

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Saturday 20 th April	5.00pm	Michael Moloney & Mary Nugent RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Maria RIP (Thao's aunt)	
Sunday 21 st April	9.00am(Brownhills)	Mark Preston RIP	4 th SUNDAY OF EASTER (Cafod French Breakfast after 11am Mass)
	11.00am	Maureen Barnes (Easter Blessing)	
Monday 22 nd April	9.30am	Michael McGeough RIP	Easter Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	2.30pm	Funeral Service of K. Elton at Cannock Chase Crem.	
	7.00pm	ROSARY	
Tuesday 23 rd April	9.00am(Brownhills)	Mass in school	Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England
	6.30pm	Youth Group	
Wednesday 24 th April	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH AT ST. JOSEPH'S	
Thursday 25 th April	9.30am	Terry Cooke (good health)	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist
	12 noon(Brownhills)	Celebrant's intention (Rosary after Mass)	
	6.30pm	Deacon Tony & family	
Friday 26 th April	9.30am	John Nugent RIP (anni)	Easter Feria (Divine Mercy after Mass)
Saturday 27 th April	10.00am	First HC Class	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Cath Nugent & family	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	People of the Parish	
Sunday 28 th April	9.00am(Brownhills)	People Of The Parish (T/C after Mass)	5 th SUNDAY OF EASTER
	11.00am	Robert Bowen RIP (T/C after Mass)	

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: William Phillips, Emma Davenport, Arthur Evans, Lorraine Macbeth, Thomas Buckley, Elizabeth Scarrett, Helea Wade, Maria Ilnicka, Dorothy Ebery, John O'Brien, Christopher Barton, Brendan Caulfield, Edna Kiggins, John Nugent and Nigel Rogers

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Michael Toohey, Bridget Rees, Fr Kevin Hastings Donlon, Bridget Costello, John O'Brien and Francis Dowd

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.

NEW LECTIONARY

to be launched in England and Wales for Advent 2024

"The new Lectionary gives us an opportunity to hear that word with fresh ears as we engage with a text which is intended for public proclamation and reflects up to date biblical scholarship."
(Archbishop Emeritus George Stack)

If you're thinking of having a new Missal, please wait until this new version is available.

INTERCULTURAL MASS

To celebrate diversity and unity in both parishes, St. Joseph's will host this Mass on **Pentecost Sunday 19th 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 2nd 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 2nd May.**

VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2024

The 4th Sunday of Easter is known as **Vocations Sunday** or **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and is marked as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest*" (Mt 9:38).

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for **CLERGY TRAINING FUND** which pays for the formation of priests and deacons of our Archdiocese.

PAPAL MESSAGE FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY this year is available at the back of the church, please take one when leaving today.

ST. JOSEPH'S

CHURCH FLOWERS: 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 (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.

YOUTH GROUP: 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.

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

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.

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.

CAFOD – FRENCH BREAKFAST: Sunday 21st April, after 11am Mass. All welcome.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£237.05	£82.64
1 st (GA)	£18.00	£47.00
2 nd Col	£136.85	£67.47
(Parish Maintenance)	£54.50(GA)	£32.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£804.05	£304.64
Attended	205 (Sat & Sun)	75 (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! 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.

Early Years Open Mornings

St Joseph & St Theresa's Catholic Primary School is holding another open morning on **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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send labourers
into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,
so that those whom you call
have the courage to give themselves
to your Church in faith.

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
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

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.