in Peace!

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, Michael McGough, Maureen Barnes.

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.

WEEKEND 20/21 JAN
(SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)

Blessing of Bibles during Mass, if you have one, please bring them to Mass to be blessed.

PARISH MISSION
(for both parishes)
(18 – 22 March)

A **5 day** parish mission is a time of spiritual renewal for both our parishes. It is something special and out of the ordinary. This is an opportunity for the parish communities to grow spiritually, to experience the love of Jesus Christ in our midst, to reflect and learn new ways to work together and to support each other to spread the Good news of Jesus Christ to the world. *The Redemptorist Fathers* have been invited to lead the mission. They will be with us for 5 days and give a series of inspirational talks every day in the evening. **Next weekend (13/14 Jan), we will welcome Fr. Royston** who is one of the two Redemptorist priests coming in March to lead the mission. Fr. Royston will give us an introduction and help us to prepare for the mission in March. Please make him welcome.

ST. JOSEPH'S

CHURCH FLOWERS: If you'd like to donate for flowers in church in loving memory of your loved one(s), please put donation and intention note in an envelope and hand it to Fr. Linh.

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. December winners 1st Prize C Silk, 2nd Prize G Caldwell and 3rd Prize N Canavan

YOUTH GROUP: Next session on **Tuesday 9th January 2024** 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. **Please note: NO soft toys**, unless brand new with the label still on.

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

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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Wed 17th Jan, 7pm

In the spirit of The Year of Prayer, our sessions will focus on the Lord's Prayer. Please make time for these sessions which help us to deepen our personal relation with the Lord in prayer and strengthen our community bond. All welcome!

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£150.23	£76.52
1 st (GA)	£20.00	£107.00
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£101.40	£63.42
	£47.50(GA)	£17.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£719.23	£358.52
Attended	171 (Sat & Sun)	59 (Sat & Sun)

*Thank you very much for your generosity to the Church.
May God bless you!*

ST. BERNADETTE'S

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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. Hopefully, they will move in mid-January 2024.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: THANK YOU to all those who bought the tickets and donated prizes. Please check if you have won and collect the prizes on the table 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. **We urgently NEED more adult volunteers to help.** If you can, please let Fr. Linh know or contact Elaine: helen_ilsley@hotmail.com

TO RECEIVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL, please **SUBSCRIBE** on our website.

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

At Mass, **sacred silence**, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times:

- ✓ before the celebration itself so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner.
- ✓ within the Act of Penitence and after the invitation to pray, for all to recollect themselves;
- ✓ at the conclusion of a reading or a homily, for all to meditate briefly on what they have heard.
- ✓ after Communion, for all to give thanks, to praise and pray to God in their hearts.

*Please try to come to church a bit **EARLY** to spend some time in **SILENCE** to prepare for Mass. Please **respect** the above times for silent reflections.*

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.