

# CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen!

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	5.00pm	Len & Nora Harrison RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Barry Divine RIP	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am(Brownhills)	People of the Parish	2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
	11.00am	Noel Sweeney RIP	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Darcy & Jonah	
	3.00pm	DIVINE HOLY HOUR	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Michael McGeough RIP	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
	7.00pm	ROSARY	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am(Brownhills)	Mass in school with Year 3 & 4	Easter Feria
Wednesday 10 <sup>rd</sup> April		<b><u>NO</u> Journey in Faith, return next <u>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April</u></b>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	John & Mary Preece RIP (with Y3)	Memorial of St Stanislaus
	12 noon(Brownhills)	Those who lost their faith	
	4.00pm	Reception of Josie Eardley	
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Josie Eardley	Easter Feria
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00	First HC Class	Sunday Vigil
	11.00am	Baptism of Cian	
	5.00pm	Lauren Murphy RIP	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	People of the Parish	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am(Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP	3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER
	11.00am	Vincent O'Brien RIP & David Marston RIP	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Charlotte	

**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:**  
*Intentions of J. Baxter*

**Sacred Heart's Light:**  
*Margaret Ritchie RIP*

**Our Lady's Light:**  
*Dorothy Minter RIP*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Theresa Edge, Marjorie Neenan, Michael Sweeney, Leonard Harrison, Petra Ritbergeris, Margaret Tully, Dorothy Owen, Mary Dorsett, Anthony Jeffers, Margaret Yates, Tony Scott, Margaret Farley, Annastasia James, Thomas Naughton, Mary Coles, Elsie Harrell, Isabella Milligan and Patrick Walsh

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**, Sarah Toohey and Martin Toohey

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Josie Eardley** and **Kathleen Elton** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families during this difficult time. **Josie's Reception – 4pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, Funeral Mass – 10am Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Kathleen's** funeral service – 2.30pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Cannock Chase Crematorium. May they rest in Peace!

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rose Law** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family during this difficult time. **Rose's** funeral service – 11.15am Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at Streetly Crematorium. May she 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 & Ken 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.*

**DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Divine Mercy Sunday was added to the Church's Calendar in 2000 when Pope St. JP II canonised St. Faustina who received a private revelation from the Lord. The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins.

**A plenary indulgence**, granted under the usual conditions (*sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff*) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy.

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR: at St. Joseph's this Sunday at 3pm. Please make time for this great devotion!**

**MASS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS FROM BOTH PARISHES**

**Thursday 25/04 at 6.30pm at St. Joseph's**, followed by social with food & drinks. **ALL** volunteers who help in both parishes are invited: parish office, altar servers, musicians/choir, readers, extraordinary ministers, catechists, children liturgy, flowers, cleaners, welcomers, and so on. To help with the preparation for the night, please put your name on the list if you're coming.

## ST. JOSEPH'S

**EASTER FLOWERS:** are in loving memory of Thomas & Mary Buckley, Elizabeth Mulligan, Doris Salt, James Salt and Yvonne Horsley. If you'd like to donate for flowers in church during Easter season 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)

**JACQUELINE'S JAUNTS** trip to Worcester on Saturday 27 April. Cost £25.00 but the more people that go the cost will be reduced. If interested please contact Jackie on 684582 or 07739422387.

**CAFOD – FRENCH BREAFAST:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, after 11am Mass. All welcome.

## Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 <sup>st</sup> (loose)	£	£
1 <sup>st</sup> (GA)	£	£
2 <sup>nd</sup> Col (Parish Maintenance)	£	£
	£(GA)	£(GA)
SO	£549	£175
<b>Total</b>	<b>£549</b>	<b>£175</b>
<b>Attended</b>	<b>263</b> (Sat & Sun)	<b>101</b> (Sat & Sun)

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

## ST. BERNADETTE'S

**EASTER FLOWERS:** our Paschal Candle is in loving memory of Anne-Marie Cooper. May she rest in Peace! If you'd like to donate for flowers in church during Easter season 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.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** Please check from the table at the back of the church if you've won any prizes. Please collect your prizes. Thank you for your support to the parish.

## INTERCULTURAL MASS

To celebrate diversity and unity in both parishes, St. Joseph's will host this Mass on **Pentecost Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11am**, followed by social with food & drinks from different countries. This will be a great opportunity to bring us together and to strengthen the bond in our parishes.

**We are having a meeting to plan for this event on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 7pm.** All welcome.

All are encouraged to take part in this event especially those from different backgrounds: *reading, singing during Mass or bringing food for social afterwards*, please speak to Fr. Linh **before Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

## 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 (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

The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a **real event**, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56, St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "*I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. . .*" The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus. **(CCC 639)**

Easter is **NOT** finished on Easter Sunday. The **fifty days** from Easter Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as **ONE** feast day. *Let the Joy of Easter be with us and our families today and always.*

## *Regina caeli* (Queen of Heaven)

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R E-gína cæ-li \* lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-

ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,

alle-lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.