

# 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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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Year B)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	5.00pm	Suzanne McKenna RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	People of The Parish	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am (Brownhills)	People of the Parish	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
	11.00am	Denys John Flynn RIP	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	James Larkin RIP	Monday Of Holy Week (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Ann Kearns	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> March	11.30am	CHRISM MASS AT ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL - BIRMINGHAM	Wednesday of Holy Week

### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM - THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM


Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm(Brownhills)	Anne-Marie Cooper RIP (watching until 8.00pm)	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
	8.30pm	Deceased of the Mealey Family (watching until midnight)	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Walk Of Witness starts at Chasetown Methodist	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
	10.30am(Brownhills)	Walk of Witness starts at St. James' Church	
	3.00pm	THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	
	7.00pm(Brownhills)	SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00pm	BLESSING OF FOOD at St. Joseph's, Burntwood	
	8.00pm	Irene & Wal Pownall RIP	<u>EASTER VIGIL</u>
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00am (Brownhills)	Joe & Veronica Moloney	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>
	11.00am	Deceased of the Honan Family	

**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.

*This week we pray for...*



**Sanctuary Light:**  
*Dorothy Minter RIP*

**Sacred Heart's Light:**  
*Dominic Nguyen RIP*

**Our Lady's Light:**  
*Margaret Ritchie RIP*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** John Fitzpatrick, Ellen Edwards, Suzanne McKenna, Charles Quinn, Howard Hurley, Karen Ireson, Michael Melvin, Diane Flynn, Maureen Adams, St John Charles Sutherland Bettsworth, Derek Elmer, Susan Jeffers, Francis Neenan and Stanley Brozowski

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Catherine Humphreys, Frank Key, Evelyn Doyle and Jan Harrington.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> March. Michael's Reception – 6pm Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Funeral Mass – 11am Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Josie's Reception – 4pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, Funeral Mass – 10am Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.** Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist from both parishes will renew their commitment during this Mass (**6pm – Brownhills & 8.30pm – Burntwood**)

**BLESSING OF FOOD (Eastern European tradition):** 3.00pm Holy Saturday at St. Joseph's, Burntwood.

**HOLY WEEK & PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

**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.

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum** is the central liturgical celebration. 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.

**Holy Oils:** 1) the **oil of the catechumens** (for the sacrament of Baptism), 2) the **holy chrism oil** (for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Ordination), and 3) the **oil of the sick** (for the sacrament of the anointing the sick). These oils are blessed/consecrated by the Bishop ordinarily during the annual **Chrism Mass** and used in all parishes throughout the year.

**Maundy Thursday Watch** – adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament today recalls how Jesus invited his apostles to stay with him while he prayed. In a certain sense, Jesus challenges all of us to keep watch with him for at least one hour on Holy Thursday, as he challenged his apostles on that fateful night.

## 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 (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:** break for Easter until next session on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.**

**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)

**EASTER SUNDAY - SUN RISE PRAYER & PRAISE:** on Castle Ring 6.30am, then breakfast at Emmanuel Church. All welcome.

**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

## EASTER OFFERING

Traditionally, the collections at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are Easter Gift from the parish to the parish priest. You can use special envelopes available at the back of the church if you wish. Thank you.

## Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 <sup>st</sup> (loose)	£166.90	£83.75
1 <sup>st</sup> (GA)	£26.00	£82.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Col (Parish Maintenance)	£335.44 ( <i>Lepra</i> )	£56.58
	£(GA)	£19.50(GA)
SO	£549	£175
<b>Total</b>	<b>£741.90</b>	<b>£341.25</b>
<b>Attended</b>	<b>200</b> (Sat & Sun)	<b>78</b> (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. 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](#)

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

## THANK YOU

I'd like to express my sincere thanks for your response to the Parish Mission that I organised for our parishes. In my view, it was a great success because I truly believe that we have been spiritually renewed and refreshed in so many ways as individuals, as a family and as a community. I pray and hope that what we experienced in the last five days will continue to inspire us and help us grow in faith and love in years to come.

A BIG thank you to **ALL VOLUNTEERS** who helped in so many ways: to play music for our services, to serve tea/coffee after the evening services, to provide meals for the clergy, to organise and to donate food and drinks for the social after the last service on Friday evening, and so on. Most importantly, I am and we are all grateful to Fr. Royston and Fr. Kieran from the Redemptorist Fathers who led us these the wonderful five days with Masses and Services. Please keep them and their mission work in our prayers. **THANK YOU!**

## **PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK**

Almighty Father, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how I can honour you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus.

Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it.

May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond. Bless me, Lord, in this Holy Week, and give me the grace to know your loving presence more intimately. 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)  
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**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.