

# CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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## PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BURNTWOOD

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## PARISH OF ST. BERNADETTE, BROWNHILLS

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Head: Mrs. Siobhan Moran Tel: 01543 452921

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> January	5.00pm	William Greene RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Thanksgiving ( <i>Leanne M</i> )	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> January	9.00am (Brownhills)	All Priests ( <i>T/C after Mass</i> )	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ( <i>Blessing of Bibles</i> )
	11.00am	John Lynskey RIP ( <i>T/C after Mass</i> )	
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.30am	Mary Buckley RIP	Feria ( <i>Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass</i> )
	3.30pm (Brownhills)	Parents Meeting (FHC) at school	
	6.00pm	Parents Meeting (FHC) at church	
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.30am (Brownhills)	Those who have lost their faith	Feria
	6.30pm	Youth Group	
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> January	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH at St. Joseph's - All welcome	
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am	School Mass - <i>Maeve Winters (ill)</i>	Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle ( <i>Rosary after Mass</i> )
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Robert Blair RIP	
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Kath Kutt RIP ( <i>Divine Mercy after Mass</i> )	Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	First Holy Communion Class	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Lauren Murphy RIP	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	The Skrodelus Family	
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am (Brownhills)	People of the Parish ( <i>T/C after Mass</i> )	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00am	Bridget Walters RIP ( <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:**  
*Mary Buckley RIP*

**Sacred Heart's Light:**  
*Pat & Billy Greene RIP*

**Our Lady's Light:**  
*Mary Buckley RIP*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Joseph Paisley, Andrea Harding, Bernadine Tibbenham, Charlotte Smith, William Greene, Jill Carter, Patricia Cox, Bernard Jessop, Margaret Magulska, Veronica Cosgrove, Rev Michael Forde, Canon Arthur Wall, Kevin Hession, Margaret Arnold, Kathleen Phillips, Stephen Mealey, Christopher Watters, John Slade, Frances Ashley, Brian Carter, Thomas Phillips, Peter Lefaucheur and John Carless

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Samuel Cadman, Trevor Meacham, Brian Mealey, Ray Holland, Baby Darren Burton, Tom Small and Cora Reidy

**SICK IN THE PARISH**

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

**St. Joseph's:** 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.*

**JOURNEY IN FAITH**

**(Wednesdays 7pm, term time only)**

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

**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. **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)

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD 2024**

On 30 September 2019, Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time to be the Sunday of the Word of God. This year the Sunday of the Word of God falls on **21 January**. It is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.

*"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world."* Pope Francis

During Mass this weekend, there is  **blessing over the Bibles and renewal for ministers of the Word.**

## 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 (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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024** 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 and non -perishable food items.....* 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](mailto:glynn.king1@ntlworld.com). Forms are also at the back of the church.

**A TRIP TO ROME (24 JUNE – 1 JULY):** £1425 (twin/double) / £1575 (single) per person. If interested, please contact **Alice Reeve** [alicereeve1@sky.com](mailto:alicereeve1@sky.com)

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

## Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 <sup>st</sup> (loose)	£185.49	£75.43
1 <sup>st</sup> (GA)	£16.00	£49.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Col (Pax Christi)	£191.67	£55.36
	£44.50(GA)	£15.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
<b>Total</b>	<b>£750.49</b>	<b>£299.43</b>
<b>Attended</b>	<b>207</b> (Sat & Sun)	<b>75</b> (Sat & Sun)

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

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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.

**SISTERS OF DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE:** Our parish are delighted to welcome **Sr. Maryanne, Sr. Bonaventure and Sr. Bridget**. They moved in yesterday and are now residing in the Presbytery. Please make them welcome and help them to settle in. Let's pray and hope that Brownhills will become their home for a long time.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

#### AT ST. BERNADETTE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Post:** Lunchtime Supervisor

**Start Date:** As soon as possible

**Contract:** Fixed Term to August 2024

**Salary:** £2893.72 per annum (Actual) £10.60 per hour

**Closing Date:** 12 midday Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Interviews** will take place week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*For an informal discussion, to arrange an informal visit or to answer any questions, please contact school office: 01543 452921*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sg.stbernadette.brownhills@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.

**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.