

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Saturday 16 th March	5.00pm	Maria Gal RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Paul Dunwell RIP (Birthday)	
Sunday 17 th March	9.00am(Brownhills)	Agnes Cronins (Birthday)	5 th SUNDAY OF LENT
	11.00am	Victor de Costa RIP	
Mon 18 th March	9.30am	Deceased of the Salt Family (Holy Hour & Confessions)	Lent Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm	MISSION SERVICE - PRAYER	
Tue 19 th March	9.00am(Brownhills)	Mission Mass in school	Solemnity of St Joseph followed by Mission - 'Death and Eternal Life'
	7.00pm	Victor De Costa RIP	
Wed 20 th March	9.30am(Brownhills)	Mission Mass (Holy Hour & Confessions)	Lent Feria
	7.00pm(Brownhills)	MISSION SERVICE -OUR LADY	
Thurs 21 st March	9.15am	Mission Mass in school	Lent Feria
	7.00pm(Brownhills)	MISSION SERVICE THE EUCHARIST AND HEALING	
Friday 22 nd March	9.30am	Deceased of the Mooney Family (Holy Hour & Confessions)	Lent Feria Social after the evening service and end of mission
	7.00pm	MISSION SERVICE-THE FAMILY	
Saturday 23 rd March	10.00am	First Holy Communion Class	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Suzanne McKenna RIP	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	People of the Parish	
Sunday 24 th March	9.00am(Brownhills)	People of the Parish	PALM SUNDAY
	11.00am	Denys John Flynn RIP	

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.



ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Olive Bowen, Patricia Heap, Arthur Bradbury, Madge Hawkins, Stanley Sealey, Phillip Bayliss, Joan Coley, Thomas Saxon, John Fitzpatrick, Ellen Edwards, Suzanne McKenna, Charles Quinn, Howard Hurley, Karen Ireson and Michael Melvin

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Mary Service. Michael Donaghey, Lilly Flavell, Kevin Cave and Catherine Humphreys

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

ST. JOSEPH'S: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael McGeough, Josie Eardley, and Anne Kearns** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families during this difficult time. **Anne's Funeral Mass: 10.00am Tue 26th March. Michael's Reception – 6pm Wed 3rd April, Funeral Mass – 11am Thursday 4th April. Josie's Reception – 4pm Thursday 11th April, Funeral Mass – 10am Friday 12th April.** May they rest in Peace!

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, 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.

ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

What a great message for us! Copies are at the back of the church. Please make sure to take one home to read and reflect this holy season of Lent.

SERVICE TIMES - EASTER 2024

PALM SUNDAY (23-24/03) – usual weekend times
Wednesday (27/03) – CHRISM MASS 11.30am at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham

MAUNDY THURSDAY (28/03)

6.00pm St. Bernadette's, watching until 8pm
8.30pm St. Joseph's, watching until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY (29/03)

- **Walk of Witness**

Burntwood: 10.00am starts at Chasetown Methodist
Brownhills: 10.30am starts at St. James'

- **Solemn Celebration of the Passion of**

Our Lord 3.00pm – St. Joseph's

- **Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross**
7.00pm – St. Bernadette's

BLESSING OF FOOD (Eastern European Tradition) –
3pm Holy Saturday at St. Joseph's

EASTER VIGIL – **8.00pm St. Joseph's**

EASTER SUNDAY: **9.00am St. Bernadette's**
& 11.00am St. Joseph's

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. *Winners of March draw 1st prize J Brazier, 2nd prize S O'Connor and 3rd prize J Kakore*

YOUTH GROUP: Easter break until next session on **Tuesday 23rd April 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

ST. JOSEPH'S LENTEN GIVING 2024

The second collection this weekend **16/17 March** is the parish Lenten giving to **Lepra Charity** on its Centenary Year 2024. **Lepra's** work is to find, diagnose and treat more people affected by leprosy so that they will have a brighter future, full of hope. Please be generous if you can. Thank you.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£214.44	£71.07
1 st (GA)	£12.00	£54.50
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£95.90	£39.14
	£49.50(GA)	£14.50(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£775.44	£300.57
Attended	192 (Sat & Sun)	72 (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 & intention note in an envelope and give it to Fr. Linh.

50/50 CLUB: We need to sell a minimum number of tickets for the draw to run. It is a great way to support our parish! At the moment, we are just to make even. **We need more people to buy tickets in order to make profit.** Please consider to join. 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](#)

EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets are on sales after weekend Masses. Donations for prizes are always welcome. Thank you for your support.

IRSH NIGHT – THANK YOU

It was a great night. We have raised so far **£756** for CAFOD. Thank you so much to the band for their generosity, time and talents (they played for FREE). A BIG thank you to the parish CAFOD team, those who helped, and all those who came. Thank you so much for your support. God bless.

HELP - **Walsall Manor** Chaplaincy department are in need of **small knitted/crocheted crosses and small knitted/crocheted animals** to give to patients and their relatives. If you are interested in helping please let **Helen Richards know on 07570311835**. Thank You

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

Why covering statues and images?

All statues and images are covered/veiled from the fifth Sunday Lent to heighten our **senses** and build within us a **longing** for Easter Sunday.

What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is the final week of Lent. It begins with the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday**, the Sunday before Easter. It is a time when Christians gather to remember and participate in the **Passion** of Jesus Christ.

What is the Sacred Paschal Triduum?

It is the central liturgical celebration of Easter. The three liturgies of **Holy Thursday** (Mass of the Lord's Supper), **Good Friday** (the Passion), and the **Easter Vigil** (the Resurrection) are, in fact, **ONE** continuous liturgy that commemorates the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE ANGELUS PRAYER

∞ The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
∞ **R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...**

∞ Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

∞ **R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail..**

∞ And the Word was made flesh.

∞ **R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...**

∞ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

∞ **R. 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.