

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 17 th February	5.00pm	Mary Smith RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Jonathan Cooper (good health)	
Sun 18 th February	9.00am (Brownhills)	Barbara & 2 sons Peter & Paul	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
	11.00am	Dennis Gurrey RIP	
Mon 19 th February	9.30am	Anne Rose RIP	Lent Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 20 th February	9.00am (Brownhills)	Mass in school	Lent Feria (Divine Mercy after Mass)
Wed 21 st February	5.00pm	PARENTS MEETING (Confirmation, St. Joseph's)	
	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH at St. Joseph's. All welcome	
Thurs 22 nd February	9.15am	Mass in school	Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
	12 noon (Brownhills)	Those who lost their faith	
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR (Confession available)	
Fri 23 rd February	12 noon	Anne Corfield RIP (Divine Mercy after Mass)	Lent Feria FAMILY FAST DAY (Lenten Lunch after Mass)
	7.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS (at St. Bernadette's)	
Sat 24 th February	10.00am	First Holy Communion Class	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Douglas Thompson RIP (anni.)	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	All Priests	
Sun 25 th February	9.00am (Brownhills)	The Guest Family	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
	11.00am	Robert Bowen RIP	
	12.30pm	Baptism of William	

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:

Dominic Nguyen RIP

Our Lady's Light:

Pat & Billy Greene RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Phillip Levell, Winifred Robinson, Peter Lord, Paul Sedgley, Arthur Averill, Dennis Gurrey, Ellen Taylor, Michael McGovern, Bernard Hession, Douglas Thompson, Pauline Jenkins, Jean Winsper and Anthony Trezzine

ST. BERNADETTE'S John Barrett, Mark Sharman, Fr Francis Jordan, Vera Wardle. Phyllis Smith, Michael Sylvester, Michael Moon and Edith Moon

PARISH MISSION 18-22 March
(for both parishes)

More details on posters and leaflets. Please take the leaflet home and spread the news about the mission. More importantly, please pray that this will be a real blessing for both parishes and each of us will be spiritually refreshed and strengthened.

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.

YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOU

Our Youth Group is taking place twice a month (2nd and 4th Tues) 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

LENT 2024

What should we do in Lent?

*Coming to the **sacrament of Penance**, so that with purified heart we may participate in the Paschal Mysteries; seeking the Lord in **prayer** especially by reading Sacred Scripture; serving by **giving alms**; and practicing self-control through **fasting**. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.*

Useful Resources on the go:

Hallow App – Catholic App for prayer, meditation...

Catholic Podcasts: the Bible in a Year, the Catholic Gentleman, Radio Maria England,....

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Adoration: Thursdays at St. Joseph's at **6pm** (with Evening Prayer, confession available)

Rosary: Mondays **7pm** at St. Joseph's, Thursdays after Mass at St. Bernadette's

Stations of the Cross: Fridays **7pm** either at St. Joseph's or St. Bernadette's

ANNUAL INTERCULTURAL MASS Sat
24 Feb 2024 at 12 noon.

Celebrating the international nature of the Church. **Celebrant:** Archbishop Bernard Longley.

All are welcome to wear traditional dress and bring flags to display in Church and to bring food to share afterwards. Please inform Fr. Linh if you're going.

Venue: St Mary the Mount Church & Centre, Glebe Street, Walsall, WS1 3NX

ST. JOSEPH'S

CHURCH FLOWERS: If you'd like to donate for flowers in church for Easter in loving memory of your loved one(s), please put donation and intention note in an envelope, 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. *January winners 1st prize Stevens, 2nd Brazier and 3rd prize T Deaville*

YOUTH GROUP: Next session on **Tuesday 27th Feb 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 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. 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

CAFOD GROUP - ST. JOSEPH'S

Friday Lenten Lunch - Mass on Fridays at 12 noon followed by Lenten Lunch. All welcome. **Irish Night with Gan Teideal 9th March:** 7.30pm, £6pp. Tickets are available after weekend Masses. All welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND CAFOD FAMILY FAST

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£202.46	£80.54
1 st (GA)	£10.00	£58.00
2 nd Col (Pro Life)	£143.57	£83.89
	£43.50(GA)	£17.50(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£761.46	£313.54
Attended	184 (Sat & Sun)	85 (Sat & Sun)

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

ST. BERNADETTE'S

CHURCH FLOWERS: If you'd like to donate for flowers in church for Easter in loving memory of your loved one(s), 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.

CAFOD LENTEN WALK: "Big Lent Walk" 200km in 40 days.... Sally has signed up for this, please support from this link [Sally's Big Lent Walk](#) is fundraising for CAFOD

Early Years Open Mornings

St Joseph & St Theresa's Catholic Primary School is holding two open mornings on **Mon 15th April** 9:30-11:30am and **Tues 23rd April** 9:30-1:30am for pre-school Nursery children (age 3) in Sep 2024 and Reception parents (age 4) in September 2025. The schools mission statement is 'Growing together with Jesus' and an educational journey at our school provides the children with the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment where Jesus is placed at the heart of our curriculum and children are given the opportunity to develop their individual gifts that God has given them. **Please contact the school office on office@st-joseph-st-theresa.staffs.sch.uk or 01543 227220 to book an appointment slot for the open morning.** To find out more, please visit our website or school facebook page.

MISSION PRAYER

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. 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 (local or abroad).

BECOMING CATHOLIC: Please contact Fr. Linh for a friendly chat to discuss the way forward.

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.